



IPGAP Update

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Film project, ‘Ready or Not’ / ‘End Game’

Newsletter article by Outreach Arts

OutreachArts continues its focus on returning Veterans suffering with PTSD and problem gambling in the new film project, ‘Ready or Not’ / ‘End Game’ created for the Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program of Indiana University. With a special focus on the National Guard, ‘Ready or Not’ (the first of the two part film) focuses on the psychological fallout of Guard member, Bill who, after returning home from Afghanistan, tragically turns to casino gambling to cope with his PTSD. The second part of the film, ‘End Game’ follows Bill’s recovery and the challenges he faces on his journey to a better life for him and his family.

“Gambling addiction is a serious health problem that affects veterans and active-duty service members,” says the National Council on Problem Gambling’s Executive Director, Keith S. Whyte. “It is highly co-occurring with other serious conditions and complicates the treatment of these disorders. In addition, gambling addiction has disastrous consequences for the veteran and his or her family.”

Whyte also makes clear that though 1 percent to 3 percent of the American public experience gambling problems in any given year, “studies consistently find rates among age-matched veterans are significantly higher, and highest among minorities. Rates are even higher among veterans seeking treatment for some other disorder.”

With OutreachArts recent Telly Award win for last year’s Vet-centered drama, ‘He’s Not The Same’ (created for the New York Council on Problem) and that film’s recent appearance at a Senate Briefing on Vets and Problem Gambling (courtesy of National Council on Problem Gambling’s Executive Director, Keith S. Whyte), the film’s Emmy® Award-Winning writer-director, Richard Wilson has high hopes for ‘Ready or Not’ / ‘End Game’ as well,

“Working with the Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program on these films was an absolute pleasure. Their invaluable insights and commitment to reaching out to Guard members and their families was a source of ongoing inspiration for all of us. We look forward to doing more work together in the future...”



2015 National Conference

*** A Message from the Maryland Council on Problem Gambling Regarding Recent Events in Baltimore ***



29th National Conference on Problem Gambling

New Challenges - Creative Solutions · Baltimore, Maryland July 10-11, 2015

Have you ever felt the need to bet more and more and more money?

Have you ever had to lie to people about how much you gamble?

An answer “yes” to either or both of these questions may indicate a problem with gambling.

Lie Bet Screen by Johnson, E.E., et al. (1988).

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The Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program (IPGAP) is funded by a contract with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Mental Health and Addiction with funds through the Indiana Problem Gamblers' Assistance Fund.

Please join us for this year's National Conference on Problem Gambling

Nowhere else will you find the biggest and best lineup of responsible gaming and problem gambling specific speakers, the most networking opportunities with peers in the field, and the widest collection of stakeholders. We've worked hard to make this the *must attend conference of the year*. The organizers, speakers, exhibitors and attendees are leaders in prevention, education, treatment, responsible gaming, research and recovery.

Come connect with all of us in beautiful Baltimore!

The **Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor** — the official headquarters of the 29th National Conference on Problem Gambling — is adjacent to Oriole Park at Camden Yards and provides a great central location from which to discover Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the surrounding neighborhoods, featuring many family-friendly attractions, shops, and restaurants, all within walking distance.

Opening reception July 9. Pre-Conference July 8 – 9. Main Conference July 10 – 11.

Hosted by the *Maryland Council on Problem Gambling*
& the *Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (University of Maryland School of Medicine)*

Online Registration Open!

