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Council on Problem Gambling

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## **March 7-13, 2010 is National Problem Gambling Awareness Week**

For information about Problem Gambling, visit our fresh, new Website:

[www.evergreencpg.org](http://www.evergreencpg.org).

For other Washington story ideas for National Problem Gambling Awareness Week, [click here](#).

### **THE "RACE IS ON!"**

#### ***Four Washington Youth Programs Chosen to Receive Problem Gambling Awareness Grants***

In Mt. Vernon, Maple Valley, Spanaway, and Mossyrock, junior high and high school students will join a virtual "race" to spread the word that gambling of any kind requires limits and respect.

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) and Washington State's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) have teamed up for the second year to fund student-to-student messages designed to develop problem gambling awareness. In recognition of National Problem Gambling Awareness Week March 7-13, 2010, the organizations announce that they are awarding grants to four student groups.

Projects receiving funding from the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling include:

- Maple Valley Youth Council, Maple Valley Community Center: An "Amazing

Race" event for 15 to 30 youth and youth/adult teams.

- **V.O.I.C.E. Youth Coalition, a United Hospitals youth program**: A 60-second youth public service announcement for the Skagit Valley area.
- **Mossyrock Jumpstart Program** (Mossyrock Junior High and Educational Service District 113, Olympia): A short dramatic video promoting [www.addictionisagamble.com](http://www.addictionisagamble.com), the Evergreen Council's new youth Website.

The project also receiving funding from DBHR:

- **"A Positive Message for Life" and Spanaway Junior High School students**: An informational classroom video featuring junior high students and Lamar Hudson, Pierce County music and prevention specialist.

"Last year's arts awareness projects were outstanding in their ability to reach youth with important messages about healthy choices and risky behaviors, and we are pleased to be able to offer this program again," said Maureen Greeley, executive director of the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling.

"We agree. No one can speak to youth better than youth themselves," noted Linda Graves, program manager of DBHR's state-side Problem Gambling Program.

For more information, contact Rhonda Stone at the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling at 360.486.4483 or Linda Graves at DBHR at 360.725.3813.

The three projects funded in 2009 can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/user/Evergreencpg>. Look for the 2010 projects this spring!

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