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March is Arizona Problem Gambling Awareness Month Have the Conversation at the Twelfth Annual DPG Symposium

PHOENIX – Governor Douglas A. Ducey has declared March as Arizona Problem Gambling Awareness Month. To increase public awareness of problem gambling and available prevention, treatment and recovery services, the Arizona Department of Gaming Division of Problem Gambling (DPG) is hosting:

WHAT: Twelfth Annual DPG Symposium: The POWER to Address Problem Gambling and its Implications
WHEN: Monday, March 5, 2018
WHERE: Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 North 25th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021
WHO: Everyone, especially professionals and students working in or studying the helping professions
REGISTER: Online at <http://azgamblingsymposium.com> or by phone at (480) 990-1887 (registration includes lunch and a certificate of completion for continuing education credits)

“While most adults who choose to gamble are able to do so responsibly, for some, gambling can have negative effects on health, finances and relationships,” said Dan Bergin, Director, Arizona Department of Gaming. “Arizona Problem Gambling Awareness Month supports the power we all have to make a difference by fostering understanding and emphasizing resources the State of Arizona and Tribes make possible for people and families in need.”

This year’s learning event will feature Rick Berman, Director of Lewis and Clark Problem Gambling Services, discussing the diversity of the disorder and its multiple paths to recovery, and Dr. David Ledgerwood, Wayne State University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, discussing specialized treatment and outcomes.

“The Arizona Lottery is proud to sponsor this year’s symposium,” said Gregg Edgar, Executive Director of the Arizona Lottery. “We have partnered with the Arizona Department of Gaming to help raise awareness during our state’s Problem Gambling Awareness Month. I want to thank our more than 3,000 retail partners across Arizona in assisting us with our awareness campaign throughout the month of March.”

Learn more at www.problemgambling.az.gov.

About ADG – Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [pari-mutuel racing and wagering](#), and [boxing and mixed martial arts](#). ADG also provides and supports education, prevention and treatment programs for people and families affected by problem gambling through its [Division of Problem Gambling](#) and 24-hour, confidential helpline, 1-800-NEXT-STEP.

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