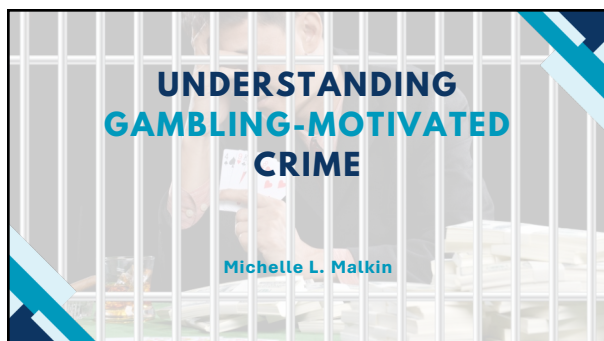
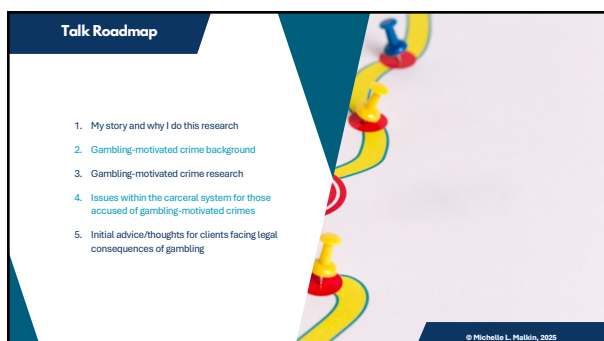
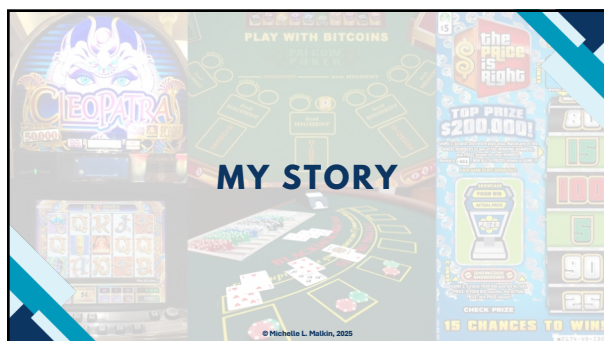




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Childhood

THOUGHT OF AS
"MATURE"

FOCUSED ON
SCHOOL

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The Riverboat Gambling Act

In 1990, the **Riverboat Gambling Act** became law in Illinois... The Metropolis, IL riverboat casino opened in 1994. That year I played slot machines for the first time in a "real" casino...

I had borrowed \$20 from one of my friends to keep playing after I lost the money I brought.

I won a slot machine jackpot...

I was 21 years old.

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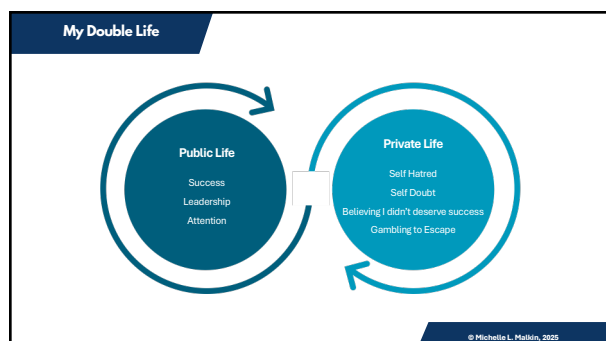


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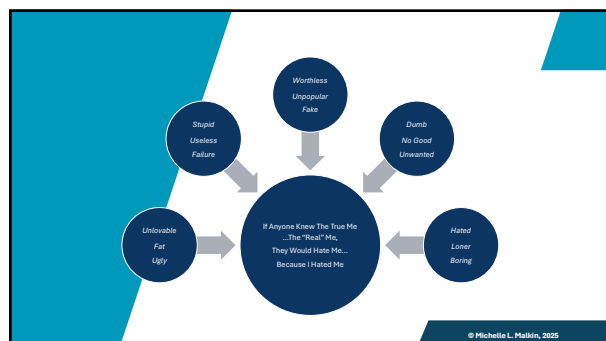
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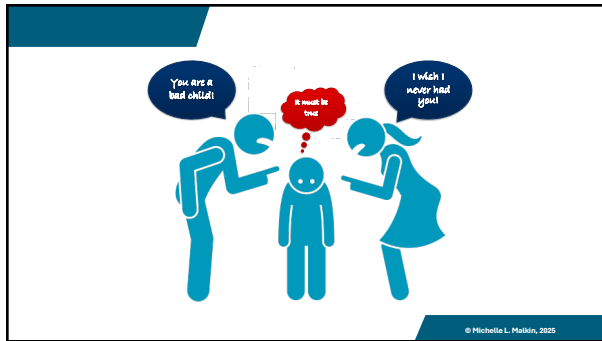
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My Name is Dragonfly Hazel

The strongest people weak;
the smartest people dumb;
the most capable people incapacitated;
the givers into takers;
the rule makers into rule breakers; and
the ethical into **criminals**.

<https://dragonflyhazel.blogspot.com/2013/06/my-name-is-dragonfly-hazel.html>

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I Committed a Crime

My Only Answer: **Unintentional Intervention:**

May 7, 2008 May 11, 2008

"I am a compulsive gambler."

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June 2008

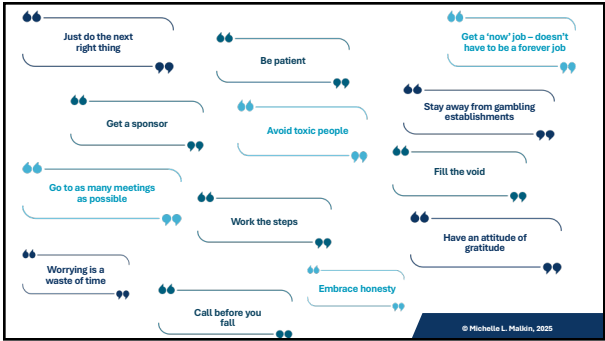
**SURRENDER IS THE INTERSECTION
BETWEEN ACCEPTANCE AND CHANGE.**

Gambler's Anonymous, Intensive Out-Patient Counseling for Gambling Addiction,
& Women's Problem Gambling Support Group

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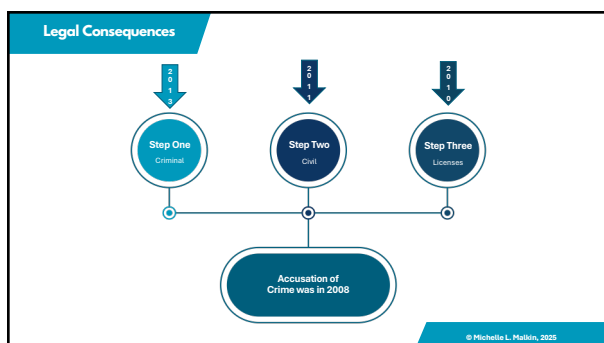
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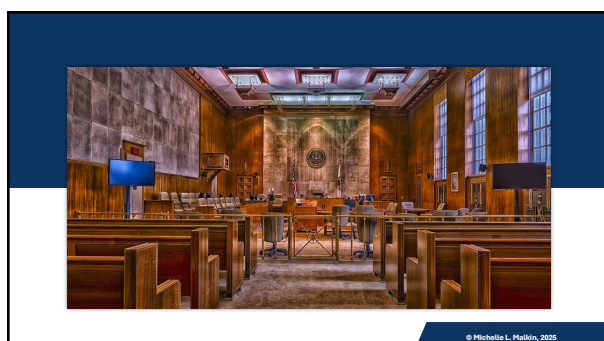
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The Judge

Two things the Judge said that indicated she knew nothing about gambling disorder:

"You should have known better."

"I need to make an example out of you."

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The Judge

One more hurtful thing the Judge said:

"You need to drop out of school.
You are kidding yourself if you believe
you can ever work as a Professor."

(You are not worthy...)

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Sentence

One Year and One Day in a Federal Women's Prison Camp

+

3 Years Probation

2011

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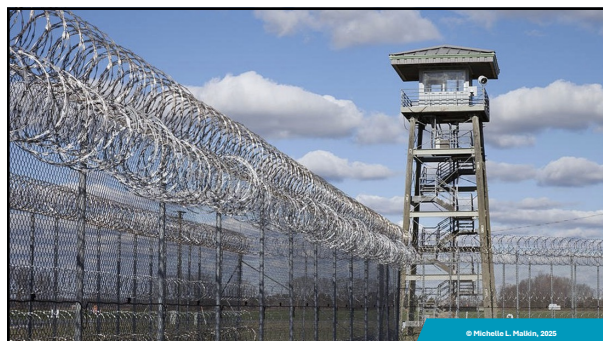
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During My Incarceration



Kicked out of school



Gambling everywhere
Judge: "stay out of gambling establishments"



"Sorry we have no programs for you."



Sub-par medical care



Connected with other disordered gamblers in prison



Refused to let me start a G.A. meeting

Maintained the blog: <http://itsgonnaflyhazel.blogspot.com/>

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Goals / Hopes



Goal #1: Stay away from gambling and stay active in my recovery!



Goal #2: Get back into school and obtain my Ph.D!

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CJ Consequences

- Incarcerated** for a little over 10 months
Spent 5 days in a halfway house and 1 month on **home confinement**
- Served 2 years of my 3-year **probation**
- Continue to **pay restitution**
- Collateral consequences** for the rest of my life

A Felony Conviction Includes Lifetime Collateral Consequences in the following areas:

- Employment
- Licensing/Permits
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Student Loans
- Education
- Parental Rights
- Firearms
- Jury Service
- Voting
- Public Office
- Banking/Loans
- Immigration
- Travel
- AND MORE...

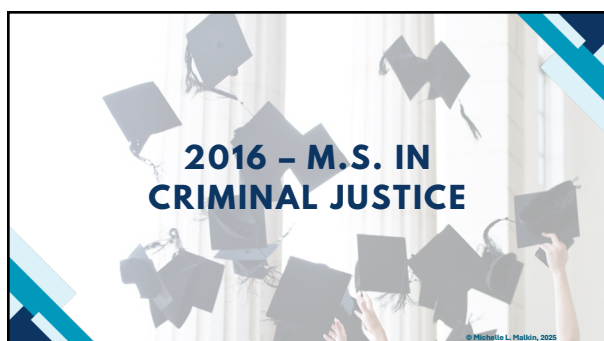
There are over 46,000 collateral consequences at the state and federal level, with 60%-70% related to employment.

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AND the judge was wrong!



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And...



Malkin establishes gambling research, policy project at ECU

► Michelle L. Malkin, an assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology at ECU, is leading a project that aims to study the evolving landscape of gambling in North Carolina and the United States as legalized gambling continues to grow.

and gambling terminals from the state budget allows for more in-depth discussions on the types of gambling to be legalized and the pace of expansion.

Malkin foresees more gambling legislation in 2024 as the state prepares for the launch of sports wagering. She believes

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Gambling Research Focus

Understanding Gambling Behavior, Risk, and Gambling-Related Harms

(especially among under-researched communities/populations)

and

Gambling-Motivated Crime

(with an interest into the development of gambling treatment diversion courts)

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Gambling-Motivated Crime

- Primarily **non-violent, financial crimes** committed in order to pay off gambling "debts" and/or continue gambling (Adolphe et al., 2018)
 - The most common types: embezzlement, larceny, theft, robbery, & counterfeit currency
- Most often committed against **family, friends, or employers** (crimes of trust)
- Prevalence: >50% (Binde, 2016; Blaszczynski, McConaghy, & Frankova, 1989; Zorland et al., 2008)
- Gambling is the **second most frequent motivation** for serious fraud prosecutions

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2018 Meta Analysis Study

This has been supported by a 2018 Meta-Analysis of all studies of gambling-motivated crime.

"...gambling related crime is likely often a product of gambling itself, intended to accumulate further funds to gamble, recoup financial shortfalls, or conceal the individual's gambling from others"

Crime and Gambling Disorders: A Systematic Review

A. Adolphe¹, L. Khatib², C. van Galde³, S. M. Gainsbury⁴, A. Blaszczynski⁵

Published online: 23 July 2018
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"The gambling-crime relationship cannot be explained by financial motivations alone."

Adolphe et al., 2018, p. 1010

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Why Disordered Gamblers Commit Gambling-Motivated Crimes

Gambling produces a cycle of addiction wherein gamblers acquire debt from gambling and must then gamble to earn money to pay off these debts while remaining stuck in this pattern and unable to desist resulting in gambling-motivated crimes.

The diagram consists of two blue circles connected by two curved arrows. The left circle is labeled 'Gambling' and the right circle is labeled 'Gambling Problems'. An arrow points from 'Gambling' to 'Gambling Problems', and another arrow points from 'Gambling Problems' back to 'Gambling', creating a continuous loop.

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Gambling-Motivated Crimes

- Majority of people committing gambling-motivated crimes face **no criminal sanctions**
- Significant changes regarding gambling motivated crime in the **DSM 5**
- Removal of "commission of illegal activity in order to gamble or pay gambling debts" as diagnostic because it is a **natural progression of the disorder**

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Including a Gender Lens

- Women have **always** gambled.
- # of women seeking help for gambling disorder is increasing
- Lack of knowledge on whether the social, economic, and legal consequences of gambling differ based on gender

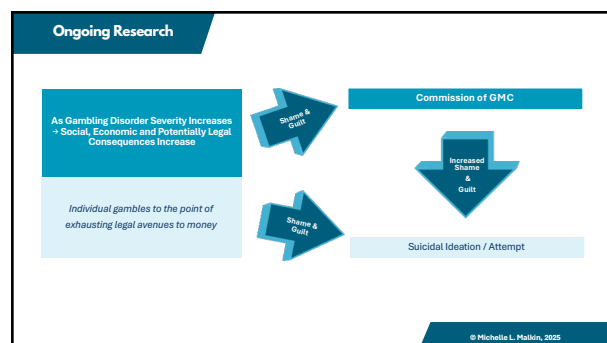
The images show three different scenes of gambling. The top left photo shows a group of people at a gambling table. The top right photo shows a large group of people in a room, possibly a casino or a social gathering. The bottom photo shows a group of people, including women, at a gambling table.

Above photos from UNLV Center for Gaming Research Historical Archives

Photo credit: Louisa Dandridge

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Social Economic Consequences of Disordered Gambling

Social & Economic Consequences	%	Male Mean (s.d.)	Female Mean (s.d.)	p (gender)
Loss Relatives	46.4%	.506 (.50)	.435 (.50)	.329
Loss Education Opportunity	18.4%	.265 (.44)	.139 (.38)	.032*
Loss Job	32.7%	.356 (.48)	.306 (.46)	.456
Borrow Money to Gamble or Pay Gambling Debts	75.5%	.724 (.45)	.787 (.41)	.315
Take out Pay Day Loan	37.2%	.356 (.48)	.389 (.49)	.642
Advance on Retirement	48.5%	.494 (.50)	.482 (.50)	.860
Advance from Employer	25.5%	.253 (.44)	.259 (.44)	.920
Credit Card Advance	77.6%	.701 (.46)	.843 (.37)	.021*
Loss House	21.4%	.241 (.43)	.194 (.40)	.431
Vehicle Repossessed	10.7%	.069 (.25)	.139 (.35)	.107
File for Bankruptcy	28.6%	.264 (.44)	.306 (.46)	.310
Spend One or More Nights Homeless	8.2%	.126 (.33)	.046 (.21)	.054
Have a Civil Liability	6.6%	.058 (.23)	.074 (.26)	.646

Markin, M. L., & Stouck, M. (2024). Gender Differences in Gambling-Related Harms and Gambling-Related Crime. Journal of Gambling Issues.

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CJ Consequences of GMC (N=195)

There are no statistically significant differences by gender in the commission of crime or criminal consequences.

Criminal Consequences	%	Male %	Female %	Chi-Sq. (gender)
Self-Report Commit Crime	56.92%	55.17	58.33	0.196
Current Charges	5.82%	3.61	7.55	3.803
Arrested	15.14%	17.28	13.46	0.518
Guilty of Misdemeanor	6.95%	8.54	5.71	0.567
Guilty of Felony	9.19%	8.64	9.62	0.052
Incarcerated	11.79%	10.34	12.96	0.318

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CJ Consequences of GMC (N=195)

- Respondents who committed crimes averaged a significantly **higher number** ($t=-5.99, p<.05$) of social and economic consequences ($\mu=5.23$) of their problem gambling than those that reported not committed a crime ($\mu=3.25$).
- Borrowing money to gamble was the largest predictor for commission of crime by a problem gambler - **borrowing money increases the likelihood of committing a crime by 21.6%**




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What Crimes are Most Likely to Lead to Conviction?



- Embezzlement** is one of the biggest predictors for arrest & convictions (**over 5x more likely**).
- Other types of gambling-motivated crimes are much less likely to result in arrest/conviction; however, that does not mean a client will not be accused, arrested, or convicted for such crimes.

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National Study of Individuals Seeking Help for Gambling (N=240)

- Of respondents who sought "help" for gambling in any way, about half were actively gambling or in short-term recovery.
- 61% of respondents were male
- 74% Caucasian / 16% Black / AA
- ~53% gambled in the past year ("active gamblers") (N=176)
- ~47% have not gambled in the past year ("in recovery") (N=156)
- ~66% report they are in recovery, regardless of last time gambled

Active gamblers - example of gambling-related harms:

- 71% felt restless (97% those in recovery)
- 75% lied (90% those in recovery)
- 64% sought \$ from others for help
- 68% borrowed \$
- 71% experience withdrawal (88% those in recovery)

Alcohol Problem Past Year	14%
Drug Problem Past Year	8%
Other Problem Past Year	25%
Lifetime Suicidal Ideation	38%
Lifetime Suicide Attempt	17%

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National Study of Individuals Seeking Help for Gambling (N=340)

Overall, **36%** committed an illegal act **for gambling** and **29%** committed an illegal act to pay **gambling-related debts**.

Illegal Activities Related to Gambling	Mean
Stolen something	27%
Took money from employer	21%
Got credit card in another's name	11%
Used another's card without permission	10%
Wrote a check from another's account	7%
Used employer's card	5%
Engaged in sex for money	2%
Assault (push, shove, fight)	7%
Dealt drugs	5%
Used gun to obtain money	0.3%
Other types of crime	6%

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National Study of Individuals Seeking Help for Gambling (N=340)

Commission of GMC based on whether gambled in past year

There was **no statistical difference** in reported GMC regardless of last time gambled.

Gambling Disorder Severity and commission of a GMC

- Among those who were **active gamblers** that reported commission of a GMC, **70% had severe GD**, whereas **55%** of those who did not commit a GMC had severe GD. ($p < .05$)
- For people in **recovery** that reported commission of a GMC, **98.33% have severe gambling disorder**, whereas **73.91%** of those who did not commit a GMC had severe GD. ($p < .001$)

Gambling Disorder Severity → Gambling-Motivated Crime

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National Study of Individuals Seeking Help for Gambling (N=340)

Legal System Consequences from Illegal Acts related to Gambling	N=340
Civil liability	3%
Arrested	8%
Convicted of misdemeanor	6%
Convicted of felony in state court	4%
Convicted of felony in federal court	2%
On probation/parole	6%
Incarcerated	4%
Owed restitution based on conviction	4%

Criminal Convictions related to Gambling (N=340):

- 8% theft
- 6% fraud
- 3% embezzlement
- 3% forgery
- 2% burglary
- 2% larceny
- 2% physical assault
- All other type of crimes/convictions <1%

Next steps in analysis includes comparing all data based on amount of time in recovery as well as gender.

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National Study of Individuals Seeking Help for Gambling (N=340)

- There is a **relationship between those seeking help and commission of gambling-motivated crime**, which increases based on **severity of gambling disorder**.
- Suicidal ideation among those with GD is related to the commission of gambling-motivated crime, with SI more prevalent than actual attempt.
- **Gender does not seem to matter**
 - In contrast to most prior research on any of these topics and other addictive behaviors.

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Some Relevant Initial Solutions

- Include a **problem gambling assessment** of all those accused of crimes (especially financial crime)
- Ask for **testimony &/or assessments** from gambling experts
- Develop **treatment programs**/offer GA meetings
- Include **books/resources** on problem gambling in jail/prison libraries
- **Develop gambling treatment diversion courts/programs** (attend my Thursday workshop 🎲)



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Screening Tools (25+)

"Brief Biosocial Gambling Screen"

Brief Biosocial Gambling Screen
A "yes" answer to any of the questions means the person is at risk for developing a gambling problem.

- During the past 12 months, have you become restless, irritable or anxious when trying to stop or cut down on gambling?
YES NO ☐ ☐
- During the past 12 months, have you tried to keep your family or friends from knowing how much you gamble?
YES NO ☐ ☐
- During the past 12 months, did you have such financial trouble as a result of your gambling that you had to get help with living expenses from family, friends or welfare?
YES NO ☐ ☐

ICGC www.icgc.org
www.divisiononaddiction.org

Johnson, R.E., Macdonald, R., New, R.W., Tai, B., Condonner, N., & Engstler, C. (1990).

"Lie/Bet Questionnaire:"

- Have you ever had to lie to people important to you about how much you gambled?
- Have you ever felt the need to bet more and more money?

"Yes" response to one or both items: further assessment is needed.

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For Those 18-24 Use The EAGS



Developed by the GRPI to address a lack of the BBSGS in identifying those at-risk for GD under the age of 25

- In the past 12 months have you lied or hid from others the amount of money you won or lost betting &/or gambling?
- In the past 12 months, has someone asked you to stop betting &/or gambling?
- In the past 12 months, have you bet &/or gambled with money that was intended for other purposes, such as rent, tuition, books, gas, or social activities?
- In the past 12 month, has betting &/or gambling become a major focus of your social activities &/or conversations?

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Advice

Initial advice for clients facing legal consequences of problem gambling:

- Are you facing civil and/or criminal charges?
— clients may only be honest if you have gained their trust first; it is okay to ask more than once over time...
- Get an attorney (even a public defender)
- Don't answer any questions by former employer, family members, police, etc. without an attorney
- Do not put anything in writing about what you've done without the advice of counsel
- Do not talk about your offenses anywhere but in counseling (where there is confidentiality) and with an attorney (not in GA meetings)
- Do the next right thing – go to GA meetings, addiction focused counseling, get a new job, etc.
- YOU DESERVE THE BENEFITS OF THE PROTECTIONS OFFERED BY THE U.S. LEGAL SYSTEM (regardless of the shame/guilt you feel)

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Suicidal Ideation & GD

~20% of individuals with gambling disorder attempt suicide (with suicidal ideation even higher), the highest percentages of all addictions.



Based on several studies, including: Anderson et al., 2022; Anderson & Parkman, 2020; Joly et al., 2021; Kulkarni & Anderson, 2018; Kulkarni et al., 2022; Lee et al., 2021; Morisset et al., 2023

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Suicidal Ideation Analysis

- Nearly 38% of individuals reported lifetime suicidal ideation (SI).
 - Lifetime SI was almost twice the rate among women than men (53% women; 28% men; $p < .001$).
- However, there was **not** a significant gender difference in past year SI (16% women; 9% men).
- Individuals with past year gambling (19.28%) were over seven times as likely to report past year SI than individuals without past year gambling (2.7%; $p < 0.001$).
 - Those with SI in the past year experienced significantly more gambling-related harms
- No significant difference in lifetime SI between individuals actively gambling (37.58%) and those in recovery (37.84%).
 - Those who have considered suicide in their lifetime experience more harms on average than those who haven't
- While no significant difference was indicated, nearly 20% of individuals actively gambling reported a lifetime suicide attempt compared to 14% of individuals in recovery.

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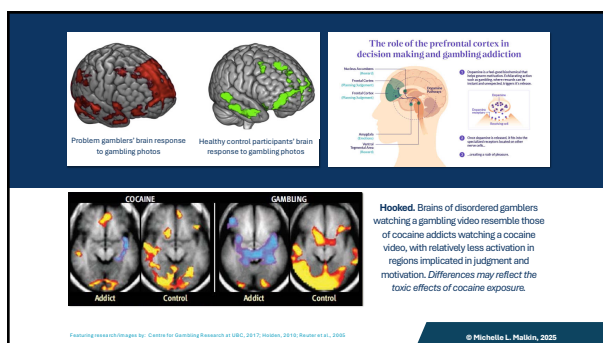
OFTEN INDIVIDUALS WANT TO KNOW **WHY** THEY COMMITTED A CRIME AS IT WAS NOT IN THEIR "NATURE"

"This is not the person I am. I've never been to jail. Never been in trouble. I think I've gotten a couple speeding tickets. I'm not a criminal. I don't know how I ever [could] do something like that. Because it's not who I am. I'm an honest person. I'm caring, loving. I don't know that person how that came out of me. I don't. I don't understand it. ... I just need to know that I can never go back to that." (GTDC Participant)

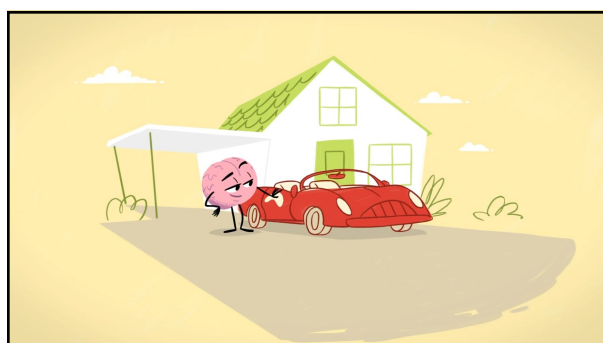
Gambling addiction affects the brain.

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Potential Resources for Gamblers Seeking Help

- Call: 1-800-GAMBLER
- Text: 800GAM
- Chat: 1800gamblerchat.org
- Inpatient and outpatient therapy
- Gambler's Anonymous & other recovery groups
- Zoom meetings – 24 hours/day
- Facebook pages, such as:
 - Gambling Addiction and Recovery
 - Problem Gambling Hope & Recovery
 - Women Gamblers in Recovery
- Podcasts

Zoom Meetings	Time	Room number
Monday Morning Reflections	9:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Monday Morning Topic	10:00 AM EST	567 129 271
Monday Afternoon Speaker	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Monday Live Full Forum	10:00 PM EST	481 695 445
Tuesday Morning Reflections	9:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Tuesday Morning Ask It Backstage	10:00 AM EST	567 129 271
Tuesday Afternoon Full Forum	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Tuesday Evening Full Forum	8:30 PM EST	Messenger invite
Wednesday Morning Reflections	9:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Wednesday Morning Topic	10:00 AM EST	567 129 271
Wednesday Afternoon Ice Breaker	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Wednesday Evening Stage 12.3	8:00 PM EST	481 695 445
Thursday Morning Reflections	9:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Thursday Morning 20 Questions	10:00 AM EST	567 129 271
Thursday Afternoon Stage	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Thursday Evening Ladies Preferred	8:00 PM EST	675 951 552
Friday Morning Reflections	9:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Friday Morning Ice Breaker	10:00 AM EST	567 129 271
Friday Afternoon Full Forum	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Friday Evening Motivations	7:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Friday Evening "Chicago Style"	8:30 PM EST	481 695 445
Saturday Morning Reflections	10:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Saturday Afternoon Stage	2:00 PM EST	567 129 271
Saturday Evening Full Forum	8:00 PM EST	481 695 445
Sunday Morning Reflections	10:00 AM EST	481 695 445
Sunday Afternoon Big Book Study	2:00 PM EST	675 951 552
Sunday Evening Reflections	7:00 PM EST	567 129 271

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