



## Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling

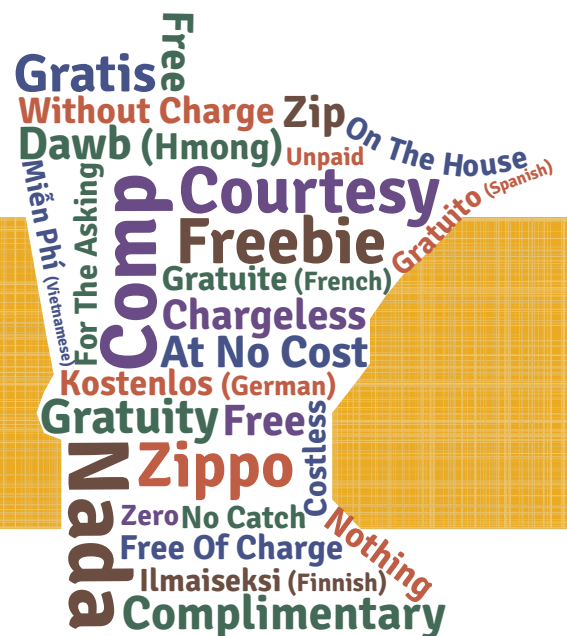
The Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling (MNAPG) is Minnesota’s affiliate to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). A gambling-neutral, non-profit organization, we are comprised of a coalition of individuals and organizations who share the belief that problem gambling is a serious public health concern that is both treatable and preventable.

### What We Do

- **Advocate** for public policies to assist those with gambling problems and their families.
- **Raise awareness** about gambling addiction to the general public, treatment providers and other professionals (financial advisors, bankers, attorneys, etc.) in a position to identify those with a gambling addiction. Treatment is free to Minnesotans.
- **Educate and train** mental health/addiction professionals.
- Act as clearinghouse for problem gambling information and community **resources** throughout Minnesota.
- **Support research** and programs that expand our understanding of gambling addiction among all Minnesotans. .
- **Cultivate connections** throughout Minnesota, the nation and internationally to address this complex and misunderstood addiction.

No matter how you say it,  
TREATMENT is FREE for Minnesotans.

Yet, few seek help due to stigma.





**250,000**  
Minnesota adults exhibit problems with gambling

Yet, Minnesota's LADCs, LMFTs and social workers receive no training in gambling addiction.

What's the percentage of **co-occurrence** with substance use and mental health issues?

**67% CO-OCCURRENCE**

Yet, Minnesota doesn't see this as a public health issue. For every gambler, seven others are negatively impacted.

10-15% of young people have **gambling problems** vs. 4% of adults.

**10 to 15%** **4%**

Early exposure to gambling influences youth and normalizes this activity.

Youth are 4x more at risk for **developing gambling disorder** than adults.

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Yet, there is no prevention materials provided to youth in schools.

Gamblers have the **highest suicide rate** of any addiction.

Gambling addiction is real.  
People don't choose to become addicted.  
It is not a moral failing.