



## APRIL 2018

### April 17th is Tax Day

According to the IRS, Floridians received an astonishing total of \$23,040,098 in individual tax refunds funds last year. Tax returns are a great way to add to your savings or help lower debt, Millennials in particular are planning on doing so this year. Have you filed your taxes yet? Don't forget the deadline is Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

[View IRS Data Book](#)

### Alcohol Awareness Month

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, has found that seventy-three percent (73%) of individuals addicted to gambling also struggle with problem drinking. Unlike alcoholism, gambling addiction lacks recognizable physical side effects often causing an addiction to remain undetected.

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### The Gambler: Film Review

Karel Reiz's *The Gambler* (1974) is a poetic, gritty drama that provides a valuable and realistic representation of the perils faced by the millions of Americans effected by problem gambling. The film follows Axel Freed (James Caan) as he desperately exhausts every possible avenue to fuel his addiction to gambling and provides insight to the harsh reality of problem gambling's effects on personal relationships.

[Read Full Review](#)

## Financial Literacy: Money Smart Week

Money Smart Week is a nationwide event about something that's important to everyone: personal finance. From learning how to count money as a child to improving your credit score to developing the best retirement strategy, the subject touches people at all stages of life.

For most of us, it's also an area where we can improve. This year, Money Smart Week will be held from April 21-28 and will feature events, workshops, and resources to help consumers better manage their personal finances. It's a time to learn, reflect, and improve on the foundation for our lives.

Money Smart Week is also a great opportunity to increase public awareness about gambling addiction – also known as the Hidden Addiction – and provide support to anyone in need of assistance

Gambling can become a problem for all kinds of people, from children to seniors. A gambling addiction may start with problems in personal finance, but it can spread to many other facets of life. For example, statistics show that an average of 8-10 additional people are negatively affected by each case of problem gambling.

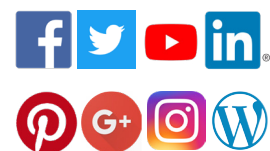
### What Money Smart Week Means for You

Watch for Money Smart Week programs to pop up at libraries near you, like free workshops and educational events. The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling has reached out to Florida's libraries with the opportunity to order free educational materials focused on problem gambling and personal finance. We'll be passing along information on these events throughout the month of April!

The FCCG will be sharing Money Smart Week on social media using hashtag #MSW2018. We welcome you to follow us and help share what's going on in your community! For questions or additional information regarding Money Smart Week, please email the council at [FCCG@gamblinghelp.org](mailto:FCCG@gamblinghelp.org).



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