

Problem & Compulsive Gambling Symposium

Guess Who's Coming to Problem Gambling Treatment, Prevention, and Community Wellness? What's on Your Menu?

By Dr. Deborah Haskins

Centerstone's 3rd annual Problem & Compulsive Gambling Symposium, held on March 24 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. CT, will feature "Guess Who's Coming to Problem Gambling Treatment, Prevention, and Community Wellness? What's on Your Menu?" by Dr. Deborah Haskins.

Remember Sidney Portier in the amazing "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Well, more than 50 years later, while there is diversity progress, we still appear surprised when treatment is available, but the numbers are quite low. Is it possible that mental health "menus" still rely on traditional theoretical and service delivery models lacking goodness-of-fit among culturally diverse individuals, families and communities? Less than 5% seek disordered gambling treatment (ncpgambling.com), and our treatment models and prevention efforts often lack cultural modifications to support communities we purport to support. Why aren't we developing community wellness opportunities to meet the 95% who are not treatment seeking? Restaurants alter their menus regularly to meet customer needs. When will we make the necessary diversity, equity and inclusion strategic changes to appeal to the interests and desires of communities we serve? Are we willing to do a major overhaul? This session will challenge us to dig deeper and develop transformative DEI strategic plans to expand advocacy, treatment and prevention to meet the changing needs of communities during a pandemic and post-pandemic world.

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