

Military Experience and Risk Factors for Gambling Disorder

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Gambling Disorder risk factors include availability of gambling, substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence and trauma history including sexual abuse. Recent studies show gambling is increasingly available, prevalent and impactful in military life. So, could military experience impact risk factors for Gambling Disorder? This presentation will look at the similarities and differences in Gambling Availability-Prevalence-Impact-Clinical tools and Treatment resources in civilian and military settings to help you decide.

OBJECTIVES: To be able to identify and explain:

- 1. Similarities and differences in Gambling Availability-Prevalence-Impact-Clinical tools and Treatment resources between individuals with military experience and individuals without military experience.
- 2. Resources and tools for use in identifying Gambling Disorder in individuals with military experience and individuals without military experience.
- 3. Resources available to help and support recovery from Gambling Disorder in individuals with military experience and without military experience

RECOMMENDED READING AND OTHER RESOURCES:

<u>Combat Gambling Addiction - Soldiers and Veterans -</u> <u>http://gamblinghelp.org/media/.download_gallery/Military%20Soldiers-Vets.jpg</u> <u>Combat Gambling Addiction - For Military Families</u> -<u>http://gamblinghelp.org/media/.download_gallery/Military%20Family%20Members.jpg</u> Gambling in the Military: An Emerging Concern-Kansas Problem Gambling Resources -<u>www.kansasbehavioralhealthservices.org/Document/Military_Problem_Gambling_brochure.pdf</u> National Council on Problem Gambling -<u>www.ncpgambling.org/programs-resources/resources</u> The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, Inc. -<u>www.800gambler.org/informational-material/Military%20Brochure.pdf</u> Oregon Problem Gambling Prevention -<u>http://problemgamblingprevention.org/opgaw/2010/Guide/Sec-2-OPGAW-Guide-2010-MILITARY.pdf</u> US Department of Veterans Affairs - National Center for PTSD -<u>www.ptsd.va.gov/public/treatment/therapy-med/va-ptsd-treatment-programs.asp</u>

Problematic Gambling Prevalent in US Military Veterans - <u>www.medscape.com/viewarticle/564469</u> Military One Source (information and referrals) - <u>www.militaryonesource.mil</u>

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