

Quarterly News & Updates

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Welcome to the Division on Addiction's first quarterly newsletter! We'll use this newsletter to update you about our research, training, and outreach efforts. We'll also introduce you to members of our team and provide important facts about addiction.

Announcements

**We're
Hiring!**

We're hiring a **Research & Evaluation Scientist** to work with Division on Addiction faculty on a diverse portfolio of addiction-related research.

[See the full job listing & apply here!](#)



Upcoming Events

As part of the MA Technical Assistance Center for Problem Gambling Treatment, and in partnership with Health Resources in Action, we provide free trainings to providers who want to learn how to screen for and treat problem gambling.

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Did you Know...



College students are stereotyped to drink heavily and without regard for the consequences. But new research indicates that many college students plan to use, and actually use, protective

Outreach Corner

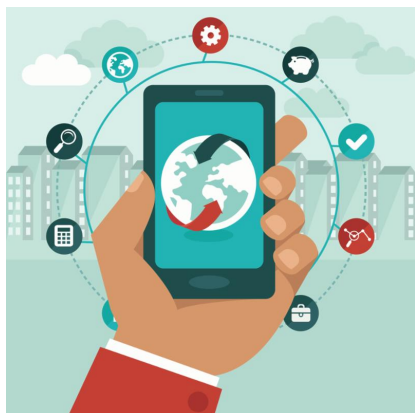
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behavioral strategies like using a designated driver to reduce harm to themselves and others.

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Research Spotlight

Mobile devices now offer us the opportunity to gamble just about anywhere, any time. Are you curious about how people have adapted to this change? Division on Addiction researchers, led by Dr. Timothy Edson, explored this question by studying the online casino gambling records of 4,424 subscribers to one of the E.U.'s largest internet gambling services. These records covered

2015 to 2017, making them 10 years more current than our previous study (during which time, mobile devices with online gambling accessibility were not as common). Edson and colleagues found that just like a decade prior, most online casino players bet modest amounts and played relatively infrequently. At the same time, a small percentage (approximately 5%) engaged at disproportionately high—and potentially risky—levels. These findings will inform early detection and intervention systems. Learn more about this study [here](#), or request a full-text copy by emailing info@divisiononaddiction.org.

Meet the Team

Debi LaPlante, PhD

*Director of the Division on Addiction
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Dr. Debi LaPlante joined the Division on Addiction in 2001, after earning her PhD in Social Psychology from Harvard University. She became Director in 2019. Her research interests include understanding addiction in at-risk populations, studying how technology influences addiction experiences, and advancing open science research principles and practices. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband, two sons, and two beagles, Channie and Emily.



We will introduce other team members in future newsletters.

[Learn more about our faculty and staff](#)

here

New and Notable

Here's a sample of our recent publications.

Nelson, S. E., Edson, T. C., Louderback, E. R., Tom, M. A., Grossman, A., & LaPlante, D. A. (2021). Changes to the playing field: A contemporary study of actual European online sports betting. *Journal of Behavioral Addictions*, 10 (3), 396–411.

Nelson, S. E., LaRaja, A., Juviler, J., & Williams, P. M. (2021). Evaluating the Computerized Assessment and Referral System (CARS) Screener: Sensitivity and specificity as a screening tool for mental health disorders among DUI offenders. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 56 (12), 1785–1796.

Whelshula, M. M., LaPlante, D. A., Nelson, S. E., & Gray, H. M. (2021). Recommendations for improving adolescent addiction recovery support in six northwest tribal communities. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 1-16.

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