



Massachusetts Council on  
**Compulsive Gambling**

*We understand the problem. We can help.*

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**“2005 MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING PROBLEMS”**

*Public Invited to Attend*

**BOSTON, MA** – People interested in learning more about problem gambling are welcome to attend the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling’s “2005 Conference on Gambling Problems, Addiction & Society, Exploring the Relationships” at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference will include breakfast, lunch, workshop sessions and lectures by some of the country’s foremost experts in the field. Presentations are entitled, “Gambling and the State: a Delicate Balance,” “The Sociology of Gambling and Related Disorders,” and “The Syndrome Model of Addiction: The Theoretical, Clinical and Policy Implications.”

Although the 2005 Conference has been designed to increase the knowledge and skills of human service professionals who provide treatment and services to individuals who are impacted by social, mental, health or addictive disorders, the general public is also welcome to attend. The program has elements that are meant to stimulate discussion encourage further learning within the field of gambling disorders and offer resources and tools to conference participants. According to Marlene Warner, Program Director of the Mass. Council, “We hope that throughout the day people will celebrate the successes already achieved in the field and be inspired to commit to continued work in the future.”

The cost to attend the Conference is \$45 for all Massachusetts residents and human service providers and it includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and related conference materials. To register, please contact the Council at 617-426-4554.

*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 information, education, advocacy and referral services for problem gamblers, their loved ones and the greater community.*

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