



Lights, Camera, Action Gamblers versus Calgon Take Me Away Escape Gamblers”

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Description of Presentation

Compulsive Gamblers seem to come in two general types: Action/Skill and Escape/Luck gamblers.

Action gamblers are generally attracted to the rush and sensation that high action games provide. Escape gamblers gamble to get away from their problems. Learn about the type of gamblers we have in Oklahoma and treatment for both types of gamblers. The goal of this workshop is to educate counselors about the differences between action and escape gamblers

Objectives

- 1) to define action gambling
- 2) define escape gambling
- 3) to provide examples of treatment for both types of gamblers

Bio

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