



Gambling and Suicide

Event Topic

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Date / Time

Wed, Apr 19, 2023
11:00am - 12:00pm

Location

Virtual

Objective:

According to the CDC (CDC, 2020) suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. This issue disproportionately impacts individuals living with problem gambling. While studies indicate 1 in 5, or 20%, will attempt suicide, far more are living with suicide ideation.

In this session participants will discuss the correlation between problem gambling and suicide, why these societal impacts should be discussed together and the underlying causes for the correlation. Additionally, attendees will learn how to integrate problem gambling and suicide prevention into current prevention programming and how to integrate these important and connected issues through education, awareness and advocacy.

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the correlation between problem gambling and suicide
- Identify opportunities to infuse information regarding problem gambling and its relation to suicide in current programming
- Have strategies to address the issues of problem gambling and suicide in their communities and organizations.

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) is pleased to offer additional problem gambling prevention webinars in the Spring of 2023.

Iowa HHS prevention contractors are not required to attend but participation is encouraged.

If you have any questions about these trainings, contact Katie Bee at katie.bee@idph.iowa.gov or Julie Hibben at julie.hibben@idph.iowa.gov. Recordings of all trainings will be available on the Your Life Iowa website. Please allow three weeks after the webinar date for recordings to be posted.

Registration Information

<https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/ipn/gambling-and-suicide/>

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Presenter(s)

Michael Buzzelli

Michael A. Buzzelli has served as the Associate Director of the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio since February 2020. He has previously served on the organization's Board as its Vice President. Buzzelli serves on numerous local, state and national boards and committees including the Ohio Problem Gambling Advisory Board and the Affiliate and Prevention committees of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

Buzzelli received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Health from Slippery Rock University and his Master of Public Health from Kent State University. He continued his education at Case Western Reserve University where he received a Master's in Bioethics. He has spoken at numerous events and conferences including eight National Conferences on Problem Gambling.

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