

BIO FOR JAMES S. PAPPAS

JAMES S. PAPPAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE COUNCIL ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING OF PENNSYLVANIA, SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL, A 501-C-3 NON-PROFIT AGENCY WHICH PROVIDES PREVENTION, EDUCATION, TRAINING, OUTREACH, TRIAGE AND REFERRAL SERVICES FOR ANY AND ALL PENNSYLVANIANS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY COMPULSIVE GAMBLING BEHAVIOR RELATED ISSUES. THIS AGENCY ALSO MAINTAINS A STATE-WIDE HELPLINE (1-800-848-1880) AND ALSO TAKES CALLS FROM (2) NATIONAL HELPLINE NUMBERS WHEN CALLS ORIGINATE FROM A PENNSYLVANIA AREA CODE, THOSE NUMBERS BEING: 1-800-GAMBLER & 1-800-522-4700. ALL CALLS GO TO OUR CALL CENTER AND ARE ANSWERED LIVE 24/7 DAYS A WEEK.

JIM WORKED AT BELMONT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FROM DECEMBER, 1987, UNTIL JULY OF 1999, AS A MARKETING AND MANAGED CARE REPRESENTATIVE.

HE HAS SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CCGOPA SINCE JULY, 2001, AND HAS BEEN A BOARD MEMBER & PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD SINCE THE BOARD WAS FOUNDED IN 1984.

JIM HAS PRESENTED WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TRAININGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE & NEW JERSEY ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING ISSUES SINCE 1987.