



# Briefings

Winter 2008

## FCB Integrally Involved in Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grant

Each year in Florida, 70,000 people with mental illness, three-quarters of whom have a substance abuse disorder, are arrested. A commission of the Florida Supreme Court took a giant step forward in the past year to correct a human rights and mental health catastrophe - criminalizing people who suffer from a mental illness and substance use disorders. The Supreme Court named Miami-Dade County Judge Steve Leifman as special advisor to address the response of both the public mental health system and the criminal justice system to people with mental illness. Judge Leifman, working with a diverse coalition of state agency representatives, organizations, trade associations and other advocates, successfully put forth legislation during the 2007 legislative session, and a comprehensive report (November 2007) to improve mental health services

and address the needs of adults and juveniles in the justice system who have mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders.

House Bill 1477 passed during the 2007 Florida legislative session with \$3.8 million appropriated to fund a new grant program. *The Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program* serves as the first step in recognizing that many of these individuals can receive community-based services that are more appropriate and cost-effective in meeting their needs.



Judge Steve Leifman

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This grant program, now underway, requires local governments, the courts, law enforcement, providers of mental health and substance abuse services, advocates, consumers, and state agencies to work together to address systemic changes for the identification and treatment of persons who have mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders.

The Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation (SAMH, a non-profit corporation legislatively charged with oversight of the state's publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services) was tasked



Ellen Piekalkiewicz

in House Bill 1477 with establishing/administering this statewide grant review process and leading a new policy committee. For the initial roll-out of this program, Ellen Piekalkiewicz, the SAMH Corporation's Executive Director, approached the Florida Certification Board to assist in the process. In seeking a neutral entity that had expertise in the subject matter, the SAMH Corporation contracted with FCB in the summer of 2007 to write the Request for Applications for the grant.

Realizing that there were many other tasks to be coordinated and accomplished, such as the grant review process and committee work,

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the SAMH Corporation and FCB collaborated on a joint application to the JEHT Foundation. This application sought funding to meet the staffing needs that were deemed essential to the successful fulfillment of the many grant program tasks under the purview of the SAMH Corporation. The JEHT Foundation awarded a one-year grant in October 2007, which assures the progress of the work in: 1) grant review procedures and processes; 2) collaboration and coalition building with key stakeholders for the purpose of sharing information, developing joint strategies, or implementing programs that support HB 1477; and, 3) planning activities directly related to strategic efforts to make the needed systemic and policy changes related to the Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.

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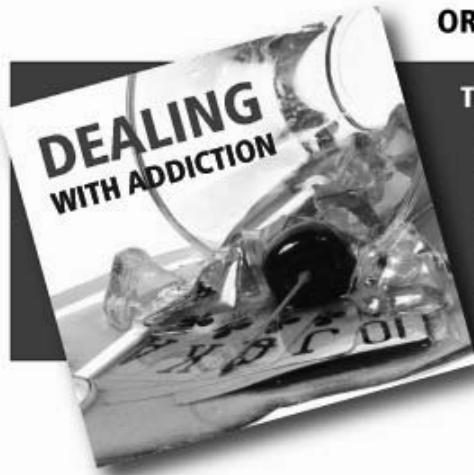


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# Professional Certification for Gambling has Come a Long Way

By Pat Fowler, Executive Director,  
Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc.

In 1988, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling (FCCG) launched its 24-hour HelpLine operation, providing supportive intervention and information for callers experiencing gambling related problems. Almost immediately following the HelpLine's implementation, it became apparent the FCCG needed to become actively involved in the development of treatment services to aid callers seeking assistance, particularly with the lack of state funding for such supports.

At that time, the Council identified as its goal the creation of "appropriate" treatment services provided by trained clinicians able to assist problem gamblers and those they adversely affect. Historical data from the fields of addiction and mental health research revealed clear evidence that clinical professionals, even those with a high level of competency, were ill prepared to treat most compulsive gamblers and their families. This fact, coupled with the absence of Florida state requirements for compulsive gambling treatment professionals, was the impetus for the creation of the FCCG's training through the National Council on Problem Gambling's certification program. National certification offered the highest level of training and supervision available in the country.

The FCCG never sought to train and certify every treatment professional in the state. On the contrary, it was the Agency's objective to develop a cadre of highly skilled professionals statewide to supply gambling specific treatment to persons in need of assistance. The training program has expanded due to the positive response of participants and the growing demand for compulsive gambling specific treatment. Professionals seeking certification as a Compulsive Gambling Counselor must undergo training, complete supervision and pass a national exam.

However, despite these efforts, services still remain unavailable in areas of Florida due to the lack of state funding for gambling treatment. In response to this void, the FCCG established the Preliminary Assessment and Treatment Supports (PATS) Program and furnishes stipends to trained and nationally certified professionals who perform initial screening for FCCG HelpLine referrals. Moreover, to better aid Floridians in need of assistance for a gambling problem, the FCCG recently joined forces in a new venture with the Florida Certification Board to establish a credential for compulsive gambling counselors here in Florida. The Advisory Committee convened for the first time in November and has completed a Scope of Practice, as well as a validation survey as a means of determining the core competencies and requirements for field professionals.

The Florida Certification Board's process for a state credential is earmarked for completion in 2008. In fact, by the issue date of this publication, the Board and the Advisory Committee will be contemplating requirements for grandfathering. This timing is perfect as gambling expansion throughout Florida is on the rise and is ultimately sure to bring state funds for treatment and coverage by major insurers. In the interim, it is imperative that we establish state-specific parameters to assure a base level of service and competency across Florida.

In addition, we recently released a joint program with the Florida Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Dealing with Addiction, as a means of increasing awareness regarding the close correlation between gambling addiction and substance abuse. See the accompanying ad on facing page.

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The grant review process is now completed and the grants have been awarded in both the Planning and Implementation categories. These grants will forge new partnerships among state, local and private organizations to collectively address the need for treatment of individuals in Florida’s county jails and state prisons. By supporting prevention, intervention and diversion, local programs have committed to reduce the rate at which persons with substance abuse and/or mental health disorders re-offend resulting in the better use of taxpayer dollars.

**Resources Available**

The Florida Supreme Court’s November 2007 report (as referenced above) - *Transforming Florida’s Mental Health System: Constructing a Comprehensive and*

*Competent Criminal Justice/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment System* - is available electronically. This report recommends a comprehensive re-design of Florida’s system to keep mentally ill people out of institutional care, notably correctional facilities or state hospitals. The recommendations in this 170-page report could take up to six years to phase in. It addresses a multitude of issues, including securing housing and medication upon release from prison, consolidating a fragmented system of providers, and restructuring finances. The report can be accessed at <http://www.nicic.org/Library/022708>

The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida was also created in HB 1477. This Center:

- Provides technical assistance to counties in preparing their grant applications;
- Assists counties in projecting and measuring the effect of interventions on the county’s population at risk for involvement with the system;
- Serves as a clearinghouse for information and resources including best practices for addressing the needs of people with mental disorders who enter the criminal justice system; and
- Reports to the legislature annually on the impact of the grant program on problems associated with mental disorders and the criminal justice system.

Check this website often as new data and resources are added regularly - <http://www.floridatac.org/>

**Letters to the FCB**

By Jesssica Darling, Special Projects Coordinator  
Florida Certification Board

The FCB is excited to announce the creation of a new segment of Briefings, “Letters to the FCB”. In this section, the FCB will take and respond to letters and questions from our certified professionals. This will be a great opportunity for both the readers and the FCB staff to connect and become attuned to the issues of concern in the certified community.

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The FCB is currently accepting nominations for the 2008 Professional of the Year.

This annual award is presented to one outstanding professional in the field of substance abuse, criminal justice, prevention and early intervention, or behavioral health.

The nomination period closes on March 31, 2008.

The top three nominations are then profiled in the next issue of *Briefings* and the certified population votes for the professional of the year during the renewal period in June.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

### Who is eligible?

Any individual currently certified by the FCB who has demonstrated their dedication to the field.

### What does the award include?

The FCB Professional of the Year is recognized at the annual FADAA conference, is profiled in *Briefings*, is presented with an award, and receives a lifetime waiver of annual renewal fees (CEUs are still required).

### Who may submit nomination?

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### How do I nominate my person?

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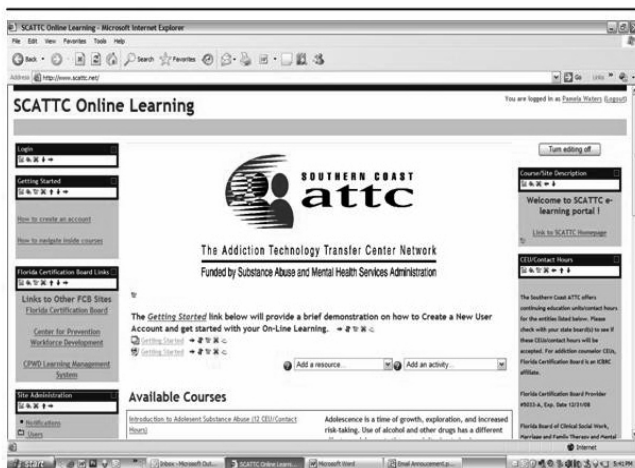
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May 16 Tampa Confidentiality  
May 30 Miami Confidentiality

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## It's Renewal Time

By Rebecca Dees, Senior Certification Specialist  
Florida Certification Board

The 2008 Renewal Period will be here soon. FCB Certified Professionals are required to maintain certification by submitting continuing education units (CEUs) and renewal fees postmarked by June 30, 2008. An additional period for submission of information is extended until July 31, 2008, accompanied by a \$30 late fee. Renewal information not postmarked by July 31st will automatically result in the certification(s) being placed on inactive status.

Invoices will be mailed in April. When you receive your invoice, pay particular attention to your username and password, as you will need to know this in order to update your contact information and pay online.

It is your responsibility to make sure the FCB has your correct mailing address. Please contact the FCB office if you do not receive a renewal invoice. If you are relying on your employer to send your renewal fees and/or CEUs, please ensure that they are submitted in a timely manner.

The following renewal fees and CEUs are required:

\$50 for CAS, CAAPP-1, CCJAS, CBHT,  
\$75 for CAC, CAAPP-2, CCJAC  
\$125 for CAP, CAPP, CCJAP, CMHP  
10 CEUs for CBHT,  
20 CEUs for CAS, CAC, CAP, CCJAS, CCJAC,  
CCJAP, CAAPP-1, CAAPP-2, CAPP, CMHP

If you are not being audited, the fastest and easiest way to receive your 2008 Renewal Card is by accessing our online payment option. The FCB accepts only Visa and MasterCard as online payment methods. Complete instructions will be listed on your invoice.

View the complete renewal requirements on the FCB website at [www.flcertificationboard.org](http://www.flcertificationboard.org).

**Renew Early! Renew Online!**

# CENTER for PREVENTION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## Spring Prevention Courses

**Prevention Ethics – Online- March 17- April 27 and April 7 – May 18**

**Cost: \$60 – 6 CEUs**

**To register: [www.preventionon-line.org](http://www.preventionon-line.org)**

**Prevention Institute – Live Training – March 3-5 in Sarasota**

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March 8, 2008**

Deadline for submission of materials:  
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