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**Problem Gambling Training Partnership Announces Third Conference Cycle
During Problem Gambling Awareness Month**

Free conference aimed at counseling professionals to kick off in May

ALBANY, NY – In recognition of Problem Gambling Awareness Month, the Problem Gambling Training Partnership (PGTP) is pleased to announce the launch of its third year of conference programming to help ensure that mental health and addiction practitioners are trained in problem gambling and gambling disorder treatment and prevention.

Following its successful launch in 2016, the Problem Gambling Training Partnership, will once again provide free training conferences for counseling professionals on the assessment and treatment of problem gambling. The 2018 training cycle will officially kick off on May 8 and 9, 2018, at SUNY New Paltz. Subsequent events will take place in July (NYC) and November (Syracuse).

Leading experts in the field of problem gambling will host a series of workshops, during each two-day conference, to provide the most up-to-date research and educational resources to mitigate and address gambling disorder. Participants will gain a better understanding of problem gambling and how it impacts the lives of clients.

Through participation in a NYS Problem Gambling Training Partnership conference, New York State licensed mental health practitioners with a private practice may opt to be considered part of the Problem Gambling Treatment Referral List.

The 2018 PGTP Conferences are free and approved for OASAS CASAC and CPP clock hours. Continuing education credit hours are available for NYS licensed social workers, mental health counselors, psychoanalysts, and marriage and family therapists.

The Problem Gambling Training Partnership is funded by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and is a collaboration between the New York Council on Problem Gambling and the National Association of Social Workers – New York State Chapter, to expand access to care for those struggling with problems due to gambling in NYS.

To find out more information on the Problem Gambling Training Partnership, visit www.nypgtp.org.

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About the Problem Gambling Training Partnership

The NYS Problem Gambling Training Partnership (PGTP) is a program of the New York Council on Problem Gambling, funded by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. In an effort to expand access to care for those struggling with problem gambling in NYS, the New York Council on Problem Gambling (NYCPG) provides training and support to mental health and addiction practitioners throughout the state. The National Association of Social Workers – New York State assists NYCPG in the coordination of training events, recruitment and continuing education for training participants.