VISION
Our vision is to eliminate harm from gambling.

MISSION
Our mission is to create and translate knowledge to support evidence-informed decisions about gambling, including its potential for harm.

VALUES
Credibility
Engagement
Excellence
Innovation
Integrity
Leadership
Eliminating harm from gambling since 2000

We are dedicated to translating the best evidence from around the world to inform leading-edge responsible gambling policies, standards, and practices to eliminate harm from gambling, now and in the future.

Promoting evidence-informed decision making in practice and policy to bring about change in the health system and gambling industry.
Knowledge Translation & Exchange Logic Model
Effecting positive change in the health care and the gambling industry through knowledge translation and exchange

The Centre has built a credible knowledge base and is now delivering value through products and tools to put knowledge into the hands of those who need it to inform gambling policies, prevention and treatment practices and programs and future research priorities.

Over the past thirteen years, we have invested close to $40 million in 413 problem gambling research, capacity development, knowledge translation, and student awards.

OPGRC is committed to continuing to advocate for dedicated funding for problem gambling research to provide credible evidence.

OPGRC’s efforts are to uphold Ontario as a leader in problem gambling research and knowledge translation and exchange.
The source for problem gambling knowledge

• OPGRC’s Knowledge Repository is a centralized location for the access of reliable problem gambling knowledge and cutting-edge KTE products and tools to mobilize research evidence.

• Two sources of knowledge:
  – data repository of research datasets
  – searchable database of problem gambling literature including lay summaries (The Synopsis Project)

• OPGRC currently manages 34 research, capacity development and knowledge translation and exchange grants and awards.

Mobilizing the current knowledge from problem gambling research is a vital undertaking of the Centre.
Responding to the changing needs of knowledge users

• OPGRC works to respond to the needs of its knowledge users and respond to the constantly changing gambling environment.

• OPGRC provides rapid responses to knowledge-user questions and constantly monitors and adjusts the linkages and gaps in knowledge and research evidence in the field.

Facilitating objective, arms-length and credible research to respond to the specific needs of stakeholders
Building capacity

• OPGRC rolled out its first instalment of the Knowledge Translation & Exchange Student Workshop Series in March 2014.

• The workshop series will teach problem gambling research students innovative communication skills, products and tools to mobilize their research and learn to provide decision makers with the right evidence.

• OPGRC will continue to encourage students to integrate KTE into their research activities, and will keep partnering with students through grants, placements, and the KTE Workshop Series to provide them with the tools to make effective advances in the field.
Engaging knowledge users

- On March 20, 2014, OPGRC held its first stakeholder forum under its new mandate. The forum brought together 37 attendees from Government, OLG, AGCO, RGC, problem gambling researchers across Ontario, and the Board and staff of OPGRC.

*Bringing together policy makers, researchers, gambling regulators and the gaming industry – key players in the work we do.*

- We make the connections between the leading stakeholders in the gambling industry and health sector to ignite thoughtful dialogue on problem gambling and pressing topics emerging in the field.