

# Gambling and Violence

## FCCG Resources

- [www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.gamblinghelp.org)
- Text to 321-978-0555
- Chat Live at [gamblinghelp.org](http://gamblinghelp.org)
- 888-ADMIT-IT (236-4848)
- Recovery Path Counseling Program
- Peer Connect Program

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Professional Counseling	X
12 Step Meeting Referral	X
Peer Connect Program	X
Chance For Change Books	X
Legal Assistance	X
Social Services	X
Much, much more...	X

## Problem Gambling and Family Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The FCCG wants to raise awareness about the strong correlation between gambling addiction and family conflict, neglect and violence.

These serious issues often arise when a gambling addiction is prevalent. It can start with arguing over bills not being paid, savings being depleted without the spouses knowledge or significant debt being incurred. All too often, this can turn into serious neglect and physical, verbal and emotional violence.

The Betty W. story is one that shows just how dark and devastating this addiction be. Living in South Florida, Betty and her husband (who was a compulsive gambler) lead a seemingly normal life. Nice house, lots of friends...normal. However, underneath this "white picket fence" façade was an addiction that boiled over into a nightmare for all involved...



Gambling addiction and family conflict go hand in hand...

Her husband had hit rock bottom losing untold tens of thousands of dollars and was going to something horrific.. He was going to kill her and then kill himself!

Betty awoke one morning to find her husband on top of her starting to beat her with blunt object. She cried out for him to stop but there was madness in his eyes and he paid no attention to her pleas. Once she was beaten severely and in and out of consciousness,

he grabbed a knife and proceeded to gruesomely stab her over a dozen times. Thinking she was dead, he left the house and went on to commit suicide.

Betty, barely alive, managed to crawl to another area of the house where she was found by police as they were alerted to this senseless act of heinous violence. She survived but will always have deep physical and emotional scars inflicted upon her by a man too blinded by his gambling addiction to even realize the severity and finality of his actions.

Statistics gathered from HelpLine contacts throughout fiscal year 2014/2015 showed:

72% cited Family Conflict

64% stated there was Family Neglect

4% said there was Family Violence in the household due to gambling addiction

Check out the Betty W. Story on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMghvaFhnQI>

Don't turn into a statistic! Call Now for Help!