

PROJECT WORTH

What is problem gambling or gambling disorder?

Problem gambling/gambling disorder is a very real addiction that lives in the same part of the brain as alcohol addiction and drug addiction.



Gambling disorder does not discriminate.

Just bring up gambling disorder in a conversation — someone always has a loved one or friend who has been affected by this addiction.

This addiction is often associated with weakness or an inability to control one's urges when in fact, it is a very real addiction.

Maybe you have heard of people being addicted to gambling and thought — "Just don't go to the casino?" It's not an uncommon answer.

6% of the Nevada population has a gambling disorder.

We feel our population is dreadfully underserved because of the stigma associated with gambling disorder and the lack of awareness.



This Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) classifies alcohol, drugs and GAMBLING as published addictions.

The DSM-5 is the product of more than 10 years of effort by hundreds of international experts in all aspects of mental health.

During these trying times, we surely are not looking to increase budgets, but there are huge gaps in funding specific to awareness and research when it comes to the **180,000 Nevadans** that suffer from a gambling disorder.

So, why is Nevada not leading the country in problem gambling/gambling disorder research and awareness when gaming is our primary economic driver?

We need to do more.

Learn more by reading the attachment.