

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

MAY 5-8, 2025

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Focus on the Future is the largest and longest-standing conference on problem gambling awareness in the Pacific Northwest. Launched in 2007, **Focus on the Future** brings together an incredible combination of compelling speakers – experts from across the country – and opportunities to network and learn from colleagues in the field. It is a place where you can exchange ideas, experiences, and knowledge to become a collective voice in raising awareness and developing programs and services that have the greatest positive impact.

Focus on the Future 2025 will provide valuable insights on the tools and resources available for effective treatment, prevention, financial therapy, cultural issues and community engagement, and recovery services. You'll no doubt leave with some new connections and partnerships that may lead to enhanced and innovative approaches toward assisting those who are affected by problem gambling, internet/video gaming, and co-occurring disorders.

Thank you, to all of you who make such an important difference for those in our region who need support and services. We have much to look forward to as we **Focus on the Future** and all we can accomplish working together.

Sincerely,



Ty Lostutter, PhD
Board President
ECPG



Maureen Greeley
Executive Director
ECPG

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR



Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of public health issues around problem gambling and gaming in diverse cultures, expanding the availability and integration of services, and supporting advocacy, research, and programs for education, prevention, treatment, recovery, and responsible gambling and gaming. ECPG is committed to providing services and programs for individuals, families, employers, students, treatment professionals, gaming industry employees, and the greater community. We accomplish this through the daily execution of our Mission, Vision, and Core Values. Founded in 1991, ECPG maintains a position of neutrality on gambling, recognizing that gambling is a personal choice and most people who gamble do so for recreation and suffer no serious problems. For those who are impacted by problems, ECPG strives to ensure programs and services are available to support their needs.

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Thanks to the support of the Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NW ATTC)
Paul Hunziker MA, LMFT, SUDP | Marriage and Family Therapist, Substance Use Disorder Professional
ASAM 4th Edition, Vol. 1 – What Has Changed Since the 3rd Edition

Washington State is adopting the new ASAM Criteria in Jan 2026, and licensed behavioral health agency providers are required to implement the new Criteria. The **ASAM Criteria** is the most widely used set of evidence-based standards when determining appropriate treatment criteria and levels of care for substance-related and co-occurring conditions. Copies of The **ASAM Criteria, 4th Edition, Volume 1, Adults** will be available for purchase at the conference bookstore.



William R. Miller, PhD | Co-Founder of Motivational Interviewing
The Evolution of Motivational Interviewing

As one of the founders of Motivational Interviewing (MI), Dr. Miller will share unique insights into the evolution of MI over several decades. MI is an evidence-based practice that has proven effectiveness in helping people make behavioral changes. Since its development for use with SUD clients, it has expanded into the fields of public health, medical care, criminal justice, education, sports, and family systems. Learn how MI continues to evolve and how it supports other treatment methods.



Timothy Fong, MD | Co-Director of the UCLA Gambling Studies Program
A Deeper Dive into Stock Market and Financial Tech Trading – Is it Gambling?

The appeal of high-risk, speculative investments is real for many people. The distinction between investing and gambling can be subtle and subjective. Whether you view financial trading from an investing lens or speculating as gambling, the risk of gambling-related harms among financial traders appears to be amplified by new financial technologies, which have increased access to riskier financial assets and have encouraged riskier trading behaviors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Early Bird registration deadline is April 18, 2025.
- Regular registration deadline is April 28, 2025
- On-site registration only after April 28, 2025. Please do not mail, e-mail, fax, or drop off registration after this date. Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted for on-site payment at the conference.

Fill out the attached registration form or visit <https://www.evergreencpg.org/training/in-person/focus-on-the-future/> to register.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship opportunities available for Washington State gambling treatment providers, prevention specialists, peer/recovery coaches, and students/professors in behavioral health, addictions, and counseling programs! There are a limited number of scholarships, which include full registration fee, hotel stipend (\$75 per night, up to three nights), and Washington State Gambling Counselor Certification application fee where applicable. Visit <https://www.evergreencpg.org/training/in-person/focus-on-the-future/> for details.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

DoubleTree Suites | Southcenter, Seattle
16500 Southcenter Pkwy,
Seattle, WA 98188
Reservations: (206) 575-8220
[Registration Link](#)



★ Request the **Focus on the Future** conference room rate of Double/King Suite \$145 +taxes and fees per night by **April 11, 2025**. The DoubleTree Suites Southcenter provides complimentary parking, airport shuttle service, and high-speed Wi-Fi in guest rooms, as well as on-site restaurant, and fitness room.

MEALS & DIRECTIONS

Breakfast and lunch will be provided during the **Focus on the Future** conference. Driving directions will be included in your registration confirmation.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS / HOURS

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is an Approved Provider of Continuing Education by The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) and the International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification Organization (IPGGC). Our workshops have also been approved for continuing education by the Mental Health and Addictions Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO), the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders (AAHCPAD), and the Canadian Problem Gambling Certification Board (CPGCB). Contact us with further questions.

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2025 REGISTRATION



Fill out the form below, or register online at <https://www.evergreencpg.org/training/in-person/focus-on-the-future/>.
Early bird deadline is April 18. Regular deadline is April 28; after April 28, only non-discounted, on-site payment will be accepted.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: _____ Credentials: _____

Position / Title: _____ Agency / Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS & PRICING

(Registration fees include breakfast and lunch each day)

| | Early Bird ECPG Associate - By April 18 - | Early Bird Non-Associate - By April 18 - | ECPG Associate - By April 28 - | Non-Associate - By April 28 - | Student - By April 28 - | On-site - After April 28- |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-day Pre-conference Workshops (Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 - OR- <input type="checkbox"/> May 6) | \$100 | \$120 | \$120 | \$140 | \$75 | \$165 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two-day Pre-conference Workshops (May 5-6) | \$150 | \$170 | \$170 | \$190 | \$95 | \$215 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Day : Choose One day Pre-Conference (Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 - OR- <input type="checkbox"/> May 6) Plus, Main Conference May 7-8 | \$250 | \$285 | \$285 | \$315 | \$160 | \$350 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the Future Two-day Main Conference (May 7-8) | \$200 | \$225 | \$225 | \$250 | \$135 | \$305 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-conference* + Focus on the Future Two-day Main Conference (May 5-8) | \$295 | \$330 | \$330 | \$365 | \$195 | \$395 |
| Guest Meals (Breakfast and Lunch): _____ Adults @ \$75/day = \$ _____ Children (8-12 years of age*) @ \$50/day = \$ _____ <small>*We are unable to accommodate children under 8 years old</small> | | | | | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

If applying for a scholarship, mark attendance days and leave the total blank; include a copy of both forms (Registration and Scholarship) and supporting documents. Scholarship application forms available at <https://www.evergreencpg.org/training/scholarships>. Students must provide proof of current enrollment.

- CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refunds will be issued, less a \$50 administrative fee, if received in writing by April 22, 2025. No refunds will be issued after that date.
- To become an ECPG Associate, fill out the application or visit www.evergreencpg.org/ecpgassociate

Would you like to be added to ECPG's mailing list?

☐ Yes, please ☐ No, thank you

How did you hear about this conference?

☐ Brochure mailing

☐ Search Engine (Google, etc.)

☐ ECPG Website

☐ Email

☐ Referral

☐ Other: _____

We have your permission to use media that may include your image unless otherwise specified.

☐ **YES! I'D LIKE TO BECOME AN ECPG ASSOCIATE AND SAVE ON MY REGISTRATION! (See reverse for Associate form)**

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS and/or DISABILITIES

I have the following dietary restrictions: ☐ Dairy Free/Lactose Intolerant ☐ Gluten-Free ☐ Nut Free ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian

ECPG wants to respect attendee dietary needs with reasonable accommodations. Please note that severe allergies or unusual dietary requests may need to be handled by the individual attendee.

I require the following under the Americans with Disabilities Act: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Visa® ☐ MasterCard® ☐ Money Order

Credit Card #: _____

Check # (US dollars only): _____ Expiration: _____ / _____ CVC: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Make checks payable to Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (3 digits on back of credit card)

Name on check: _____ Signature: _____

(if different from registrant)

MAIL, EMAIL, FAX, OR DROP OFF THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling
1821 Fourth Avenue East | Olympia, WA 98506
P: 360.352.6133 | F: 360.352.4133 | esabouchi@evergreencpg.org



SPECIAL ASSOCIATE/MEMBER OFFER

Join both and and save up to \$55!



That’s like becoming an ECPG Associate FREE!

- As an ECPG Associate, you'll receive Associate discounted rates on all of our Quarterly Trainings and Conferences - all of which offer Continuing Education Units from many association and certification boards, such as:
- Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO)
 - American Academy of Health Care Providers in Addictive Disorders (AAHCPAD)
 - The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)
 - International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification Organization (IPCGC)

ECPG Individual Associate benefits also include discounts on Certification Training Workshops, a subscription to our Quarterly Newsletter, and an Associate Certificate suitable for display.

NEW ASSOCIATE INFORMATION

Name:

Company:

Address:

Apt./Suite:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal:

Phone:

Fax:

Email address:

All fields are required

ASSOCIATE OPTIONS

- ☐ \$39 USD ECPG Associate
- ☐ \$25 USD ECPG Prime Associate—Age 65+
- ☐ \$20 USD ECPG Student Associate
- Special Associate discounted fees on quarterly trainings and conference registration (all offer CEUs), certification training workshops, quarterly newsletter, and an Associate certificate.
- ☐ \$84 USD Joint ECPG Associate & NCPG Individual Membership—Includes ECPG Associate benefits plus full National voting rights, 1-year subscription to NCPG newsletter, member certificate, bimonthly subscription to *Addiction Professional* as well as discounts on literature and conferences. This special offer is a \$129 value! The cost of NCPG Individual Membership alone is \$80 when purchased directly. Save \$45 through ECPG!
- ☐ \$124 USD Joint ECPG & NCPG Individual Plus Member—Includes all the benefits of ECPG Associate and NCPG Individual Member level, with the addition of a subscription to *International Gambling Studies*, a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal in gambling studies. This special offer is a \$179 value! The cost of NCPG Individual Plus Membership alone is \$125 when purchased directly. Save \$55!
- ☐ New Organizational Associates—If your organization, company, or agency is interested in organizational benefits, please contact Maureen Greeley at mlgreeley@evergreencpg.org

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Visa®

☐ MasterCard®

☐ Money Order

Check # (US dollars only):

Make checks payable to Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling

Name on check:

(if different from registrant)

Credit Card #:

Expiration: / CVC: Billing Zip:

(3 digits on back of credit card)

Signature:

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CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

| MONDAY, MAY 5 | | | |
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| 7-8 a.m. | Registration and Breakfast Announcements / Welcome 7:30-7:50 a.m. | | |
| 8 a.m. – Noon | Pre-Conference Workshops | Hilarie Cash, PhD, LMHC, CSAT, WSCGC-I | The Basics of Internet Addiction for Those Working with Gambling Clients |
| 8 – 10 a.m. | | Carmela Y Drake, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, CAADP, ACGC-III | Ethics in Working with Youth in Addiction Treatment |
| 10 a.m. - Noon | | Daniel Kaufmann, PhD, LMHC, BACC, ICGC-II | Press Start for Recovery? Unpacking the World of Video Game-Based Gambling Activities |
| Noon – 1 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 12:30-12:50 | Announcements | | |
| 1-5 p.m. | Pre-Conference Workshops NOTE: Choose EITHER 1-5 p.m. OR 1-4 p.m. Session | Paul Hunziker MA, LMFT, SUDP | ASAM Criteria: What’s New in the 4 th Edition? |
| 1-4 p.m. | | Tana Russell, SUDP, NCTTP, WSCGC-II, BACC, CGT; Ginger Johnson, SUDP, WSCGC-I; Craig McElroy, LM-HCA, SUDP, ICGC-II, WSCGC-II, BACC; Rob Maya, Sarah Sense-Wilson (Oglala) LMHC, SUDP, WSCGC-II, IGDC | World Café on Growing Gambling Treatment Programs |

| TUESDAY, MAY 6 | | | |
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| 7-8 a.m. | Registration and Breakfast Announcements / Welcome 7:30-7:50 a.m. | | |
| 8 a.m. – Noon | Pre-Conference Workshops | Wiley Harwell, D.Min, LPC, ICGC-II, BACC, CGT; Tana Russell, SUDP, NCTTP, WSCGC-II, CGT | Gambling Treatment Workbook Facilitator Training *Attendees will be asked to pay for workbook |
| 8 – 10 a.m. | | Daniel Overton, MC, LMHC | Finally! A Realistic Approach to Stress Management for Counselors and Clients |
| 10 a.m. - Noon | | James Gurule, MA, LPC (Invited) | Ethics for Peers/Recovery Service Providers |
| Noon – 1 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 12:30 – 12:50 | Announcements | | |
| 1-5 p.m. | Pre-Conference Workshops | Jerry Bauerkemper, BS | Fantasy and Cognitive Distortion: Barriers to Financial Recovery with Gambling Clients |
| 1-4 p.m. | NOTE: Choose EITHER 1-5 p.m. OR 1-4 p.m. Session | Denise Quirk, MA, MFT, LCADC, CPG-S, ICGC-II, BACC, LADC-S | Family – Supports, Services, Safety, and Self-Care in Gambling Treatment |

| WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 | | | |
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| 7-8:30 a.m. | Registration 7-8:15 a.m. Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m. | | |
| 8:30-10 a.m. | Welcome and Keynote | William R. Miller, PhD | The Evolution of Motivational Interviewing |
| 10-10:15 a.m. | Break/Exhibits | | |
| 10:15-11:45 a.m. | Breakout Sessions | Ken Martz, PsyD, CAS, ICGC-II, BACC and Rob Minnick | Breaking the Cycle: A Journey from Gambling Disorder to Lasting Recovery |
| | | Jennifer Park, PhD | Gaming More, Sleeping Less: Caffeine Use as a Mediator Between Gaming and Sleep Concerns in Youth |
| Noon-12:30 p.m. | Lunch/Announcements | | |
| 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Lunch Plenary | Dr. Alyssa Wilson, PhD (Invited) | Women and Problem Gambling: Intersectional Complexities and Opportunities for Success |
| 1:30-1:45 p.m. | Break/Exhibits | | |
| 1:45-3 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Scott Graupensperger, PhD and Arvin Shaygan | Health Risks of Sports Betting Among Young Adults |
| | | Mark Van der Maas, PhD | Gambling Incentives and Loneliness in Older Adults |
| 3-3:15 p.m. | Break/Exhibits | | |
| 3:15-4:30 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Paulina Zyskowski, MPH | Youth Have the Power: Primary Prevention for Young Audiences |
| | | Daniel Overton, MC, LMHC | Changing Directions – Taking Charge of the Rest of Your Life |

| THURSDAY, MAY 8 | | | |
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| 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Registration 7-8:15 a.m. Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m. | | |
| 8:30-10 a.m. | Welcome and Keynote Panel | Dorothy Capers, LICSW, CGC in Training; Timothy Fong, MD; Jose Garcia, CADC-II, CGAC-I; Ty Lostutter, PhD; Maureen Greeley, Facilitator | Cultural Humility for Support and a Stronger Therapeutic Alliance |
| 10-10:30 a.m. | Break/Exhibits/Hotel Checkout | | |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m. | Breakout Sessions | Roxane Waldron, MPA and Jeremy Whitaker, Ed.D, MPH, CPH | Leveraging State Resources for Problem Gambling Support and Prevention |
| | | Glenn Yamagata, MPhil | Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and DeFi: New Frontiers in Problem Gambling |
| Noon-12:30 p.m. | Lunch/Announcements | | |
| 12:30-1:45 p.m. | Lunch Plenary | Timothy Fong, MD | A Deeper Dive into Stock Market and Financial Tech Trading – Is It Gambling? |
| 1:45-2 p.m. | Break/Exhibits | | |
| 2-3:30 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Ken Martz, PsyD, CAS, ICGC-II, BACC | Through Fear to Recovery |
| | | Saul Malek | A Young Person’s Guide to Guiding Young People: Relevant and Engaging Prevention |

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Opportunity for nearly 30 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) /

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- ASAM Training
- Ethics
- Innovative Trends
- Internet/Video Game Disorder
- Prevention and Education
- Recovery, Community, and Culture
- Treatment Services



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