



## March is PGAM

Did you know that March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month? If you would like to become a partner and help bring awareness to problem gambling, please [contact us](#) or visit our [PGAM website](#).

## Alive After 5

At the FCCG we love being a part of the historic Downtown Sanford community. Join us on March 8, 2018 as we celebrate with our Sanford neighbors for a night of family friendly fun starting at 5pm! We will be conducting screenings, handing out free materials, as well as educating the public on problem gambling and PGAM.

## Peer Connect

At the FCCG we are proud to offer a unique program called Peer Connect, which enables HelpLine callers to speak directly with a recovering gambler or a loved one of a recovering gambler who can provide guidance and support from their first hand experience with problem gambling.



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# Problem Gambling and Relationships

It's no surprise that problem gambling has an effect on personal relationships. It is estimated that for each problem gambler, eight to ten (8-10) people are adversely affected. This includes romantic partners, children, friends, coworkers, and members of the gambler's extended family.

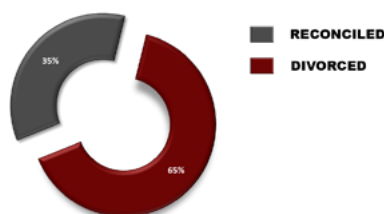
For years we have all heard that finances are the number one cause of divorce. Could you imagine the added stress of your spouse losing hundreds or even thousands of dollars on the unlikely outcome of winning the lottery, a poker game, or

a slot machine jackpot? At the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling (FCCG), we receive hundreds of calls each year from Floridians seeking support or advice after having recently discovered their significant other has a gambling problem. Unfortunately, statistics show that sixty-five percent (65%) of marriages that consist of a spouse battling a gambling addiction end in divorce.

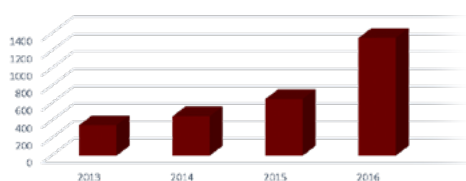
According to data collected from FCCG's 24 hour HelpLine **888-ADMIT-IT** throughout 2016-2017, forty-one percent (41%) of problem gamblers have children under the age of 18 present in their home, creating an increased risk for child abuse and family neglect.

Fortunately, here at the FCCG, we are much more than just a helpline. In addition to maintaining our 24/7 HelpLine, we offer a vast array of resources specifically tailored to help individuals and their loved ones who have been negatively affected by problem gambling. The best part about it? These resources are completely free of charge.

% of Problem Gamblers Marriages Ending in Divorce



No. of Times Gambling Mentioned in Divorce Petitions



## Stay in Touch



**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM, CALL  
1-888-ADMIT-IT**