



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: _____

Department: _____

Title:

Management Update/Work Session Date: _____ Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Requested Action:

Issue, Description & Background:

Financial Impacts:

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

List of attachments:

Presenter:

Department Head Signature: 

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming the month of)
March 2024 Problem Gambling Awareness)
Month in Marion County.)
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PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on _____, 2024.

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the State of Oregon have designated March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the health of Marion County residents is of utmost importance to the well-being of Marion County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health concern impacting Marion County residents of all ages and backgrounds in all communities, and has significant personal, social, health, and financial repercussions; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is dedicated to reducing the negative effects of gambling for all Marion County residents through balanced policies and effective systems of problem gambling services such as targeted prevention programs and treatment services; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the month of **March 2024** is **Problem Gambling Awareness Month** in Marion County.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this _____ day of _____, 2024

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner

Chair

Commissioner

Problem Gambling in Marion County

Heidi Johnson, Problem Gambling Health Educator
Marion County Health Promotion & Prevention



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Marion County Problem Gambling Prevention Program

Goals:

1. Prevent Problem Gambling
2. Increase Awareness
3. Reduce Youth Gambling
4. Encourage Responsible Gambling

What Problem Gambling Is:

Problem Gambling:

Continuation of gambling activities despite negative personal, social, or financial consequences.



Importance of Increasing Awareness:

- Lower stigma and shame around seeking help
- Promote responsible gambling
- Decrease negative individual and social impacts
 - Higher rates of bankruptcy
 - Loss of relationships
 - Criminal activity
 - Mental health and addiction problems

Problem Gambling & Gaming Help in Oregon

- ▶ Help is FREE in Oregon
- ▶ Confidential
- ▶ For people experiencing problem gambling or gaming
- ▶ For family and friends of a person who gambles
- ▶ En Español:

1-844-TU-VALES



**Oregon Problem Gambling Helpline:
1-877-MY-LIMIT or OPGR.ORG**

Bridgeway

- ▶ Eli Kinsley Program Supervisor MSW, CSWA, CDAC III, CGAC I, QMHP-C



Bridgeway
Freedom Through Recovery



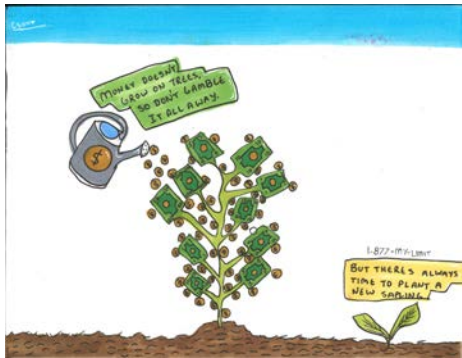
Problem Gambling Awareness Month

- ▶ Spanish Speaking Communication Campaign
- ▶ Every Story Matters Problem Gambling Awareness Campaign
- ▶ Feature in Marion County Prevention Newsletter
- ▶ Middle School Art Search
- ▶ High School Video Contest and Workshops



Marion County Problem Gambling Awareness Middle School Art Search

- ▶ Hosted local Marion County Middle School Art Search with over 200 submissions from various schools throughout the county
- ▶ Created a calendar in Spanish and English. Distributed calendars to middle and high schools in Marion County
- ▶ Hosting again this year!



Marion County Problem Gambling Prevention Program

Accomplishments:

- ▶ Youth: Participated in planning ILEAD Youth Summit; Coordinated High School Video Contest; Presented to Middle School and High School classrooms and assembly's
- ▶ Community: Completed community readiness assessment; Expanded video contest by increasing community partners
- ▶ Outreach: Communication Campaign in Spanish; Social Media; Outreach Event at Center 50+



Marion County Problem Gambling Prevention Program

2024 Objectives:

- ▶ Youth: Build resiliency among youth
- ▶ Spanish Speakers: Role out communication campaign
- ▶ Older Adults: Continue outreach events and promote responsible gambling



HIGH SCHOOL
Video Production Workshops

FREE!

- ◆ **March 9th** • Learn storytelling
- ◆ **March 16th** • Video creation
- ◆ **April 6th** • Composition & lighting

High School Aged Youth
Workshops will be from 1-4pm
at Capital Community Media
575 Trade St SE, Salem OR 97301

- Editing
- Lots of hands-on practice
- Snacks!

Scan to register



Questions? Email Heidi Johnson: Hejohnson@co.marion.or.us



Thank you for your consideration for
Problem Gambling Awareness Month!

▶ **Heidi Johnson**

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