

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. (Council) is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization composed of concerned individuals from diverse backgrounds. The group's primary purpose is to represent the best interest of compulsive gamblers and their families, recognizing that compulsive gambling is a treatable illness.

The Council focuses on educating the general public, training professionals throughout the state, referring compulsive gamblers and their families to treatment, and advocating for increased treatment services for compulsive gamblers and their families.

## How to Find Help for a Problem Gambler:

Call for help 24 hours per day,  
7 days per week –  
800-GAMBLER and speak  
with a gambling helpline staff member  
(All calls are confidential)



Text '800GAMBLER' to 53342



Visit [www.800gambler.org](http://www.800gambler.org) for information,  
resources, or live chat



Attend a Gamblers Anonymous (GA)  
or Gam-Anon meeting in your area;  
meeting locations, times, and dates can be  
found by calling 800-GAMBLER  
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## Probation and Corrections



## QUICK FACTS:

- The NJ state prison population as of December 31st, 2015 exceeded 21,000 inmates
- As of June 30th, 2013 there were over 70,000 adult probationers
- As of December 31st, 2014 there were over 15,000 parolees
- Sports gambling is **ILLEGAL** in NJ
- Gambling often co-occurs with drug and / or alcohol abuse
- Gambling occurs in prison and is seen as a way to pass time
- Gambling is considered a “hidden addiction” and can go undetected unless properly screened

## IDENTIFYING PROBLEM GAMBLING IN CORRECTIONS, PAROLE, AND PROBATION

The points below are meant to be identifiers in order to probe further as to whether a gambling problem may also be an issue to examine:

- Does the individual have a substance abuse or other addiction?
- Has the person ever gambled?
- Does the individual recall growing up around gambling?
- Does the individual have a history of mental illness, depression, or bi-polar disorder?
- Does the person engage in excessive risk-taking activities?
- Does the person day-trade stocks?
- Does the person participate in fantasy sports?
- Are there hidden bank accounts?
- Are there questionable items on the person’s credit report?



## WARNING SIGNS:

- Preoccupation
- Borrowing Money
- Selling personal items
- Irritability, Restlessness, Withdrawal
- Need for action and excitement
- Defensive attitude
- Competitive personality
- Alienation from family and friends
- Inability to cut back or stop gambling
- Lying to friends and family about gambling
- Risk-taking behaviors
- Thinking about or committing an illegal act to finance your gambling
- Suicidal thoughts

## Contact Us:

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