Exciting Times Ahead for GREO

Our last year has been a busy one, with many highlights. Our KTE Hub program now supports capacity development and problem/responsible gambling expertise at four locations. We are building our Knowledge Repository with datasets available for secondary analysis, summaries of research literature, curated grey literature, and support for open access publications.

Building on GREO's successful transition from a research funding agency to a knowledge translation and exchange (KTE) agency, we are renewing our vision and making plans for an impactful future. We will continue to collaborate with stakeholders and knowledge users to develop and engage the best available evidence. As we move forward, we aim to be world leaders in knowledge translation and exchange intended to reduce harms from gambling.

Gary O'Connor has left the organization. We thank him for his many contributions over the years and wish him good luck in his new endeavors.

We are looking forward to continuing our work with you and expanding our reach in new and innovative ways.

Wishing all of you a very happy holiday season.

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Interim CEO

Focus On: Older Adults

GREO brings you accessible information to enable decision making for policies, treatment and prevention. This quarter we focus on Older Adults and Gambling - check out these resources:
Twitter Chat

Gathering together treatment providers, researchers, those with or recovering from gambling problems, regulators, operators, and health professionals from around the world, GREO hosted a Twitter chat on November 10th. Some key points from the chat are:

- The focus of our work across the gambling spectrum related to older adults should take a social determinants of health approach.
- Participants were interested in how cognitive changes in the aging brain relate to gambling and problem gambling.
- Some resilience factors include a social network and opportunities for leisure activities.
- Treatment strategies that work among this population include family involvement, peer support and group therapy.
- Some great resources were shared including GREO's rapid evidence assessment of family support for treatment of older adult problem gamblers, an article on decision making in the aging brain, and CAMH's Responding to Older Adults with Substance Use, Mental Health and Gambling Challenges' guide.

You can check out the Storify of the conversation here to view all the tweets.

Evidence Roundup

Our Evidence Roundup provides question-and-answer style summary of available evidence exploring the reasons for gambling, prevalence, risk factors, co-morbidities, and treatment options for older adult gamblers.

Wonder what the most popular forms of gambling are for older adults? It's all in this infographic.

Secondary Analysis

We invited researchers to conduct secondary analyses of the Seniors' Gambling in Ontario dataset that is currently housed in our Knowledge Repository. We look forward to sharing the
Jessica Tanner is featured in this Researcher Spotlight video. Jessica, a second year doctoral student in clinical psychology at Lakehead University, describes her research that explores whether providing correct information to gamblers results in fewer irrational beliefs, less problematic behaviours, and reduced negative consequences. Her research is especially important to older adults who gamble, since they are arguably a more financially vulnerable age group.

Watch the video to learn more!

We hope that this new theme-based approach will highlight trending issues and provide relevant research evidence to support decision making. We would love to hear your feedback on this quarter's theme and suggestions for improvement, new ideas, and topics for future themes. If you have feedback or suggestions, please email Sarah List.

GREO has partnered with Research Impact to produce clear language research summaries, called Research Snapshots. Research Snapshots will replace the Synopsis Project to provide even greater access to research findings. The format gives the reader the most important information, and explains how it can be applied to work, life and/or health.

GREO has hired 8 new clear language writers to create weekly Research Snapshots. Our KTE Hubs will also be producing Research Snapshots based on their in-house research. We will be sharing our Snapshots widely through our newsletter, social media and website beginning in January 2015.

The Conceptual Framework of Harmful Gambling is an international collaboration sponsored by GREO. The Framework has been developed and revised by international and interdisciplinary experts to facilitate an understanding of gambling harm. It aims to assist researchers, treatment providers, policy makers and regulators to make evidence-informed decisions and identify areas where more research is required.

We are pleased to have supported the revision of the Framework and have recently released the second edition. You can download a pdf of the Framework, or visit our website to use the interactive framework.