



## **Media Statement – Increase in 888-ADMIT-IT HelpLine Contacts**

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The recent launch of online sports betting in Florida has resulted in a significant increase in the number of individuals contacting Florida's Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Program Helpline, (888) ADMIT-IT, which is operated by the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling (FCCG).

As gambling opportunities and accessibility have expanded in the Sunshine State, so too has the number of Floridians suffering from problem gambling. There is not adequate funding currently provided to support the needs that exist now for Florida citizens who are already suffering due to gambling problems.

Adequate funding to meet current and increased problem gambling-related needs in Florida must be provided. Equity in the provision of problem gambling services and funding can be created by ensuring that all gambling operators in the state participate in Florida's Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Program to provide necessary problem gambling help and support.

FCCG is hopeful that the Florida Legislature, before it adjourns on March 8th, 2024, will acknowledge the increased problem gambling-related impacts that Florida citizens are currently experiencing, by providing appropriate funding for Florida's Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Program, so that these needs can be met.

See attached handouts.

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