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Every Brain Matters Community Newsletter

June 2022

Every Brain Matters is a community of support, advocacy, and science. 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 Keeping On," because we wholeheartedly know that Every Brain Matters.

Cannabis Edibles



Many of these marijuana-laced products are purposefully designed to mimic the look of well-known brand names, with packaging, pictures, logos, and even names that are sometimes identical to the real thing. These copycat edibles can easily be mistaken for popular snacks that appeal to children. A child looking for a treat can end up ingesting hundreds of milligrams of THC and suffer the severe side effects of a marijuana overdose.

Read Full Article Here

The Science is Clear and Strong: THC can cause addiction and mental and physical illnesses.

MARIJUANA (THC) EFFECTS

Short-term use

- Brain**
 - Alters brain chemistry
 - Changes mood
 - Impaired memory
 - Impaired judgment
 - Impaired motor skills
 - Slowed reaction time
 - Impaired attention
 - Impaired learning
 - Impaired coordination
 - Impaired balance
 - Impaired judgment
 - Impaired memory
 - Impaired attention
 - Impaired learning
 - Impaired coordination
 - Impaired balance
- Lungs**
 - Chronic coughing
 - Chronic bronchitis
 - Chronic sinusitis
 - Chronic pharyngitis
 - Chronic laryngitis
 - Chronic tracheitis
 - Chronic bronchitis
 - Chronic sinusitis
 - Chronic pharyngitis
 - Chronic laryngitis
 - Chronic tracheitis
- Heart**
 - Increased heart rate
 - Increased blood pressure
 - Increased risk of heart disease
- Other Systems**
 - Genetic damage
 - Impairs the endocrine system
- Marijuana products are**
 - Psychoactive (high)
 - More Addictive
 - More Life-Threatening
 - More Attractive
- References**
 - National Institute on Drug Abuse

Long-term use

- Brain**
 - Chronic developmental delays (CDD)
 - Chronic attention deficit disorder (ADD)
 - Chronic anxiety disorder (CAD)
 - Chronic depression
 - Chronic schizophrenia
 - Chronic bipolar disorder
 - Chronic personality disorder
 - Chronic post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
 - Chronic obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)
 - Chronic eating disorder
 - Chronic self-harm
 - Chronic suicidal thoughts
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 - Chronic suicidal thoughts
- Kidneys**
 - Kidney failure due to chronic kidney disease
- Lungs**
 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
 - Chronic bronchitis
 - Chronic sinusitis
 - Chronic pharyngitis
 - Chronic laryngitis
 - Chronic tracheitis
- Heart**
 - Chronic heart disease
 - Heart failure due to chronic heart disease
- GI System and Pain**
 - Chronic abdominal pain
 - Chronic constipation
 - Chronic diarrhea
 - Chronic nausea
 - Chronic vomiting
 - Chronic pain
- Reproductive**
 - Chronic reproductive issues

THE EVERY BRAIN MATTERS STORE

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"This is not about a 'high' or 'trip'." "This is about a different kind of 'high' - the 'high' of our knowledge." - Dr. Bruce Miller

Learn about Cannabis-Use Disorder (CUD)

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Freedom From Marijuana and the Drug Culture Expansion

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What is Cannabis Use Disorder?

The EBM community provides you with simple and free educational pamphlets and infographics. Click the image for our pamphlet on CUD, or the click the button below to access all of these materials.

[View all our infographics here](#)

AMERICA EASES THE PATHWAYS

Mom, Michelle, living without her son.

TREVOR 2001 TO 2019.

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Testimonies

MARIJUANA TEARS FAMILIES APART

"Our family is the thousands of others. Our story is not unique. I am just another mother who has witnessed her child fall into a deep hole. This hole has no top, no parapet, and no concern for safety. It is an exponentially hole. It widens as it goes. This hole has a bottom yet it is deeper for some than for others. But regardless of its depth, it is guaranteed to be painful when reached."

AT 18, MY KIDS GOT MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDS. NOW, PSYCHOSIS AND ADDICTION.

"My son still smokes weed and is not working and my daughter has been diagnosed with bipolar schizophrenia. The mental health system is broken because no one will help me help them."

A Moment of Science

Cannabis use without vaping appears to be declining among adolescents in the United States, while cannabis use with vaping is accelerating. Frequent cannabis vaping is especially increasing, with consistent increases across almost all adolescent demographic groups. Cannabis use among US adolescents remains highly associated with other substance use: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/add.15912>

Marijuana is by far the leading cause of youth-drug-related emergency department visits. There we more than twice as many emergency department visits from marijuana than from opioids, meth, and cocaine combined for those ages 18 and under: <https://learnaboutsam.org/news-federal-data-shows-marijuana-is-major-factor-in-emergency-department-visits-among-youth/>

Oregon state officials are admitting that a 2020 ballot measure to decriminalize drugs has failed as overdose skyrocketed and appropriated funds remain unspent: <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/fairness-justice/oregons-new-drug-treatment-law-a-big-flop>

Advocacy Action

Parent Action Network

Join us to learn about the impact of marijuana on families

Free Online Event
June 23, 2022, 1:00 to 2:00 pm EST

You will learn about our mission and hear informative sessions on programs and opportunities for families with lived experiences of the detrimental effects of marijuana on their lives.

We know our world is changing, but that doesn't mean we need to live with the ill effects of a culture of readily available and growing popularity of mind-altering substances. Learn about our diverse group of parents and family members with one goal in common-to make sure our combined voices are heard by those making decisions about our communities.

[Click here to register and learn more about the speakers.](#)

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On The Calendar

Advocacy Meetings

Every Brain Matters Advocacy Meeting - 2nd Friday of every month, 1pm Central Time. Send an email to everybrainmatters@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the EBM Advocacy team. Join our committee and make a difference.

Support and Recovery Meetings

Monthly Speakers Meeting

Marijuana Has Affected Me Mentally

Join us to hear another inspiring message of hope on July 1st @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CST.

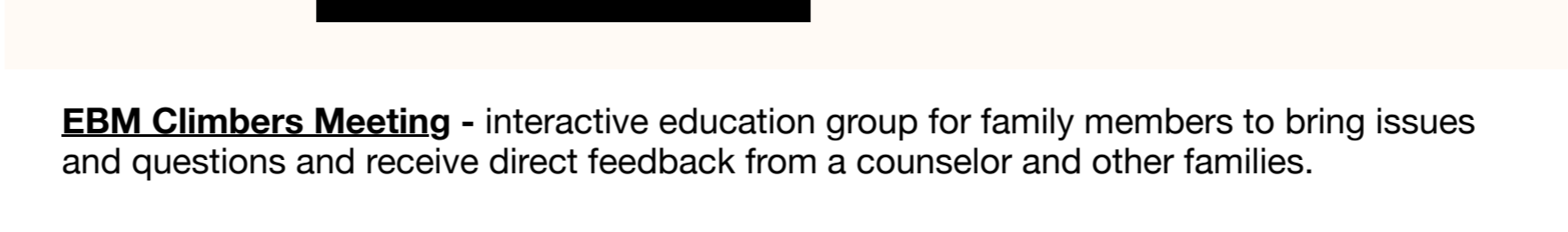
Click the image for more information on how to join this meeting and save it to your calendar.



Ethan A.

My name is Ethan Andrew. I suffered from cannabis-induced psychosis about 5 years ago. Despite a full recovery, I have never truly been the same since. Although I am succeeding in life on the surface, marijuana has affected me mentally to the point where I live in constant fear if I'm in the clear or not. That is, will I ever experience psychosis again? Will I develop a long-term psychotic illness? Those are thoughts I have to live with and accept. Don't get me wrong, I am blessed to be here and I live a happy, fulfilling life. I overcame addiction to such a misunderstood drug. Whatever demons I deal with now would be infinitely worse if I didn't cease my cannabis use. I just wish I knew then what I know now.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL PARENTS SHOULD LEARN TO HELP A CHILD WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER?



Recovery Questions For Families

Let's be honest, parenting a child who is using marijuana, or any drugs, was not in our parenting books. What's a family to do? Every Brain Matters has partnered with the Cornerstone community in Houston, Texas to answer these very important questions.

[Access more Questions](#)

EBM Climbers Meeting - interactive education group for family members to bring issues and questions and receive direct feedback from a counselor and other families.

EBM Speakers Meeting - First Friday of every month. See above if you missed last month's meeting and to see upcoming speakers.

MarAnon - support and hope for those affected by another's marijuana use.

A Moment of Silence

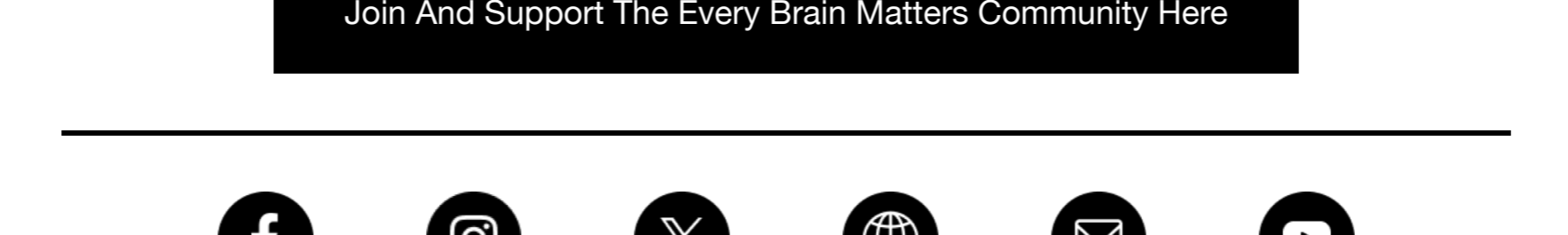
Remembering and honoring the people that we lost due to the normalization and commercialization of marijuana.

- June Remembrance**
- June 5, 2015 - Charles Aubrey Rogers
 - May 29, 2014 - Chase Rodgers
- June Heavenly Birthdays**
- June 27, 1999 - Joshua Jimenez
- June Marijuana Related Impaired-Driving Deaths:**
- June 21, 2016 - Mark Wendling, 53, and Janice Wendling, 52, Illinois
 - June 2, 2018 - Bryson Council, 7, Indiana
 - June 2, 2014 - Robert Kammeraad, 69, and Susan Kammeraad, 68, Michigan
 - June 13, 2017 - Ed Switalski, 56, Michigan
 - June 23, 2017 - Garla Heffer, 40, Michigan
 - June 28, 2009 - Erin Schuler (2), Emma Hance (8), Allison Hance (7), Katie Hance (5), Guy Bastard (49), Michael Bastard (81), Daniel Longo (74), Diane Schuler (36), New York
 - June 30, 2011 - William Bricker, Jr., Ohio
 - June 26, 2014 - Michael Hoskinson, 17, Cheyenne Sturgeon, 15, Linise Bell, 15, Ohio
 - June 10, 2015 - Shane Omliston, 18, Gabriel Anderson, 18, Washington
 - June 5, 2020 - Michael Hall, 48, Indiana
 - June 13, 2021 - Kelvin Clark, Illinois
 - June 17, 2011 - John Parrett, 26, Inara Parrett, 16 months, Kim Gregorich, 51, Illinois
 - June 21, 2020 - Caleb White, 26, Illinois
 - June 29, 2017 - Alexis Dantley, 27 (pregnant), Illinois
 - June 26, 2018 - Maria DeJesus Ayala
- To memorialize and honor your loved one in the Every Brain Matters community, please click this link.

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Click the item to see colors, sizes, and other variations.



[Click here to see all available merchandise at the Every Brain Matters Store.](#)

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