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Research Portfolio Update: Current, Planned, and Prospective Projects

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Latino Gamblers in Nevada

Barriers to Accessing Treatment (Qualitative Study)

- Ongoing in-depth qualitative interviews with Latino adults in Nevada
- Focus on gambling behaviors, treatment access, and culturally specific barriers
- Data collection complete for current wave; analysis underway
- Abstracts submitted to multiple conferences
- Early themes highlight structural barriers, stigma, language access, and trust in services

Deep Dives in Existing Treatment Data

Paper 1: Who Gets Over the Finish Line

- Examines predictors of treatment retention. Outcome: completing 8+ sessions
- Focus on demographic, clinical, and program-level factors

Paper 2: Affected Others

- Focus on affected others entering treatment
- Differences in presenting concerns, engagement, and outcomes

Paper 3: Client Types in Treatment

- Uses latent class analysis to identify distinct client types
- Examines heterogeneity in treatment pathways and needs

Paper 4: Measuring Family Harm

- Validation of family harms scale using our treatment data
- Improving measurement of gambling-related family impacts

GRASP

Gambling + Opioid and Other Drug Use Disorders

- Bridges gambling and behavioral health systems
- Large scale data collection happening currently providing rare insights
- Focus on co-occurring gambling disorder and substance use
- Multiple conference presentations scheduled

NSHE Student Gambling Survey

Higher Education Focus

- Statewide student gambling survey completed
- Two academic papers in development
- Findings already presented in several settings
- Integrated into Gambling Fundamentals course at UNR, with future collaborations planned
- A lot of interest by Board of Regents for measures to address harm in students

Other Papers

Scoping Review of Self-Exclusion

- Mapping how self-exclusion is defined, implemented, and evaluated
- Identifying gaps in evidence, especially around real-world use

Gambling and Advertising

- Submitted grant proposal examining effects of sports betting advertising
- Experimental design to test behavioral and perceptual impacts
- Focused on exposure, normalization, and risk-related decision making

Repeating Statewide Surveillance Measures (1)

- Three years since last probability-based panel study
- Prior findings were unexpected and warrant validation
- Replicating the same methodology to ensure comparability
- Functions as an ongoing surveillance tools for gambling behaviors and harm.
- Have increased capacity for quick turnaround on results

Why we should do this now:

- Tracks changes over time. (Increased interest currently in gambling)
- Strengthens credibility of prior findings
- Supports policy and planning decisions

Repeating Statewide Surveillance Measures (2)

Looking Ahead:

- Exploring the addition of gambling-related items to BRFSS
- Would allow for exploration of co-occurring health concerns
- Prior BRFSS data collection was flawed, but produced many papers nonetheless
- We can add smaller module for better completion rates
- Supports normalization of gambling harm as a public health issue

Next steps:

- Plan to add questions in Fall of 2026 for distribution in Spring 2027
- Select questions
- Budget for next year

Nevada Gambling Data Dashboard

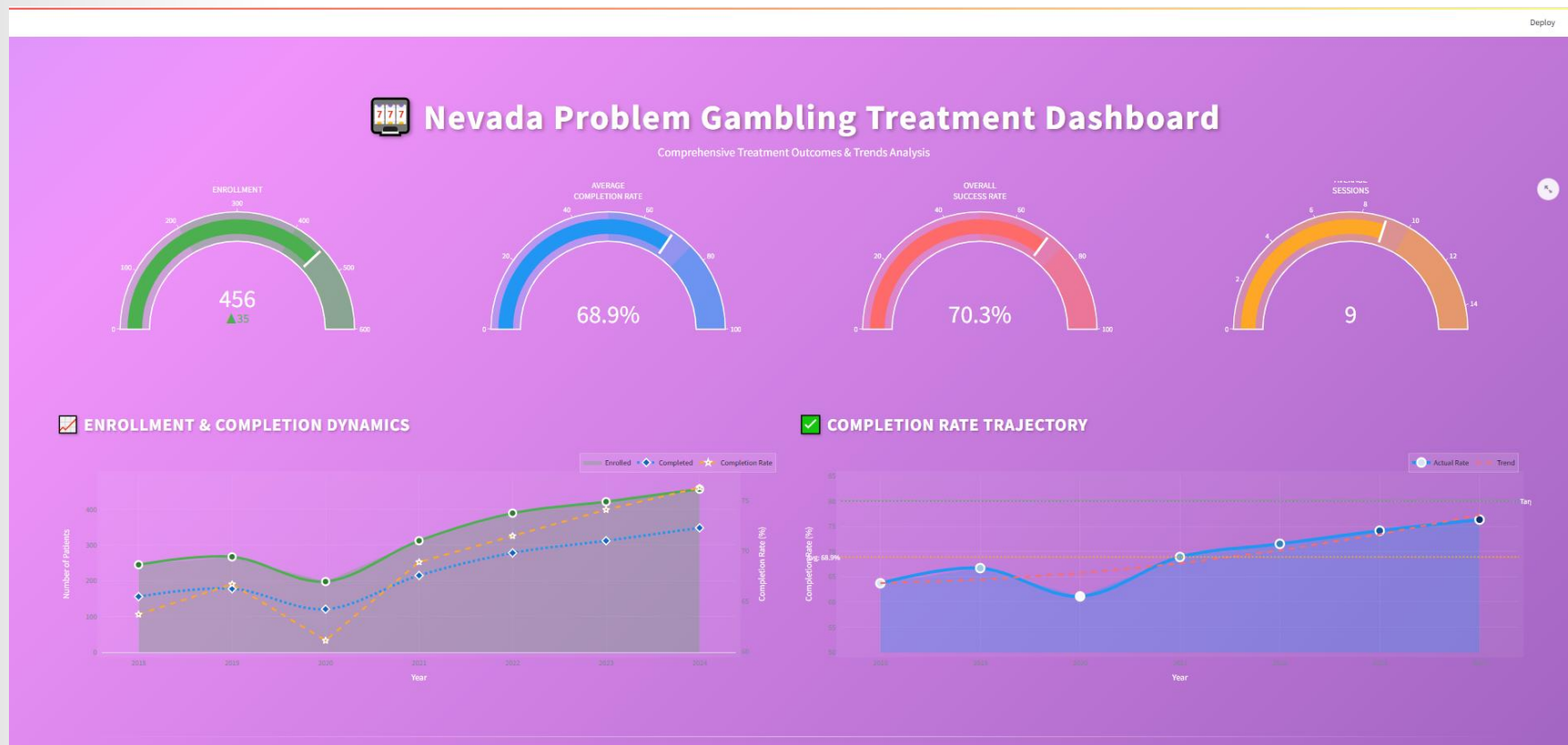
Why a Dashboard:

- We now have multiple large, high-value datasets across projects
- Findings can be shared faster than in static reports
- Stakeholders need timely, accessible, and easily interpreted data
- Allows for ongoing surveillance

A Centralized, interactive platform for Nevada gambling data:

- Consistent tracking of trends over time
- Rapid translation of research into planning discussions
- A scalable foundation that we can expand as we get new data sources.

(Just an example, not what it would look like)



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Thanks!

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