



Massachusetts Council on
Compulsive Gambling

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**COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION**

BOSTON, MA / NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA – The Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling is pleased to announce that Prevention Director, Jim Wuelfing, CPP-R, NRPP, a resident of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, has been awarded the National Council on Problem Gambling's (NCPG) "*Annual Prevention Award*."

A dedicated member of the prevention field for the majority of his professional career, Jim has directed his knowledge and expertise specifically to problem gambling prevention for nearly 15 years. He has developed and strengthened effective prevention of problem gambling programming not only in Massachusetts, but across the country.

Jim has maintained a strong emphasis on outreach to high risk groups and underserved populations and building collegiality with others that helps to advance prevention of problem gambling efforts. Under his direction, effective multi-focal outreach efforts are underway in the Commonwealth.

Jim advocates consistently for the inclusion of prevention in the full continuum of problem gambling services, both on state and federal levels. He can be counted on to regularly stress "model programs" as he advocates for agencies and organizations to apply research and strategies effective for substance use disorders and think about the relevancy and connections to problem gambling. In addition, he works to build the capacity of the existing prevention infrastructure, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and educational institutions to address problem gambling.

For more information about Jim Wuelfing or the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, please call 617-426-4554 or visit www.masscompulsivegambling.org.

The Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling is a private, non-profit health agency dedicated to reducing the social, financial and emotional costs of problem gambling. The Council provides prevention, information, education, advocacy and referral services for problem gamblers, their loved ones, professionals working to treat the disorder, and the greater community.

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