

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

APRIL 27-30, 2026

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 2026 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,



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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



Gabriella Grant, MA is the director of the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care

Seeking Safety: An Evidence-based Treatment for PTSD + Substance Use Disorder and Other Unsafe Behaviors

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based practice for treating symptoms related to trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse, gambling disorder, and other unsafe behaviors. The training will discuss current understandings of trauma and addiction, empathy and understanding of trauma and addiction across diverse populations, and how the “lens of trauma” applies to diverse populations.



David M. Ledgerwood, PhD is a clinical psychologist, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Integrating Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavior Therapy and Complementary Therapies for Wholistic Treatment of Gambling Disorder

Cognitive behavioral (CBT) and motivational therapies are the most frequently studied psychological treatments for gambling disorder. Dr. Ledgerwood will discuss how such interventions as traditional CBT, motivational interviewing, acceptance and commitment therapy, mindfulness techniques, and others may be integrated to provide a more holistic treatment of people with gambling problems.



Kara Siebert, LICSW Healing Animal Partners Program Director, is a registered therapeutic riding instructor. She and other team members at Lifeline Connections will share the powerful experiences of working in partnership with horses.

An Experiential Workshop Introducing the Benefits of Equine Assisted-Therapy Services

In this unique hands-on workshop, the healing Animal Partners Program, a service of Lifeline Connections, will offer an opportunity for participants to learn about and experience the benefits of equine-assisted therapy services. Participants will leave with an understanding of why we partner with horses in therapeutic activities and the various healing benefits they offer.

NOTE: Two separate sessions, limited to 15 participants each, will be offered

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Early Bird registration deadline is April 10, 2026.
- Regular registration deadline is April 20, 2026
- On-site registration only after April 20, 2026. 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.

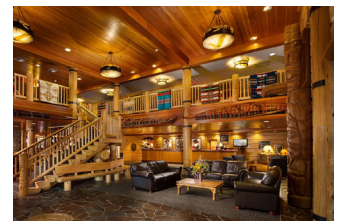
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship opportunities are available for Washington State treatment providers, prevention specialists, peer/recovery coaches, and students/professors in behavioral health, addictions, and counseling programs! There are a limited number of standard scholarships, which include full registration fee, hotel stipend (\$100 per night, up to three nights), and enhanced scholarships (see website for more information).

Visit <https://www.evergreencpg.org/training/in-person/focus-on-the-future/> for details.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Heathman Lodge
7801 NE Greenwood Drive,
Vancouver, WA 98662
Reservations: 360-254-3100
[Registration Link](#)



★ Request the **Focus on the Future** conference room rate of Double/King Suite \$129 + taxes and fees per night by **April 13, 2026**. The Heathman Lodge provides complimentary parking, high-speed Wi-Fi in guest rooms, as well as on-site restaurant, and fitness room and pool.

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 a Preferred Provider/Sponsor of Continuing Education by The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) and the International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification Organization (IPGGC), and the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders (AAHCPAD). Our workshops have also been approved for continuing education by the Mental Health and Addictions Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO), and the Canadian Addiction Counselors Certification Federation (CACCF). Contact us with further questions. The following is pending application approval/renewal for **Focus on the Future 2026**: IPGGC.

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2026 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 10. Regular deadline is April 20; after April 20, 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)
The following fees are inclusive of any applicable taxes.

	Early Bird ECPG Associate - By April 10 -	Early Bird Non-Associate - By April 10 -	ECPG Associate - By April 20 -	Non-Associate - By April 20 -	Student - By April 20 -	On-site - After April 20 -
<input type="checkbox"/> One-day Pre-conference Workshops (Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> April 27 - OR- <input type="checkbox"/> April 28)	\$115	\$125	\$125	\$150	\$85	\$185
<input type="checkbox"/> Two-day Pre-conference Workshops (April 27-28)	\$165	\$180	\$180	\$200	\$105	\$235
<input type="checkbox"/> Three-Day : Choose One day Pre-Conference (Choose: <input type="checkbox"/> April 27 - OR- <input type="checkbox"/> April 28) Plus, Main Conference April 29-30	\$265	\$295	\$295	\$325	\$195	\$365
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the Future Two-day Main Conference (April 29-30)	\$220	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$165	\$325
<input type="checkbox"/> All Four Days: Pre-conference (April 27-28) + Focus on the Future Two-day Main Conference (April 29-30)	\$300	\$330	\$330	\$365	\$195	\$395

Guest Meals (Breakfast and Lunch): _____ Adults @ \$75/day = \$ _____ Children (8-12 years of age*) @ \$50/day = \$ _____
 *We are unable to accommodate children under 8 years old

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 10, 2026. 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: Gluten-Free Lactose Intolerance Nut Allergy 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): _____
 Make checks payable to Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling

Expiration: _____ / _____ CVC: _____ Billing Zip: _____
 (3 digits on back of credit card)

Name on check: _____
 (if different from registrant)

Signature: _____

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

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SPECIAL ASSOCIATE/MEMBER OFFER

Join both 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: _____		
<i>All fields are required</i>		

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: _____

2026 FOCUS ON THE FUTURE: CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, April 27 - Pre-Conference

7-8 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast		
8 a.m. - Noon	Pre-Conference Workshops	Lifeline Connections Team – Kara Siebert, LICSW	<i>Session one of Equine Therapy</i> (limited to 15 attendees)
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Gabriella Grant, MA	<i>Seeking Safety</i>
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	To be announced	
10-10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Serena King, PhD, LP, IGDC	<i>Youth Gambling/Gaming Early Intervention and Pre-Prevention Toolkits with SBIRT</i>
11:45-1 p.m.	Breaks and Lunch (Noon – 12:45 p.m.)		
1-5 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Lifeline Connections Team – Kara Siebert, LICSW	<i>Session two of Equine Therapy</i> (limited to 15 attendees)
1-2:45 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	To Be Announced	
2:45-3 p.m.	Break		
3-5 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Dr. Heang Leung Rubin, EdD, MA, Ben Hires, and Grace Su	<i>Problem Gambling as a Public Health Issue in AAPI Communities: Root Causes and Interventions</i>

Tuesday, April 28 - Pre-Conference

7-8 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast		
8 – 11:45 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Gabriella Grant, MA	<i>Risky Financial Behaviors and Trauma: A Research-Driven Exploration of the Causes of Financially Self-Destructive Behaviors</i>
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Sarah Gaer, MA	<i>Understanding Suicide</i>
10-10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Joshua Germain, MA, LMHC	<i>Anchored by Values: A Pathway Through Anxiety, Avoidance, and Addiction</i>
11:45-1 p.m.	Breaks and Lunch (Noon – 12:45 p.m.)		
1-5 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Wiley Harwell, D.Min, LPC, ICGC-II, CGT, Tana Russell, SUDP, NCTTP, WSCGC-II, CGT	<i>Gambling Group Workbook Facilitator Training for Counselors and Peers</i>
1-2:45 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	Janai Felizardo, M.ED, LMHC, SUDP, WSCGC-II, ACS	<i>Creating Excellence – Problem Gambling Clinical Supervision</i>
2:45-3 p.m.	Break		
3-5 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshops	To Be Announced	

Wednesday, April 29 - Main Conference

7-8:20 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast: Welcome and Announcements 8:20 – 8:30 a.m.		
8:30-10 a.m.	Keynote	Tim Fong, MD (Invited)	
10-10:15 a.m.	Break/Exhibits		
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions	Janice Pierce, CFP, RICP, CRPC, Jim Huh, SVP	<i>Beyond Budgets – Modern Gambling, Gray Areas, and Guardrails from a Financial Perspective</i>
		Wiley Harwell, D.Min, LPC, ICGC-II, CGT, BACC	<i>Spirituality</i>
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Announcements		
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Plenary	Panel: Dave Malone, James Syphax, OCPS, CDCA, Cole Wogoman, and Glenn Yamagata	<i>Converging Worlds: How Digital Finance is Reshaping the Next Generation of Gambling Networks</i>
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Break/Exhibits		
1:45-2:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	Brian Ward, IGRS, BARA, CGRM, CGAC-r	<i>Question of the Day: A SWOT Analysis of Daily Texting</i>
		To Be Announced	
2:45-3 p.m.	Break/Exhibits		
3 – 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	Veronica Valdez, MA, LMFT, CGAC-II, CADC-I, QMHP-C, Brandie Lyday, LMFT, CGAC-II, CADC-III	<i>Healing Together: Integrating Affected Others in Recovery</i>
		David Ledgerwood, PhD	<i>Integrating CBT with MI, and Other Complementary Therapies for More Effective Treatment Outcomes and a More Holistic Recovery Process.</i>

Thursday, April 30 - Main Conference

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast		
8:45-9 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements		
9-10 a.m.	Keynote	Jontay Porter	<i>Voices of Recovery</i>
10-10:30 a.m.	Break/Exhibits/Hotel Checkout		
10:30-11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions	Kitty Martz, CGRM, CGAC-II, IGRS, BARA, MBA	<i>Understanding Neurodivergent Experience in Gambling Harm: Practical Strategies for Clinicians and Peers</i>
		To Be Announced	
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Announcements		
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch Plenary	Sarah Gaer, MA	<i>Soul Care and Community Care</i>
1:45-2 p.m.	Break/Exhibits		
2-3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	Christina Cook, IGRS	<i>Behind Closed Doors: The Reality of Women and Gambling Harm</i>
	Breakout Sessions	Paige Vazquez, Jeff Marotta, PhD, ICGC-II, and Glenn Yamagata	<i>Turning Data into Insight: Oregon Gambling Trends Through Trivia and Discussion</i>



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