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CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our 2025 Annual Conference on Problem Gambling, The Hidden Epidemic: A Public Health Concern. The event was a big success, bringing together professionals, advocates, and members of the problem gambling community. We were grateful for insightful presentations, engaged audiences, and all the meaningful conversations. Your feedback continues to guide our work, and we hope to see you at next year's conference!

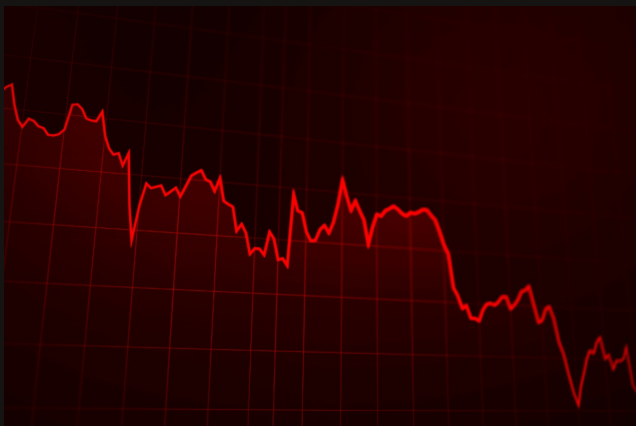
SPOTLIGHT: FFOG

Our team had the honor of being a part of Lifting the FFOG Day, hosted by Families and Friends of Gamblers (FFOG). The event brought together advocates from across the country to highlight the impact of gambling-related harms on families and communities.

Our Executive Director, Luis Del Orbe, was invited to speak and share New Jersey's perspective. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with FFOG as we strengthen support for families affected by problem gambling.



WHAT'S NEW IN GAMBLING



PREDICTION MARKETS EXPAND

FanDuel and DraftKings are departing the trade group American Gaming Association (AGA) as they prepare to launch dedicated prediction market apps. These new platforms allow users to trade contracts on event outcomes (sports,



GAMBLING-LIKE MECHANICS IN GAMING LINKED TO HARM

A recent study from the City University of Hong Kong and other institutions found that spending real money on trading card packs and loot boxes in video games is connected to problem

politics, economics), bringing forth an additional access point for gambling-style behaviors.

gambling behaviors. The researchers highlight that many gambling laws do not cover these “gambling-like” products, even though they mimic wagering and can be purchased through online resale.

FREE GAMBAN ACCESS

As part of our continued efforts to support individuals and families seeking help, CCGNJ maintains a partnership with [Gamban](#), to offer an added layer of protection during recovery to New Jersey residents. Through our helpline services, residents may be eligible to receive access at no cost to Gamban’s blocking software, which restricts online gambling websites and apps across phones, tablets, and computers.



MAINTAINING RECOVERY: Small Steps That Make a Big Difference

Recovery isn’t a single moment. It’s a series of choices made over time.
Here are a few simple ways to stay grounded and supported:

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected with

SET BOUNDARIES

Set healthy boundaries

REACH OUT

Reach out early if urges

counseling, support
groups, or trusted peers.

around technology,
spending, or high-risk
environments.

increase. Support is
always available.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As we approach the end of another year, the dedicated team at the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey (CCGNJ) wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. This Thanksgiving, we wish you and your loved ones an abundance of joy and health.

On behalf of everyone at CCGNJ, we sincerely thank you for your continued partnership and look forward to collaborating with you in the exciting months ahead.

BOOK A PRESENTATION OR TRAINING

Would you like the CCGNJ to visit your group to discuss problem gambling and related disorders? Are you an industry leader who would like your employees to receive Responsible Gambling Training? Presentations and trainings can be provided in person or via Zoom.

Please contact Luis Del Orbe, Executive Director, at 973-336-7075 or luis@800gambler.org to schedule a date.

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