



## AN INTRODUCTION TO SCREENING DAY

### The next Gambling Disorder Screening Day is March 12, 2024.

Screening Day is an annual, one-day event intended to educate and support providers in screening for Gambling Disorder. Screening helps to identify individuals who should seek further assessment for potential gambling-related problems. It does **not** provide a diagnosis. Each year, this event takes place on the second Tuesday in March during [Problem Gambling Awareness Month](#).

Client-facing organizations, community groups, other organizations, and individuals can participate in this event by screening their patients/clients for Gambling Disorder on Screening Day. We refer to this as ‘hosting’ a Screening Day event and these participants are called ‘Screeners.’

Anyone can host. This grassroots event is open to everyone interested. You do not need to be a gambling-specific organization to screen. Some other organizations who could screen are:

- Addiction service providers
- Mental health service providers
- Physicians (e.g., primary care and emergency medicine)
- Gerontologists
- Pediatricians
- Educators
- Youth community leaders
- Employee Assistance Plan service providers
- Veterans groups
- Corrections officials

Many cases of Gambling Disorder go undetected, in part due to limited assessment for this problem. Relatedly, very few people experiencing gambling-related problems actually receive treatment. Screening for Gambling Disorder by mental health providers is important, because many individuals experiencing gambling harms might already be seeking services for other expressions of addiction or mental health concerns. By screening clients in your setting, you are well positioned to find clients struggling with Gambling Disorder who may not have otherwise been connected with resources. Check out [Why Screen for Gambling Disorder?](#) for more information.

Thank you for downloading the [Gambling Disorder Screening Day Toolkit](#), which makes hosting easy. This Toolkit is freely available to the public and no official registration is required to use these resources. However, we strongly encourage organizations to register by sending us an email letting us know your intention of hosting a Screening Day event. This allows us to promote your organization’s efforts, and guides our yearly Toolkit updates to ensure it contains everything you need for a successful Screening Day. **If you are in Florida and would like to register, please email The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling (FCCG) at [fccg@gamblinghelp.org](mailto:fccg@gamblinghelp.org).** We will then know to promote and thank your organization on our [PGAM Microsite](#) as one of our screening partners.