



### Every Brain Matters Community Newsletter June 2023

The [Every Brain Matters](#) community educates about the health and environmental dangers of marijuana and the drug culture expansion by providing support for families and advocacy, based on lived experiences and science.

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### Spotlight

North Carolina is considering a bill to legalize medical marijuana. Supporters of this expanded legalization tout marijuana as a magic cure-all for many conditions despite the recent study published in [Psychological Medicine](#) that concluded 30% of young men would not have schizophrenia if it were not for their cannabis use. Click the image below to keep reading...



### Webinars

Parents are unprepared for this new era of industrialized THC and the expanding drug culture. In this online webinar, Laura provides families with information about whether to drug test their children or not. Then, Aubree gives families a plan of action on what to do if their child has a positive test.

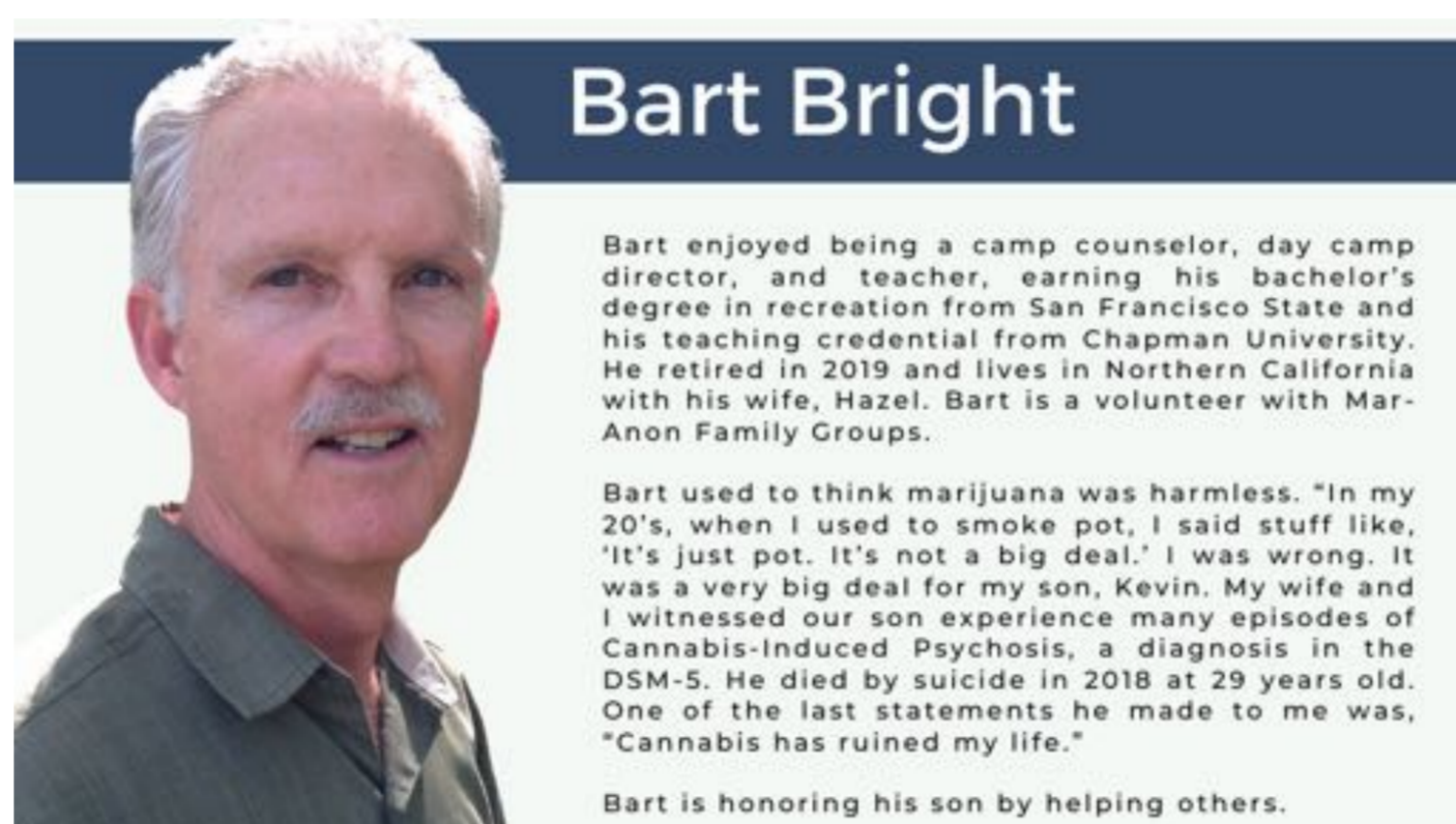
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### Hope for Recovery

The [Every Brain Matters Support Advisory Committee](#) are valuable leaders with lived experiences that pave a path for families to find clarity, truth, and hope. They connect with families affected by marijuana and provide essential resources. This month we feature Bart Bright

Family Recovery Resources Here



### Testimonies

How did, Kobe survive 3 psychotic breaks induced by THC? And how did his mother, Linda cope? Listen to this powerful story of survival.



Find more personal stories here

### Family Recovery Questions

Find more recovery questions here



### Family Support Meetings



### Advocacy In Action



Register today for the June 16, 2023 Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) webinar beginning at 1 p.m. ET as we discuss the 2023 SAM Impact report.



Aubree Adams, Director of Every Brain Matters was invited to speak with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency in Nigeria. You can listen to her talk at these 2 links:



### Truth From Youth

#### Ease Off the Edibles

If you thought getting high couldn't be more appealing to the average person, you were wrong. Welcome to the world of edibles, where marijuana is being put into America's top junk foods. Doritos, Pop-Tarts, Skittles, you name it, and it can get you stoned. What baffles me is that marijuana is supposed to be this fix-all medicine that changes lives, but never in my life have I seen something medicinal turn into the foods I crave. If I need ibuprofen, I look for a pill in the bathroom cabinet, not a chocolate bar in the kitchen. This is dangerous marketing. Candy is associated with harmless and positive thoughts. When adding cannabis to it, the harmless and positive label travels with it. People (especially kids) assume that they can eat THC products with no repercussions. All of this led the FDA to warn the public about edible consumption and send warning letters to companies making CBD and delta-8 THC edibles. Edibles are not as safe as you think. Until these products are taken off the market or regulated by a body of science, not an industry for profit, I advise you to check twice before consuming these secret psychoactive treats.



Hannah Palmer, Youth Coordinator & Social Media Administrator

### A Moment of Science

- 2022, June - Impact of cannabis legalization on healthcare utilization for psychosis and schizophrenia in Colorado - There was a positive association between the number of cannabis dispensaries and rates of psychosis ED visits across all counties in Colorado.
2023, February - Testing the cannabis gateway hypothesis in a national sample of Spanish adolescents. The gateway hypothesis holds that cannabis use increases other illegal substance use. Cannabis use duplicated the probabilities of tobacco and alcohol use. Cannabis use increased five times the likelihood of use of other illegal drugs.
2023, May 3 - nondisordered cannabis use was approximately 4 times as prevalent as past year CUD with all adverse psychosocial as prevalent as past year CUD Post
2023, May 18 - Post-Accident Workforce Drug Positivity for Marijuana Reached 25-Year High in 2022 Post-

### A Moment of Silence

Remembering and honoring the people that we have lost due to the effects of marijuana.

- June Marijuana related impaired-driving deaths:
June 2, 2014 - Robert Kammeraad, 69, and Susan Kammeraad, 68, Michigan
June 2, 2018 - Bryson Council, Z, Indiana.
June 5, 2020 - Michael Hall, 48, Indiana
June 10, 2015 - Shane Ormiston, 18, Gabriel Anderson, 15, Washington.
June 13, 2017 - Ed Switalski, 56, Michigan.
June 13, 2021 - Kelvin Clark, Illinois.
June 17, 2011 - John Parrett, 26, Inara Parrett, 16 months, Kim Gregorich, 51, Illinois.
June 21, 2016 - Mark Wendling, 53, and Janice Wendling, 52, Illinois.
June 21, 2020 - Caleb White, 26, Illinois.
June Remembrance:
June 5, 2015 - Charles Aubrey Rogers
June 23, 2017 - Caria Reiffer, 40, Michigan.
June 26, 2009 - Erin Schuler, (2), Emma Hance (8), Allison Hance (7), Katie Hance (5), Guy Bastardi (49), Michael Bastardi (81), Daniel Longo (74), Diane Schuler (36), New York.
June 26, 2014 - Michael Hoskinson, 17, Cheyenne Spurgeon, 15, Linzie Bell, 15, Ohio.
June 30, 2011 - William Bricker, Jr., Ohio.
June 29, 2017 - Alexis Danley, 27 (pregnant), Illinois.
June 26, 2018 - Maria DeJesus Ayala.
June Heavenly Birthdays:
June 17, 1998 - Catherine Mayberry
June 10, 2001 - Jacob Brain Gorman
June 27, 1999 - Joshua Jimenez

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