

One-time problem gambler now helping others

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Carol O'Hare discovered the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling in 1991, about the same time she sought help for her own gambling addiction by attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings.

Today, O'Hare's problems are behind her, but as the nonprofit's executive director, she remains passionate about educating the public about problem gambling's impact on Nevada and about what the council has to offer.

The council's mission matters – 6.4 percent of the state's population is categorized as problem or pathological gamblers, a year 2000 study funded by the state of Nevada found. A similar study found 2.2 percent of Nevada's adolescents were classified as problem gamblers and another 9.9 percent were "at risk."

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