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## Mohegan Sun: Collaborative Efforts for Responsible Gambling Practices

I am writing to describe the very positive collaboration in the area of responsible gambling between the CT Council on Problem Gambling and Mohegan Sun from its opening in 1996 through the present. The major areas of Mohegan Sun's involvement in responsible gambling and its collaboration with the CCPG and the National Council on Problem Gambling are listed below:

- Since 1996, the Executive Director of CCPG and either the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Mohegan Sun have met monthly to discuss responsible gambling efforts at Mohegan Sun and in the community. In addition, the CCPG Executive Director has participated as a member of the internal Committee that oversees Mohegan Sun's Responsible Gambling Program.
- The former CEO of Mohegan Sun served two terms as Treasurer for the National Council on Problem Gambling. Currently, Mohegan Sun's COO and CCPG's Executive Director are members of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling.
- Mohegan Sun is a member of the CT Committee for Responsible Gambling, which is comprised of representatives of the gambling facilities in CT, the Dept. of Consumer Protection, CT DMHAS Problem Gambling Services Division, and the CT Council on Problem Gambling.
- Mohegan Sun is one of three primary funders of the CCPG. Mohegan Sun has provided additional funds, to the National Council on Problem Gambling and to Yale University's problem gambling program.
- CCPG collaborated in the development of Mohegan Sun's Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program. Patrons who believe they have a gambling problem request that the casino prohibit them from entering the premises. At the time of self-exclusion, individuals are given information about problem gambling and helping resources. In cooperation with Mohegan Sun, CCPG has been conducting an ongoing evaluation of this program.

- CCPG collaborated with Mohegan Sun to develop an employee training curriculum, which includes information about problem and underage gambling and warning signs for problem gambling as well as Mohegan Sun's policies regarding its Responsible Gambling Program.
- Mohegan Sun displays the Council's Problem Gambling Helpline number at various locations within the facility, including public restrooms, public telephones, within promotional materials, on a pamphlet in display racks and "behind the house" for employees.
- Mohegan Sun works with the CCPG to provide educational opportunities for employees during National Problem Gambling Awareness Month (NPGAM). In addition, CCPG's annual educational Conference on Problem Gambling has always been well attended by Mohegan Sun management.
- Mohegan Sun invites the CCPG to have an informational table at all events held at their arena for youth under 18 and for young adults between 18 and 21, as well as at Resource Fairs for employees.
- In collaboration with CCPG, Mohegan Sun created a Responsible Gambling page on its website with information on recognizing when gambling can become a problem. There is also a direct link to CCPG's website for in depth information, pamphlets and videos on problem and underage gambling.
- When appropriate, responsible gambling initiatives developed at Mohegan Sun are implemented at the Mohegan Tribe casino at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

All the above initiatives and projects continue to be a major component of CCPG's prevention and educational programs in CT.

Both Mohegan Sun's funding and collaboration with the CT Council have been significant supports of the Council's efforts to prevent problem gambling among young people and provide problem gamblers and those impacted by the gamblers' behavior the resources they need to lead a healthier life free from the devastation created by problem/pathological gambling.

Sincerely,



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