



What **PARENT** Every **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION** SHOULD KNOW ABOUT **MARIJUANA** & How it Affects Our Youth

RISKY BUSINESS

Chronic adolescent users (at least 1x per week) are:

(Fergusson & Boden; Riggs)

80% more likely to become **welfare dependent by age 25.**



Regardless of how you feel about **marijuana**, it is still **bad** for youth.

72% more likely to be **unemployed** as an adult.



Will earn on average **\$6,000** less than non-users as an adult.



178% less likely to earn their **college degree** than non-users.

Use of **marijuana**

during adolescence...



- Quadruples the **risk** of developing **psychosis** (i.e. hallucinations and schizophrenia). *(Hallfors et al)*
- Doubles the **risk** of developing depression or **bipolar disorder**. *(Di Forti, M. et al)*

IT'S NO LONGER JUST A JOINT

5x

Today's **marijuana** has 217% more of the psychoactive ingredient **THC** - than it did in 1995. *(Potency Monitoring Program)*

Looking for a hidden joint?

You may not find it that easy.

Youth can hide **marijuana** in e-cigarettes, or smoke pipes acting as Hi-Liters or markers.



Marijuana now comes in multiple, more **concentrated forms** - including **candy, cookies, waxes, dabs, and oils.** *(Rocky Mountain HIDTA)*

Concentrated marijuana EDIBLES, OILS, AND WAXES are **50-90% THC.** *(Potency Monitoring Program)*

FAST FACTS



9% of **youth ages 12-17** used **marijuana** in the last 30 days. *(MIPHY)*

"You do not legalize for taxation. It is a myth. You are not going to pave streets. You are not going to be able to pay teachers. The big red herring is the whole thing that the tax revenue will solve a bunch of crises. But it won't." "...the tax dollars brought in largely go toward the "cost of legalization."
- Andrew Freedman, Director of the Colorado Governor's Office of Marijuana Coordination *(Boston Herald, 2015)*

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the average age Allegan County youth start using **marijuana.** *(MIPHY)*



1 in 6 teens who use **marijuana** become addicted. *(NIDA)*

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