## **VOICES** Promotes recovery, educates and advocates.

## **Come to a Meeting!**

Meetings consist of sharing ideas, creating initiatives, listening to great speakers, and educating members about topics such as the legislative process.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. 6–8p.m. Orientation at 5:45p.m.

ACCBO Office Building. 2054 N. Vancouver Avenue Portland, OR 97227

We are at the corner of Tillamook and Vancouver.

## We will answer your questions at: pgvoices@comcast.net



# **GET INVOLVED**

## What does VPGR do?

- Educates.
- Promotes recovery.
- Increases Community Awareness.
- Collaborates with Recovery Providers and Policy Makers.

## You can speak out.

- Speak to community groups.
- Keep media informed.
- Get the message out at health fairs, conferences, etc.
- Advocate to policy makers and community health providers.

- Join Us.
- Concerned about problem gambling?
- Has problem gambling affected you, your family members or friends?
- Do you want to create positive change?
- Willing to lend a helping hand?

## Remain anonymous.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, these are some of the things we could use help with.

- Assist with research projects.
- Develop policy recommendations.
- Help with email campaigns.
- Provide moral support.
- Draft press releases.
- Donate.



## **VPGR Accomplishments:**

Speak for those affected by problem gambling. Problem gamblers and their families need a voice. This is why we advocate for community action.

#### **Speakers Bureau**

The VPGR Speakers Bureau is composed of persons in recovery, including family members of problem gamblers, who are trained to speak to the public about problem gambling.

### **Recovery Mentors**

In collaboration with the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon (ACCBO) and Oregon Health Authority Addictions and Mental Health Services, VPGR has developed a training, certification, and support program for problem gambling recovery mentors.

#### Casino Initiative

VPGR conducted an educational campaign to inform voters about the downside of changing the Oregon constitution to allow for private casinos.

#### Lottery Commission, Public Testimony

To keep the topic of responsible gambling on the minds of Lottery Commissioners, VPGR members attend Commission meetings and provide public testimony.