

4TH ANNUAL CENTERSTONE Problem & Compulsive Gambling Symposium

Understanding Youth Gambling Problems: Prevention and Treatment Implications

By Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky

Centerstone's 4th annual Problem & Compulsive Gambling Symposium, held on March 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT, will feature "Understanding Youth Gambling Problems: Prevention and Treatment Implications" by Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky.

Gambling has become a socially acceptable form of entertainment. More and more states have sanctioned and regulated a wide variety of gambling activities. As gambling opportunities and accessibility continues to grow, youth continue to be actively engaged in multiple forms of gambling. Dr. Derevensky will present the latest empirical and clinical findings on the correlates, risk and protective factors associated with youth gambling problems and behavioral disorders. The importance of prevention and treatment for adolescents with youth gambling problems will be discussed.

Dr. Derevensky is a Professor Emeritus at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. He is a former James McGill Professor in School/Applied Child Psychology, Director of Clinical Training in School/Applied Child Psychology and Counseling Psychology, and Professor, Department of Psychiatry at McGill University. He is a clinical and research consultant to numerous hospitals, school boards, government agencies, and gaming and gambling corporations. He is a member of the advisory board for the World Health Organization concerning behavioral addictions.

Dr. Derevensky has published widely in the field of gambling studies, adolescence, behavioral addictions and developmental psychopathology for more than 50 years. He is the author of more than 300 peer-reviewed journal articles, 65 book chapters and 4 books related to gambling disorders and behavioral addictions as well as being on the editorial board of a large number of journals.



Dr. Derevensky has been awarded multiple international awards for his research, clinical, prevention and training initiatives including the Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Council on Problem Gambling (U.S.) and the International Center for Responsible Gaming.

Dr. Derevensky is the Director of the McGill University Youth Gambling Research and Treatment Clinic and the International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors.

Dr. Derevensky and his team have helped governments establish research priorities and have been instrumental in the development of responsible gambling practices, treatment centers, prevention programs and public health and social policies internationally. He has testified before governmental bodies in the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia and is considered an international expert in the field of youth gambling, gaming and behavioral addictions.



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