

THE COUNCIL ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING OF NEW JERSEY

800-GAMBLER®

FY26 ANNUAL REPORT



SUPPORT. TREATMENT. HOPE.

About CCGNJ

The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. (CCGNJ) is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by problem gambling. Recognizing that problem gambling is a treatable condition, CCGNJ works to ensure New Jersey residents have access to information, resources, support, and specialized treatment when they need it. CCGNJ serves communities throughout the state through public education, professional training, prevention initiatives, treatment referrals, and advocacy. The Council also works with public and private organizations to strengthen New Jersey's response to problem gambling and provides relevant information and data to state leaders and agencies.



CCGNJ neither opposes nor endorses legalized gambling. Our focus remains on protecting the interests of individuals and families affected by problem gambling and ensuring help and resources remain accessible throughout New Jersey.

What We Do

Prevention & Education

Increase awareness of problem gambling through statewide prevention initiatives, community education, outreach, and resources designed for individuals of all ages.

Professional Training

Equip counselors, educators, prevention specialists, and other professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to recognize and respond to problem gambling.

Treatment & Recovery

Connect individuals and families with specialized treatment providers and recovery resources throughout New Jersey.

800-GAMBLER

Provide free, confidential support and connections to resources for individuals affected by problem gambling and their loved ones.

Advocacy & Collaboration

Work with state agencies, community organizations, treatment professionals, and other partners to strengthen services and advance understanding of problem gambling throughout New Jersey.

A Message From Leadership

As we reflect on the fiscal year 2025/2026, the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. (CCGNJ) is proud to share the impactful strides we've made it

our mission to serve individuals affected by gambling addiction and promote responsible gambling practices. This year, we engaged our community through dynamic presentations, informative webinars, and participation in local and international conferences.

Recognizing the evolving landscape of gambling normalization, we are dedicating more resources to prevention efforts than ever before. The challenges posed by this changing environment emphasize the critical need for our services, and we are answering that call with renewed vigor and dedication.

The significant impact we have achieved this year would not be possible without the unparalleled passion and commitment of our staff. To the dedicated team of professionals whose tireless efforts drive our mission, we extend our deepest gratitude.

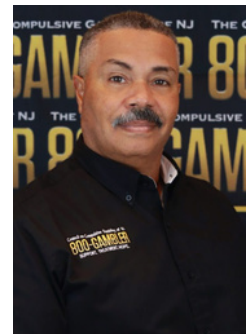
Together, we move forward with resilience and purpose as we continue to advocate for the well-being of individuals and the community at large.

Luis Del Orbe

Executive Director

Fred W. Hogan

Board President



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Reaching Communities Across New Jersey

Throughout FY26, CCGNJ continued to bring education and outreach directly into communities across the state. Through presentations, specialized programs, professional training, and partnerships with local organizations, CCGNJ reached individuals of all ages and backgrounds with information, resources, and support related to problem gambling. The highlights shown represent just some of the audiences engaged throughout the year.



	Faith Based	32 Total Presentations	470 Individuals Reached
	Older Adult	36 Total Presentations	785 Individuals Reached
	Other At-Risk	305 Total Presentations	6,006 Individuals Reached

Industry Education

CCGNJ provides specialized training and workshops for professionals and industry personnel, strengthening knowledge and awareness of problem gambling and available resources.

Casino & Sportsbook Customer Service Training 4 Trainings 133 Individuals Reached	Clinical/Professional Workshops 19 Workshops 447 Individuals Reached
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Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Throughout March 2026, CCGNJ recognized Problem Gambling Awareness Month with a four-part webinar series focused on treatment, recovery, and support. Each Friday brought professionals and community members together to explore new perspectives, strengthen knowledge, and continue important conversations surrounding problem gambling.



First to Respond, Last to Recover
Christine Paladino & Leonard Brazer



The Soul of the Gambler
Patricia Hall & Leonard Brazer



New Tools for the Tool Box
Jeanne Swain & Leonard Brazer



GA and AA
Joseph Kane & Leonard Brazer

4 Featured Webinars

4 CEU Credit Opportunities

160 Total Attendees

Learning Throughout FY26

Throughout FY26, CCGNJ provided educational opportunities designed to keep professionals informed, connected, and engaged with issues surrounding problem gambling. Programming throughout the year brought together professionals, advocates, and community members to learn from experts, exchange perspectives, and strengthen their knowledge of the field. Sessions explored topics across prevention, treatment, recovery, emerging trends, and other issues affecting individuals, families, and communities throughout New Jersey.



12 Educational Sessions

12 CEU Credit Opportunities

861 Total Attendees

Education & Youth

Throughout FY26, CCGNJ brought prevention education directly into New Jersey communities, helping young people better understand gambling-related risks and make informed decisions.



Adolescent & Youth Presentations

92



Adolescent & Youth Reached

3,952

CPR

CCGNJ's CPR Program helps youth ages 8–18 build self-awareness, develop positive habits, set goals, and strengthen decision-making skills. Through a 10-session curriculum, participants gain tools designed to reduce risk factors and build a positive foundation for the future.



FY26
CPR Stats

20

Program
Rounds

572

Individuals
Reached

CPR provides a deeper level of engagement, allowing CCGNJ to build lasting connections with young people across New Jersey.



Treatment, Recovery & Support

Recovery looks different for everyone. Throughout FY26, CCGNJ continued to connect New Jersey residents and their families with specialized problem gambling treatment, support, and recovery resources. Through 800-GAMBLER and CCGNJ's statewide network of providers, individuals can access confidential assistance and connect with professionals who understand the unique challenges associated with problem gambling.

Our Provider Network

CCGNJ works with trained treatment providers throughout New Jersey, helping individuals and families connect with specialized problem gambling services close to home.



New Treatment Clients

343

Previous
315



% Change
8.9%

Therapy Sessions

5,427

Previous
4,034



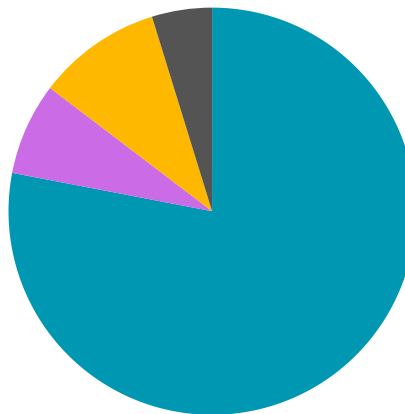
% Change
34.5%

Total
Treatment Providers

39

FY26 Therapy Sessions by Type

● Individual Therapy: (4,234 sessions)	78.0%
● Group Therapy: (536 sessions)	9.9%
● Family/Couples Therapy: (398 sessions)	7.3%
● Other/remaining: (259 sessions)	4.8%



Annual Conference

On September 19, 2025, CCGNJ's Annual Conference brought together professionals, advocates, and community partners from across New Jersey for a day of education, collaboration, and meaningful conversation. Through expert presentations and shared perspectives, attendees explored current issues and approaches in problem gambling prevention, treatment, and recovery. The conference provided an opportunity to strengthen connections across the field while advancing knowledge and resources for those serving New Jersey communities.

4 Expert
Presenters

6 CEU Credits
Offered

127 Total
Attendees



Honoree Gala

On May 21, 2026, CCGNJ welcomed colleagues, partners, and supporters to the Atlantic City Convention Center for its Annual Gala. The evening celebrated individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment have made a meaningful impact on CCGNJ's mission and recognized the partnerships that continue to move our work forward.

Our 2026 Honorees

Mark Giannantonio

President & CEO, Resorts Atlantic City

Carolene Layugan

Director, Responsible Gaming Program, Caesars

Robert "Bobby" Kahler

Director of Marketing, Caesars

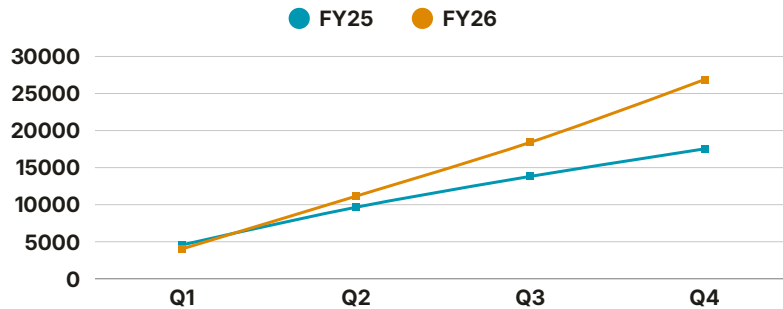
CCGNJ Board Member



FY26 By the Numbers

Cumulative Helpline Calls

FY25: 17,533 | FY26: 26,882 | ▲ 53.3%



261

Program & Policy Development Meetings
Including Government Entities,
Business/Grass-roots Entities, and
Professional & Treatment Organizations



34,860

Pieces of Literature Distributed
Including brochures, resource cards,
and other educational materials

Total Intake Calls

2,046

Previous
1,647



% Change
24.2%



30-Hour Training Reach

206

Previous
151



% Change
36.4%

Older Adult Survey

Feedback from 200 older adults who participated in educational sessions and completed a follow-up survey



200

Survey
Respondents

90%

Understand
Older Adult
Risk Factors

88%

Know the
Warning
Signs

83%

Know
Where to
Get Help

Marketing & Awareness

An Integrated Approach to Awareness

Throughout FY26, CCGNJ used a diverse mix of traditional, digital, and community-focused marketing to increase awareness of 800-GAMBLER and connect New Jersey residents with support and resources. Our statewide approach included digital and search advertising, radio, social media, billboards, transit and vehicle advertising, as well as partnerships and placements connected to major New Jersey sports organizations and venues, including the Jets, Giants, Trenton Thunder, Somerset Patriots, and more. Together, these efforts helped keep 800-GAMBLER visible across the places, platforms, and communities where New Jersey residents live, travel, work, and engage.



1,480,011

Social Media Impressions



88,544,810

Billboard Views



129,271

Website Audience Reach



549,220

Video Views



Where We Showed Up

Digital & Search | Radio & Audio | Outdoor | Transit | Sports | Social Media

Streaming | Website | Email | Community & Events | Vehicle Advertising | Partnerships

By meeting New Jersey residents where they are, CCGNJ continued to strengthen awareness of the 800-GAMBLER number across the state. Every placement shared the same goal: keep 800-GAMBLER visible, accessible, and connected to communities throughout New Jersey.



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