

NCPG Closing Session & Program Networking

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GRIT Act Updates

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GRIT Act

The Issue:

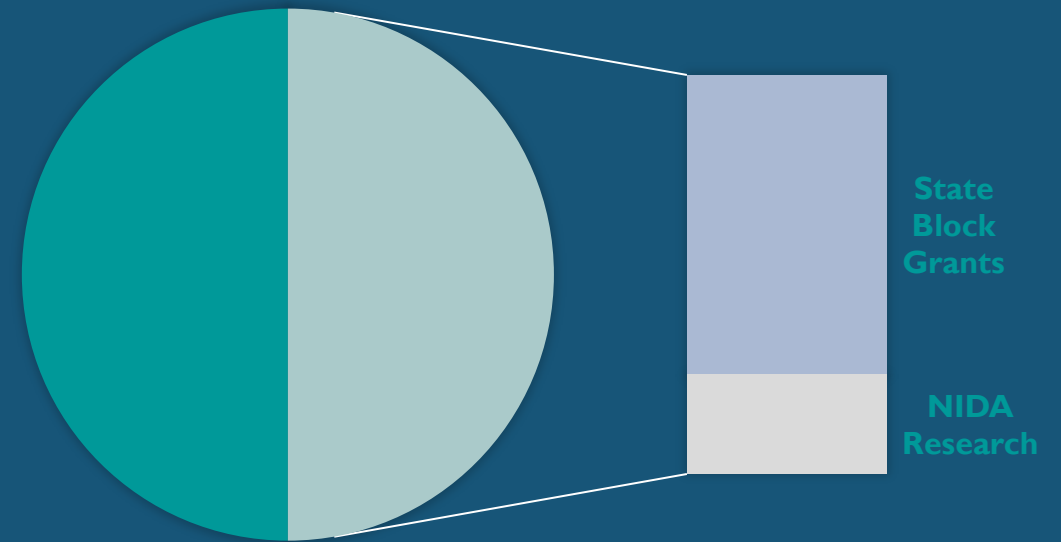
- There are currently no federal funds designated for problem gambling treatment or research, unlike the billions in funding for alcohol, tobacco, and drug addiction.
- The federal government levies an excise tax of 0.25% on all money wagered on sports in the United States, which is deposited in the general fund.
- Sports betting has become a national issue, with over 35 states having legalized the activity and advertisements on most sports broadcasts.

Gambling addiction Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act

GRIT Act

- This legislation would set aside 50% of the federal sports excise tax revenue for gambling addiction treatment and research.
- Importantly, this legislation does not increase taxes on Americans; it simply sets aside a funding stream for problem gambling treatment and research that will continue to increase as online sports wagering becomes more prominent.

GRIT Act Proposed Expenditure Of Existing Federal Sports Excise Tax



Introduction

- The bill's sponsors are:
 - Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
 - Congresswoman Andrea Salinas (OR-6th)
 - The bill was introduced as S.3579 and H.R.6982 on January 11th



Co-Sponsors

- The bill received its first co-sponsor in May
 - Representative Chris DeLuzio (PA-17)



Show Your Support

- Visit **GRITAct.org** to sign our petition in support of the bill
- Spread the information on the bill to co-workers and friends
- Use this QR code to learn how to call your Member of Congress and ask them to co-sponsor the GRIT Act and to download talking points



Helpline Modernization Updates

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Harmonization

Official National Problem Gambling Helpline number (NCPG)

- ▶ Official State Helpline Number
- ▶ Accepted for use in addition to state-specific number
- ▶ Allowed for usage in digital or national advertisements
 - Regulations* specify “national number” is approved for use
 - Regulations* specify “non-state” number could be used if approved
 - Regulatory memo approving use of the national number

NOTE: Some states do not require a helpline number in their ads.

Goal: Nationwide Acceptance of 1-800-GAMBLER



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Current Example



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Future Possibilities

Data Accessibility & Harmonization

Phase 1 (Current) → Incoming Traffic Data

Analytics Dashboard

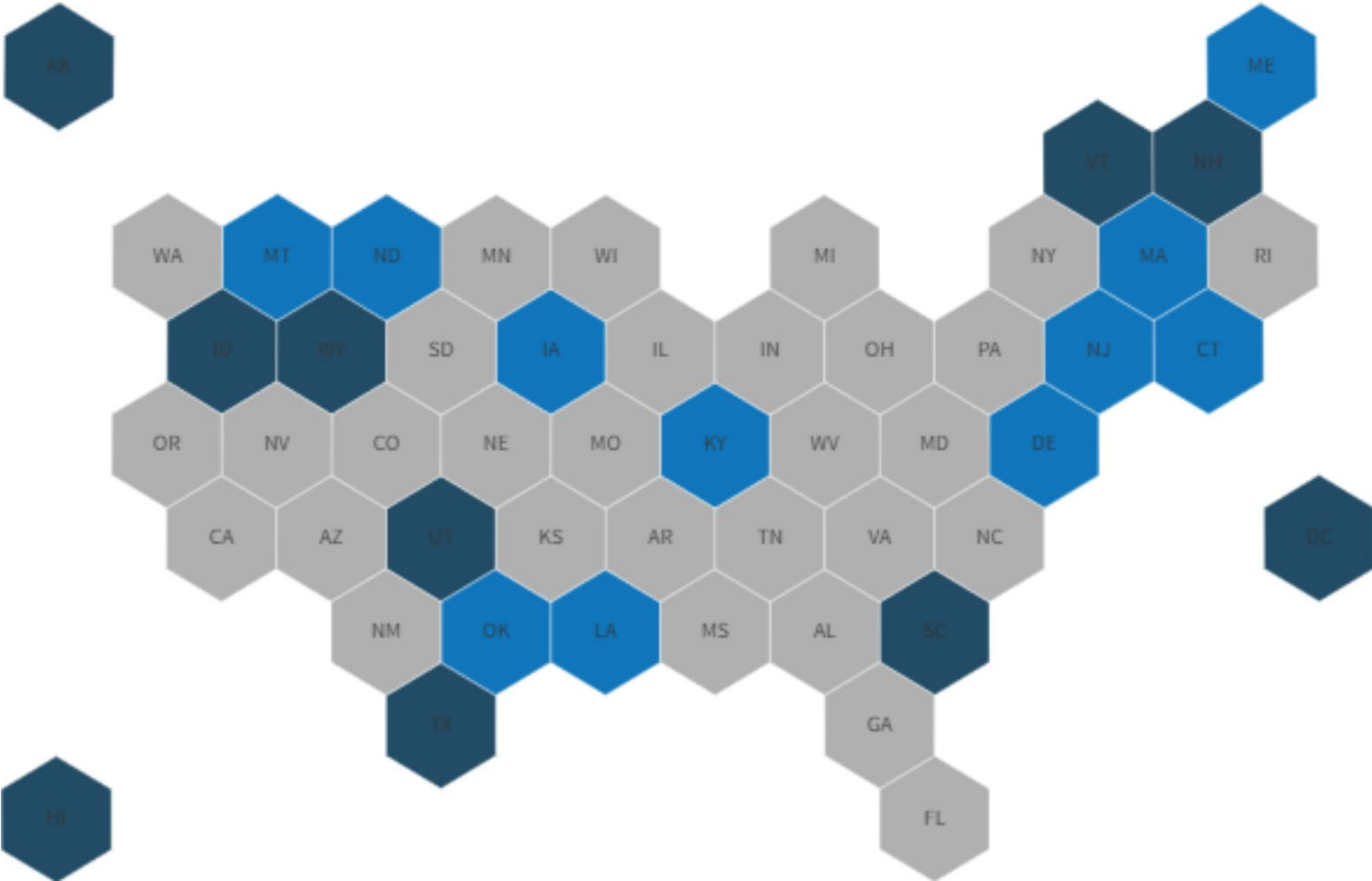
Phase 2 (2024) Harmonized Data from

Network Contact Centers & State Administrators:

- Priority 1: Basic Contact Information
- Priority 2: Individual Information and Demographics
- Priority 3: Gambling Information
- Priority 4: Helpline Information

2023 Phone Contact Data Reporting by State

Complete In Progress Partial (No Contact Center Reports)



Current Projects

- ▶ Expanding networks and financial resources for underdeveloped states.
- ▶ Developing innovative learning initiatives for use with helpline specialists.
- ▶ Executing the RFP process for the 2025-2027 Safety Net Contact Center Contract.

New Public Service Announcements

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ResponsiblePlay.org



ResponsiblePlay.org

ResponsiblePlay.org provides important resources on how to gamble responsibly for those who choose to gamble.

1-800-GAMBLER



The National Problem Gambling Helpline number, 1-800-GAMBLER is designed to be easy-to-remember, helping to reduce barriers to resources for those affected by problem gambling.

Program Networking

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