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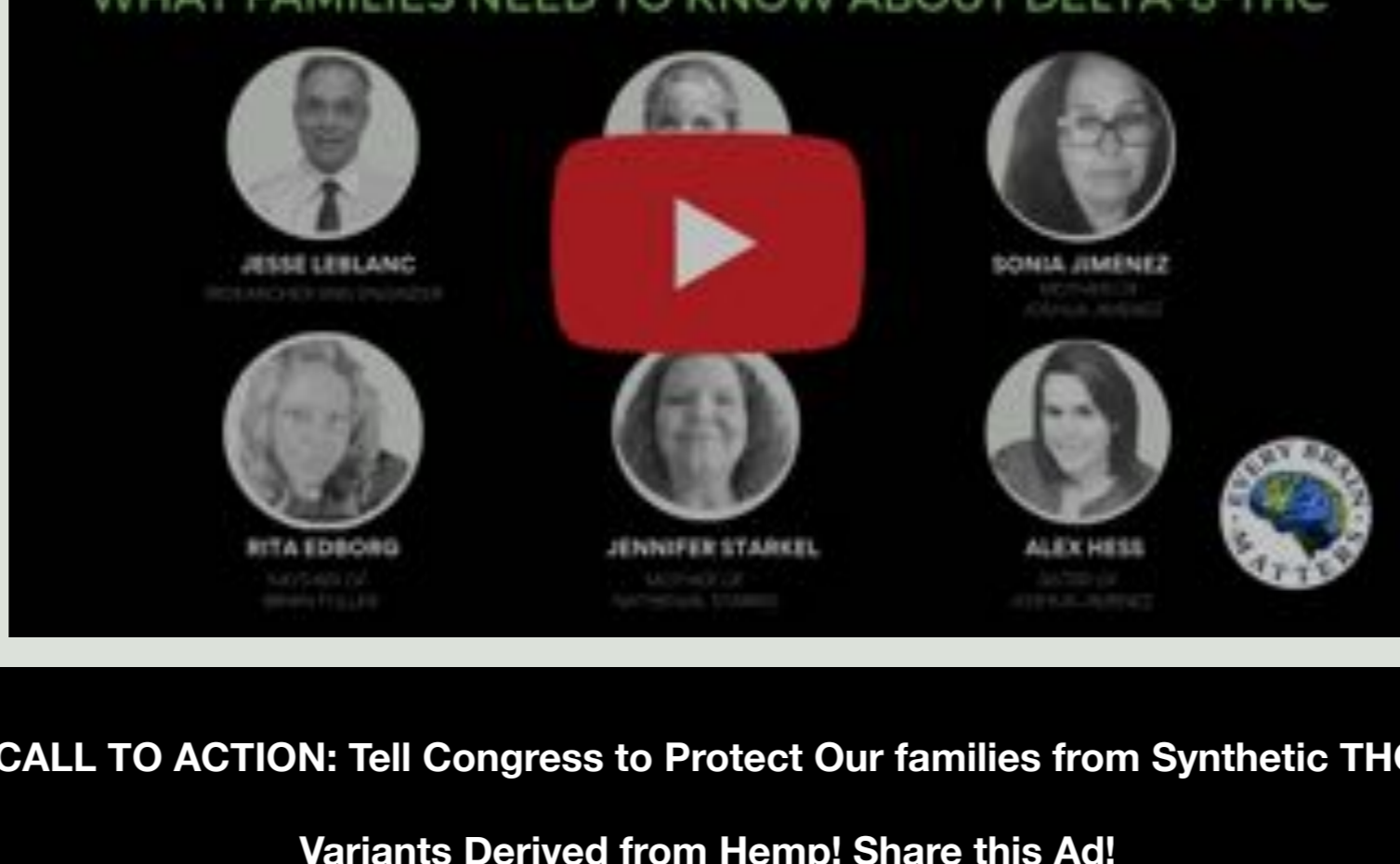
## Every Brain Matters Community Newsletter December 2022

**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**.

### Spotlight

The 2019 Farm Bill legalized hemp plants that mainly contain cannabidiol (CBD) and are allowed to have a dry weight of 0.3% Delta-9-THC. Drug entrepreneurs are taking advantage of the various loopholes in this bill by using CBD to synthesize other THC-variants, such as Delta-8-THC, to attract more youth users. These products are easily accessible at many gas stations, dollar stores, smoke shops, and online.

Watch this video to learn more and listen to the families impacted. Then click on the infographic below to send a letter to your congress members! We need all hands on deck!



**CALL TO ACTION: Tell Congress to Protect Our Families from Synthetic THC Variants Derived from Hemp! Share this Ad!**



Send this letter to congress today!

### Education

Use the **Every Brain Matters** downloadable infographics to educate in your community.

### Family Voices and Resources



[Access All Family Resources](#)

[Access All Recovery Questions](#)

### Testimonies

The effects of marijuana, and other drugs, are real and increasing. We are here for those who want to share their testimonies.



[Share your testimony here](#)

[Access all testimonies here](#)

### The Truth From The Youth

#### Save the Noses

Since the legalization of marijuana has spread, so has the smell. While legalizing gives people the choice to use, it gives no choice to the people who have to deal with the potent stench that lags along with it. Over the past couple of years, I have been to Las Vegas, Chicago, and Washington, DC. The one thing they all had in common was the overwhelming scent of weed. It is extremely unpleasant and impossible to ignore. I have been accompanied by my mother and grandma on all these trips. God bless their ignorance for thinking it was a skunk. Eventually, it clicked when they realized there couldn't be a skunk on every block. Next time you travel, be observant of the smell, or maybe you don't even need to travel; maybe you can already find it in your hometown. Regardless, consider if that's the America you want to live in.



Hannah Palmer, Youth Coordinator & Social Media Administrator

### Advocacy Action



The 2023 conference will be held on April 20th in Washington, DC at the historic Miracle Theatre. We will bring together powerful voices in drug policy from across the field, such as prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement experts to amplify our collective work to scale up the work of scientists and practitioners. We've invited current and former staff who served Presidential administrations as well as Members of Congress.

[Get Tickets Here](#)

We are proud of this former Washington State mother who testified in support for potency caps on THC products. Please read her testimony below. **Our Country Is In Crisis.**



Tell us what you're doing, and we'll feature your advocacy work here. Send us an email at [info@everybrainmatters.org](mailto:info@everybrainmatters.org)

### In The News

**Frequent marijuana use by Colorado youth associated with psychotic disorders.** This report highlights that some youth use rates are decreasing, but that marijuana use with adolescents and young adults is strongly associated with developing psychotic disorders, like schizophrenia.

**745 lives lost on Colorado roads in 2022** -The most traffic deaths in Colorado since 1981 - 25% of the impaired drivers in fatal crashes had more than one substance in their blood, with alcohol and cannabis being the most common co-occurring substances.

**Pot is making people sick. Congress is playing catch-up**

**FDA is denying three citizen petitions that had asked the agency to conduct rulemaking to allow the marketing of CBD products as dietary supplements.** The agency is prepared to work with Congress on this matter.

**How Cartels Took Over California's Desert and Turned It to Lawless Land**



### A Moment of Science

**2023, January: The kids aren't alright: The effects of medical marijuana market size on adolescents.** - Contrary to prior research that focused on passage of MMLs and found no effect, we find youth marijuana use responds to medical marijuana market size. Our estimates suggest that if a state where marijuana is illegal were to reach the median per capita medical marijuana registration rate, past-month would increase by 8% among 12-17 year-olds.

**2023 January - US trends in the association of suicide ideation/behaviors with marijuana use among adolescents ages 12-17.** **Conclusion:** Between 2015 and 2019, suicide ideation/behaviors increased for adolescents that used marijuana. As marijuana is legalized in more states, public health efforts are needed to curb increases in marijuana use among adolescents and to better understand the causal linkages between marijuana use and suicide ideation/behaviors.

**2022, August: Impacts of recreational cannabis legalization on cannabis use: a longitudinal discordant twin study.** - In the United States, there appears to be a ~20% average increase in cannabis use frequency attributable to recreational legalization, consistent across increasingly rigorous designs. In addition, the heritability of cannabis use frequency appears to be moderated by legalization.

### On The Calendar

**Enforcing Drugged Driving Laws: What the Science and Data Reveal**  
February 27, 2023 6:00 pm Central Time  
Ed Head, President of DUII Victims Voices

[Register Here](#)

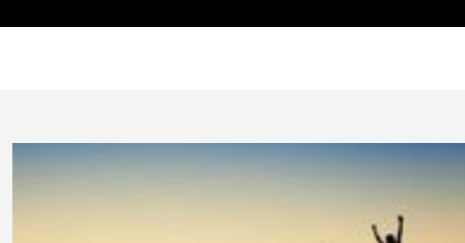
### Support Meetings

**Every Brain Matters Monthly Speakers Meeting - Darryl Rodgers. Join us on March 3, 2023 at 6 pm Central.**

Darryl Rodgers is a speaker, author, and family recovery coach living in Cary, North Carolina. In 2014, the oldest of his two sons, Chase, died in a marijuana-impaired wreck after struggling with addiction for a year and a half. Now, Darryl is a family recovery coach, who specializes in working with parents of drug-addicted children. Darryl also serves on the state advisory board of NC Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Darryl has learned how to turn his pain into purpose.



[Save this meeting to your calendar](#)



#### Every Brain Matters Climbers Family

##### Support Group

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.

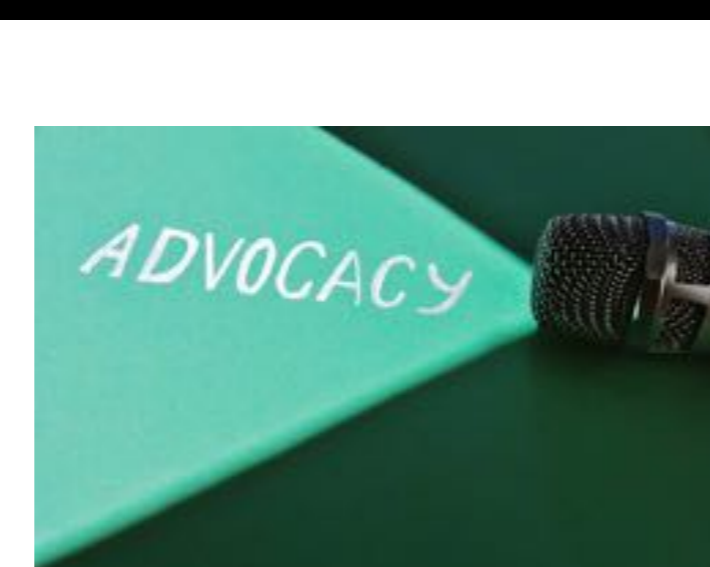
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##### Mar-Anon, Family Support

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

[Learn More](#)

### 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.

[Learn More](#)

### 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](#).*

#### February Remembrance:

February 14, 1996 - Stephen Mager

#### February Heavenly Birthdays:

February 7, 2000 - Johnny Stack

February 10, 1989 - Kevin Bright

February 10, 2002 - Brian Fuller

February 25, 1994 - Tyler Southard

#### February Marijuana related impaired-driving deaths:

February 16, 2019 - Brittany Shelton, 23, Illinois.

February 20, 2015 - Paul Duncan, 46, New York.

February 24, 2020 - Emmaline Wilcox, 7, New York.

February 15, 2016 - Stanley Marshall, 59, New York.

February 2, 2019 - Natalya Martinez, 16, Oregon.

February 19, 2021 - Sara Fox (39) and Carson Fox (32), Washington.

February 14, 2020 - Lesley and Rhyan Prather, and Carrie and Kacey McCoy, Kentucky

February 14, 2018 - Jacquelyn McCoy (56), Mary Alice Booker (36), Anthony McCoy (33), and Tameka Foster (42), New York.

February 14, 2016 - Kayla Amos and Daniel Amos, Maryland.

February 18, 2019 - Wendy Brewer (20) and Ariella Brewer (14 months), Ohio.

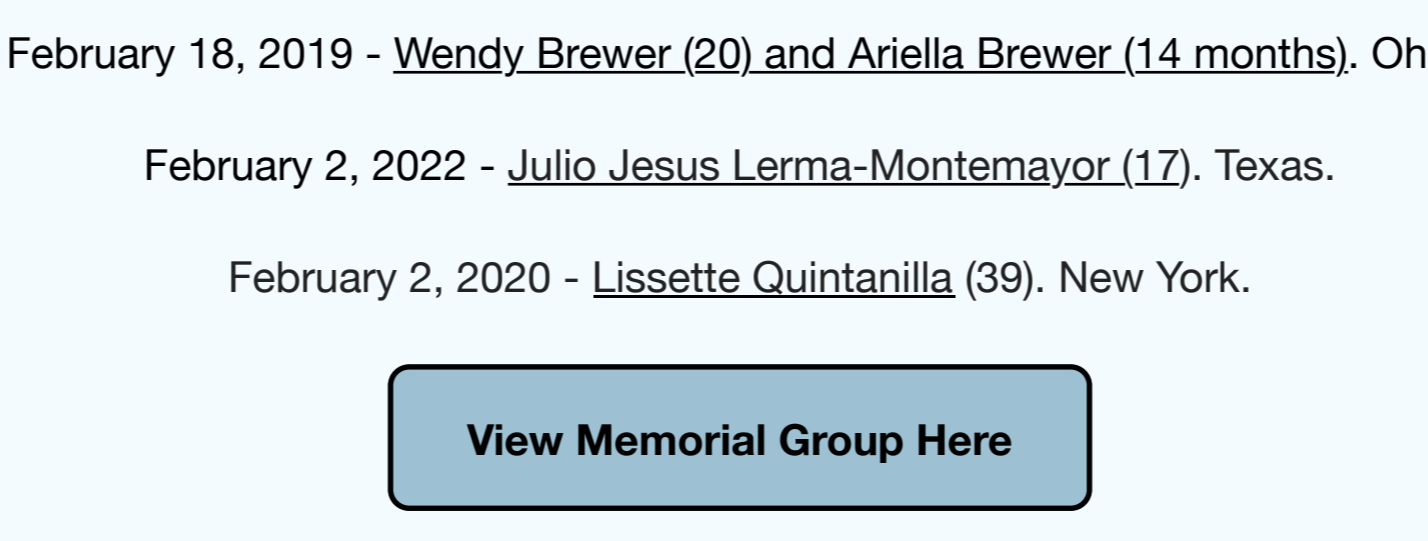
February 2, 2022 - Julio Jesus Lerma-Montemayor (17), Texas.

February 2, 2020 - Lissette Quintanilla (39), New York.

[View Memorial Group Here](#)

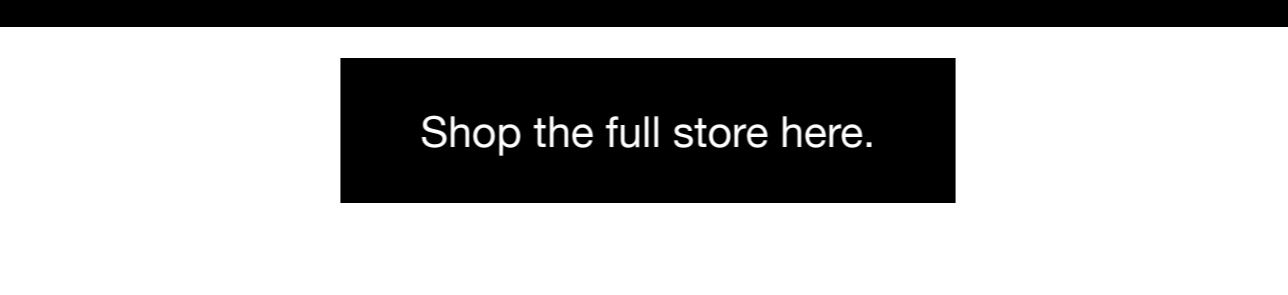
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