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EVERGREEN COUNCIL TO HOST 27th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

Hundreds of individuals and organizations from across the nation and world will gather in Seattle to celebrate annual conference

OLYMPIA, WA—Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is proud to host this year's National Conference on Problem Gambling in SeaTac, Washington on July 19–20. As a state affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, ECPG is eager to highlight the many programs and services available for problem gamblers and their families throughout the Pacific Northwest.

One such program, the first of its kind in Washington State, is the Therapeutic Justice Program for Problem Gambling. Pierce County Superior Court, Pierce County Alliance, Lakewood Police Department, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and ECPG have partnered to provide a program for current Drug Court clients struggling with a gambling problem. Although the Therapeutic Justice program is new to Washington, conference attendees will learn more about Therapeutic Justice and effective Gambling Court programs throughout the country from New York Judge Mark Farrell and Nevada Judge Cheryl Moss.

ECPG also welcomes Keynote Speaker Dr. Mark Griffiths, who will address how technology and social media have affected gambling and gamers across the world. In addition, Dr. Griffiths will talk about the latest research on technological trends, behavioral tracking, and implications for social responsibility tools in gambling. Dr. Griffiths travels to Washington State from the U.K., where he serves as a Chartered Psychologist and Professor of Gambling Studies at Nottingham Trent University and director of the International Gaming Research Unit.

Register for the National Conference on Problem Gambling at www.ncpgambling.org or call National Council on Problem Gambling at 202.547.9204. At the conference, enjoy a variety of events and activities, network with your peers, meet new acquaintances, and learn from

leading experts throughout the nation and world on problem gambling awareness, prevention, treatment, and research.

About ECPG:

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling provides treatment, training, and awareness about problem and responsible gambling. ECPG provides statewide confidential support through its 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline (800.547.6133) and public awareness, education, prevention, and resource development services for individuals, families, employers, the gaming industry, and business and community groups.

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