What We Know About Chinese and Gambling

RGRC Coordinator’s Experience

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Overview of Gambling in China

* Gambling history in China

* Religions point of view

* Gambling in China today
Perceptions about Gambling

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## Perceptions about Gambling

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Attraction of Casinos in Canada

* Exciting Environment
  - Lights, sounds, crowds, open long hours

* Welcoming Environment
  - Incentives
  - Safe and Legal
  - Belonging & Socializing
Reaching out to the Chinese community

* RGRCs services

* Positive feedback and privilege
Unique Challenges to Help Chinese Problem Gamblers

* Lack of education about gaming
* Limited understanding of responsible gaming, RGRC role and help
* Lost in translation
* Addiction is shameful
  – Culture that doesn’t seek outside help
Resources Available

* CAMH Multilingual Problem Gambling Service brochure: Chinese Family Services of Ontario
  www.chinesefamilyso.com
  1-866-979-8298

* Other gambling support services available in Chinese:
  Addictions and Problem Gambling Services of Ottawa (Sandy Hill)
  www.sandyhillchc.on.ca
  613-789-8941

* OPGH 1-888-230-3505 (interpretation services in 140 languages)

* Multilingual Problem Gambling Information, Awareness and Prevention
  - Online information site www.gamb-ling.com
References