

## **Dr Lori Rugle**

### **Developing Youth Gambling Awareness and Prevention Programmes: Learning What Can Work**

This presentation will present results of a 2007 youth problem gambling prevalence study conducted in the state of Connecticut and relate findings to the development of prevention and awareness programs for youth in the state. The scope of youth prevention interventions currently being implemented in the state will be described. Two programs that are part of the "Service to Science" program designed to develop evidence based prevention programs will be highlighted. The outcomes of these programs will be presented along with a discussion of the real world issues involved in developing, implementing and evaluating youth prevention programmes.

### **Literature Review on Youth Gambling**

Impulsivity, attention deficits, learning disabilities are among the risk factors that are likely to present increased risk for gambling problems among youth. A review of the literature on neurophysiological and genetic risk factors for problem gambling and how these particularly relate to youth problem gambling will be presented. Additionally interventions to increase resilience in light of these risk factors will be discussed.

### **Public Service Announcement Developed by Teens in Exemplar Programme**

This presentation will describe two Service to Science youth problem gambling and awareness, prevention programs currently implemented in Connecticut. Program focus and content as well as preliminary outcome evaluations will be discussed along with process of replication. The Public Service Announcement created by one of these high school groups will be shown and the creative ways it has been used to increase awareness will be discussed.