

Problem Gambling Awareness Month Update

WA State Gambling Commission Public Meeting March 2023

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2021-2023 Budget – \$1.61M

SFY 2022 – PG Treatment Services (\$482K)

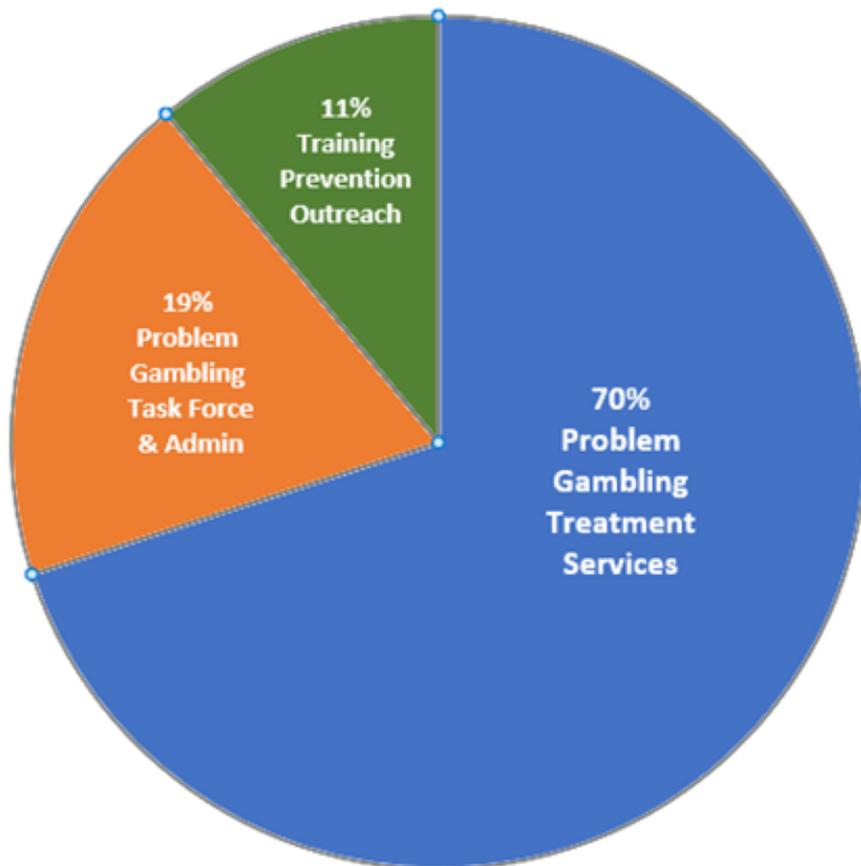
(First year of biennium – 66% of total funding of \$703,500 for SFY 2022 before \$150K added)

328 adult client cases received treatment services

- Average cost per client = \$1466
- Included an average of 1 assessment + 16-17 sessions

135 new clients assessed

- 79% admitted into outpatient services



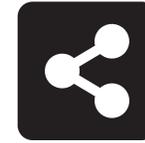
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Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM) is a grassroots campaign that depends on the participation of NCPG state Affiliate, organizational and individual members, state health agencies, gambling companies, recovery groups and a wide range of healthcare organizations and providers. Groups across America hold conferences, air Public Service Announcements, provide counselor trainings, host health screening days, run social media campaigns and many other activities to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery services.

The 2023 PGAM theme is “Celebrating 20 Years”
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PGAM – HCA messaging



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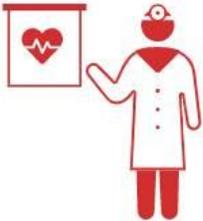


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Apple Health PHE

Important: Stay covered! Are you enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage? Make sure your add enrolled. [Report a change.](#)



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Marzo es el mes de concientización sobre problemas de juego. Aprenda más sobre esta adicción oculta. bit.ly/PGAMFAQ #PGAM2022

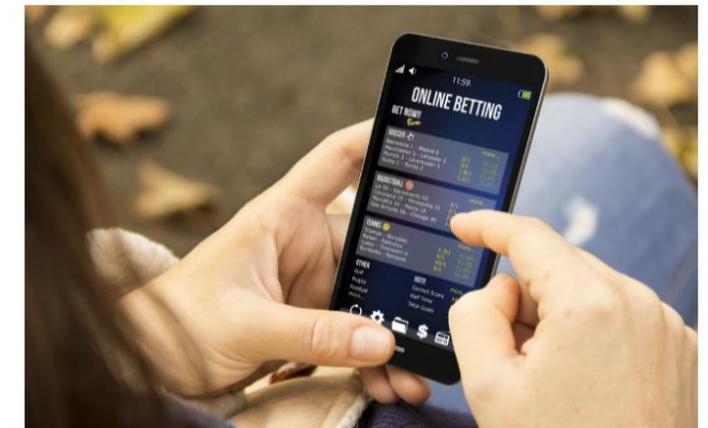


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Every year sports fans are excited to celebrate the collegiate basketball tournament series known as **March Madness**. During this time, the gambling public will spend approximately \$10 billion wagering on the outcomes of the games played. In response to this, March was selected as **Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM)**.





December 2022

Recommendations for Improving Problem Gambling Prevention, Treatment & Recovery in WA State

Submitted to:
Washington State Legislature

Submitted on behalf of the Problem Gambling Task Force by:
Washington State Gambling Commission

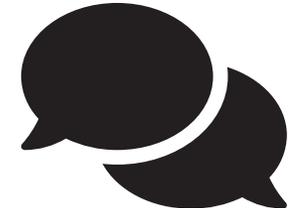
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Gambling and Problem Gambling in WA State

2021 WA State Adult Problem Gambling Prevalence Study Results

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092; Section 215(35); Chapter 334; Laws of 2021

Initiative: PG coverage under Medicaid





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<https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/behavioral-health-recovery/problem-gambling>

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