



Massachusetts Council on  
**Compulsive Gambling**

*We understand the problem. We can help.*

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***National Conference on Problem Gambling Coming to  
Boston in 2011***

**BOSTON, MA** -- The Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, together with the New England Problem Gambling Consortium, is happy to announce that Boston, Massachusetts will be the location for the 25<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Problem Gambling. The oldest and largest conference on problem gambling in the world will take place from June 30, 2011 to July 2, 2011 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, and is expected to draw more than 500 participants to the historic city.

For a quarter of a century, the conference has brought together leaders in prevention, education, treatment, responsible gaming, research and recovery to present the latest developments in their fields. The conference features a variety of high-quality content designed for a multitude of participants – from professionals who work with people experiencing problems with gambling to newcomers to gambling issues. Credit hours for Physicians, Licensed Professional Counselors, Social Workers, Certified Substance Abuse Counselors and Gambling Treatment Counselors will be offered.

According to Marlene Warner, Program Director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, "We are looking forward to hosting the conference - building public awareness of problem gambling, and offering the latest research and information to professionals from all over the world. This conference is especially important as Massachusetts continues a debate about whether to expand gambling in the Commonwealth. We invite all attendees and their families to stay through the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend in 2011 in our wonderful city."

Conference sponsorship opportunities are available. For information on the upcoming conference or other training opportunities provided at the Mass. Council, please visit [www.masscompulsivegambling.org](http://www.masscompulsivegambling.org) or contact Marlene Warner at 617-426-4554 [marlene@masscompulsivegambling.org](mailto:marlene@masscompulsivegambling.org). # # #

*Founded in 1983, the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling is a private, non-profit public health agency dedicated to providing leadership to reduce the social, financial, and emotional costs of problem gambling and to promote a continuum of prevention and intervention strategies including: information and public awareness, community*

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*education and professional training, advocacy, and helpline / referral services for problem gamblers, their loved ones  
and the greater community.*

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