

Joanna Franklin MS, NCGC II

Joanna Franklin completed her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Johns Hopkins University. In 1979 she was the first clinician hired by the first state funded gambling treatment program run by Johns Hopkins University. She has been the director of training for the Taylor Manor Gambling Treatment program, and the program manager for adult services at the Psychiatric Institute of Washington.

She is currently the Director of Training and Network Development for Trimeridian Inc.- Resources for Problem Gambling. Trimeridian is a consulting firm specializing in design, implementation and installation of gambling treatment programs both in the U.S. and in other countries. Currently the company has contracted with over eight states, and several tribes, the Navy and the Army to provide gambling specific treatment protocols, clinical training, and supervision towards national certification in gambling counseling.

Ms. Franklin has worked with the several state governments, casino industry, the racing industry, several state lotteries, the FBI, CIA, and Pentagon. She has also been involved in the establishment of the first gambling treatment program for active military overseas in Okinawa, Japan with the Marines and the Navy. She has presented clinical presentations in over 42 states, for over 30 tribal nations, 10 Canadian provinces and six other nations on five continents. She has published two book chapters on: Family Treatment, and Adolescents and Problem Gambling with the Harvard school of Addiction Studies. She has published journal articles on team approaches to gambling treatment and several presentations have been published in the proceedings of the International Conference on gambling and risk taking.

A much sought after trainer Ms. Franklin has designed and implemented clinical training programs since 1980 and is currently: Co-chair of the National Gambling Counselor Certification Board; president of the Institute for Problem Gambling; president of the Maryland Council on Problem Gambling and on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

She is the winner of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey "Person of the Year" award. The National Council on Problem Gambling Goldman Award for a lifetime of dedicated services, and the NCPG first "Distinguished Service" Award for volunteer services.