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Every Brain Matters Community Newsletters

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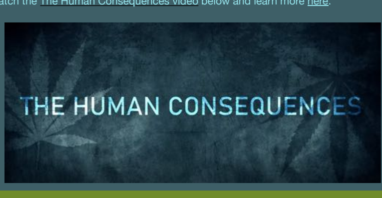
Every Brain Matters is a community of support and advocacy based on science and experience. ***Join us*** as we call for a cultural change with the widespread use of our logo, which unites us and symbolizes both *"freedom from marijuana"* and optimal brain and environmental health. The public has been deceived and misled regarding the effects of marijuana products, leading us to a public health crisis. No matter what decisions are made or how much the drug culture expands, we will "Keep On Keepin On", because we wholeheartedly know that ***Every Brain Matters***.

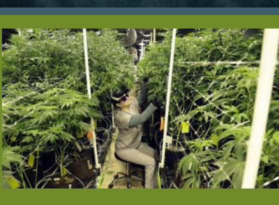
In The News

We oppose the federal legalization of marijuana, the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (CAOA). Some elected officials say legalized states regulate THC safely, but emergency room visits due to marijuana have risen sharply. Doctors say today's high potency THC is a public health failure. Do you know the risks? You should.

Emergency Room Data: When compared with people who did not use marijuana, cannabis users were 22% more likely to visit an emergency department or be hospitalized, the study revealed.

Watch the The Human Consequences video below and learn more here.





Legalized marijuana is a global warming nightmare

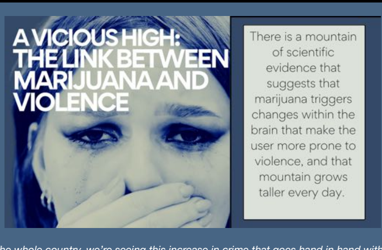
by Christine L. Miller

Leaders in the Democratic Party are backing legislation to reduce carbon emissions. Some of them are also sponsoring bills that would expand the cannabis industry, ranging from the MORE Act to the Safe Banking Act and now the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act just introduced by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY). Co-sponsors have publicly chastised President Joe Biden for not doing enough to help in their effort.

They are seemingly unaware that although today's cannabis may seem "green" — after all, it traps carbon dioxide in organic material and generates oxygen in the process — its similarity to other green plants ends there. Commercial cannabis is primarily grown indoors, where the electricity required for grow lamps and temperature and humidity control generates a massive net carbon footprint.

Read Dr. Miller's Article Here

Spotlight



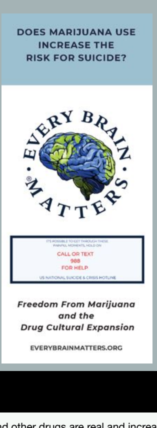
"The whole country, we're seeing this increase in crime that goes hand in hand with a decrease in concern about things like substance abuse. The problem is, when you continue to desensitize the population against substance abuse, you start to desensitize them against a sense of right and wrong."

~ Betsy Branter Smith, a retired Police Sergeant, and Spokeswoman for the National Police Association

Read The Full Article Here

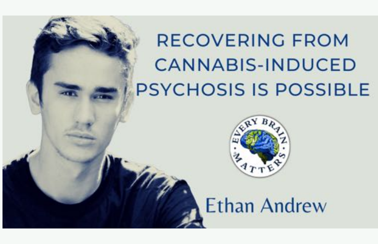
Education

Click the pamphlet below to learn more about marijuana's link to suicide. Use the Every Brain Matters posters in your community to educate. To access more informational graphics click here



Testimonies

The effects of marijuana and other drugs are real and increasing. We are here for the people who share their testimonies. Click each graphic to read and share the the articles below and help give families a voice. Please help us raise awareness by sharing your testimony here.



More Testimonies Here

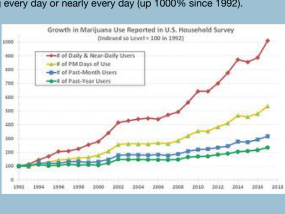
A Moment of Science

How Men's Cannabis Use Could Affect Their Kids' Health

KEY POINTS

- Paternal consumption of marijuana prior to conception has been found in rodent studies to alter offspring brain development.
- Children whose fathers consumed marijuana during their partner's pregnancy may be at higher risk of psychotic symptoms.
- Pot consumption can trigger epigenetic changes in gene expression, which fathers can pass along to their children.
- Not all human studies of pot's effects on male fertility are consistent. A dose-dependent relationship between pot and male fertility may exist.

The number of "daily or near-daily" cannabis users has increased by 10x since 1992—and doubled since 2008. Since the early 1990s, daily cannabis users have increased 3x faster than those who only use monthly, and about 5x faster than those who use a few times a year. Change in US cannabis use is less the number of people at least using and more the number using every day or nearly every day (up 1000% since 1992).



Nurture Over Nature: Environment Plays Greater Role in Teen Psychosis

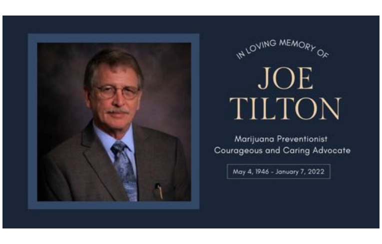
Environment Plays Greater Role in Teen Psychosis 47% in those with no exposure to environmental risk factors -- such as bullying, dependent life events, cannabis use, tobacco use, or low birth weight -- compared with 32% in those with these exposures. Read study here.

Advocacy Action

This memorial page is in honor of Joe Tilton, who will live on in our work for years to come. Connie Tilton, Joe's wife, asks that donations be made to Every Brain Matters to honor Joe's work in marijuana education and prevention, and to provide support so other families can continue his legacy.

Please click the imagine below to watch the videos provided to hear Joe's message. Read his articles to truly understand Joe's mission to save our families and our country from drug normalization and the predictable and proven outcomes. We honor Joe as a father, husband, writer, radio show host, journalist, advocate, and friend.

Watch Joe's memorial video here.



Tell us what you're doing and and we'll feature your advocacy work here. Send us an email at info@everybrainmatters.org

On The Calendar

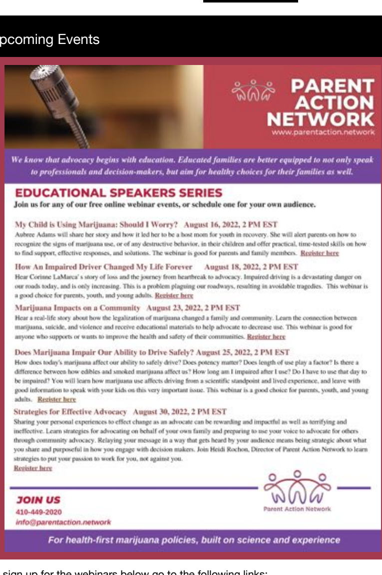
Advocacy Meetings

Every Brain Matters Advocacy Group

This group has been created for those who want to advocate against full-scale legalization of marijuana, and for strict regulation and preventative measures in areas where this drug is already legal. The goal of this group is to work together as a team to make action-based short and long-term goals regarding marijuana policies, education, public and political awareness, regulatory practices, and other actions that will help curtail the widespread acceptance, commercialization, and normalization of marijuana.

Learn More

Upcoming Events



To sign up for the webinars below go to the following links:

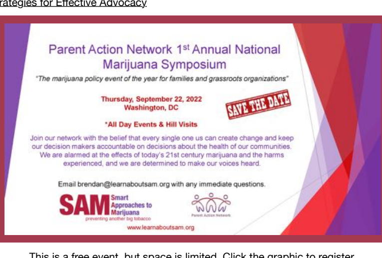
My Child Is Using Marijuana: Should I Worry?

How An Impaired Driver Changed My Life Forever

Marijuana Impacts on a Community

Does Marijuana Impair Our Ability to Drive Safety

Strategies for Effective Advocacy



This is a free event, but space is limited. Click the graphic to register.

Support and Recovery Meetings

Every Brain Matters Climbers Family Support Group

This meeting is an interactive educational group for family members to bring issues, questions or concerns, and receive direct feedback from a trained counselor and other families. Learn tools of recovery to help you and your family.

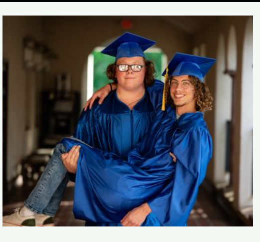
Learn More

Mar-Anon, Family Support

Mar-Anon is a 12- Step program designed specifically for those who are affected by another's marijuana use.

Learn More

Monthly Speakers Meeting - First Friday of every month



Every Brain Matters Monthly Speakers Meeting- Nick S.

My name is Nick, I am 18 years old. This is me and my friend James (I'm in his arms) right before we graduated from Archway Academy, a recovery high school. I developed my substance use disorder at the age of 13 and my preferred drug of choice was amphetamines. I would often times mix marijuana with other substances which would cause serious mental side effects, further amplifying and progressing the underlying mental disorders that were already in place in my life. My substance use led to long nights of contemplating suicide and serious delusions fueled by paranoia. When I would use marijuana I would fall into a frenzy of anger and depression, and I would feel like my life was hopeless and I was doomed to die before the age of 18. Through intense work on myself through a 12-step program, I have found a reason to be alive again and a serious understanding on how my solution to my mental struggles by using substances became the problem itself.

Find information to this meeting here.

Family Resources

Recovery Questions For Families

A Moment of Silence

Remembering and honoring the people that we have lost due to the normalization and commercialization of marijuana. **To memorialize and honor your loved one in the Every Brain Matters community, *please click this link*.**

August Remembrance:

August 10, 2019 - Dean Gray, 25.

August 14, 2018 - Kevin Bright, 29.

Heavenly Birthdays:

August 3, 1992 - Joey Dailidas

August Marijuana Related Impaired-Driving Deaths:

August 19, 2015 - Kristina Garza, 24. Michigan.

August 27,2015- Allison McGinnis, 29; David Eldridge, 31. New Jersey.

August 20, 2017 - David Waag, 17; Connor Williams, 15. Ohio.

August 3, 2017 - Joshua Coy, 19; Cora Roob, 19; Barbara Redfern, 19. Ohio.

August 16, 2020 - Sincere Mitchell, 8. New York.

August 3, 2021 - Mila Glessner, 4; 2-year-old foster child. Pennsylvania.

August 20, 2021 - Starlina Weldon, 29. New Jersey.

August 4, 2021 - Linda Reinert, 66. Illinois.

August 7, 2021 - Christina Smith, 56. Illinois.

August 21, 2021 - Andrew Lewis, 33. Illinois.

August 21, 2021 - Mason Hada, 16. Illinois.

August 26, 2013 - Tanya Guevarra, 25; Adrian, 5 weeks. Colorado.

The Every Brain Matters Store

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