

### The Result of Legalizing "Medical" Marijuana for 18-Year-Olds



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### The Timeline

2012

Colorado became the 1<sup>st</sup> state to legalize recreational marijuana.

2014

Johnny was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade when it was commercialized, and according to him, pot was "everywhere," and easy to get.

2014


Johnny uses marijuana for the first time (at a party from a friend's brother who had a med card). They all wanted to "see what getting high was like."

2015

Concentrates grew exponentially in the marketplace and "dabbing" became popular.


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### What the Voters Voted For...



WHAT THE BOOMERS WANTED

10% THC



WHAT THE KIDS GOT

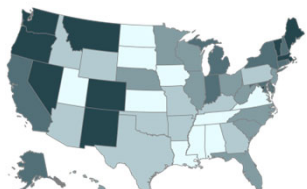
90% THC

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### Marijuana Use by Teens Increases in States Where Marijuana is Legalized

2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health report data tables (from SAMHSA)

Marijuana Use in the Past Month among Youths Aged 12 to 17, by State: 2018-2019



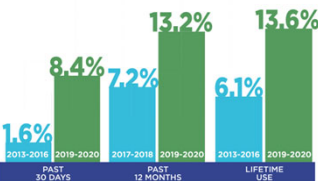
Percentages of Persons

- 8.86% - 12.84%
- 7.06% - 8.85%
- 6.19% - 7.05%
- 5.81% - 6.18%
- 4.58% - 5.80%

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### Prevalence of Adolescent Cannabis Vaping (Lim, JAMA Pediatrics, Oct. 2021)

Regression analysis of 17 studies of 198,845 adolescents from the US and Canada



Usage Type	2013-2016	2019-2020
PAST 30 DAYS	1.6%	8.4%
PAST 12 MONTHS	7.2%	13.2%
LIFETIME USE	6.1%	13.6%

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### A Panel Study of the Effect of Cannabis Use on Mental Health, Depression & Suicide in the 50 States Executive Summary June 29, 2022

Authored by Drug-Free America Foundation and Commissioned by Johnny's Ambassadors

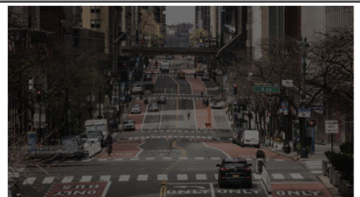
Study author Allen Adomits, MPA, is a doctoral candidate (ABD) in Public Administration (DPA) at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

This research is significant in that it represents the first nationwide correlative regression data linking monthly cannabis use and self-reported mental health disorders among adolescents and young adults over 51 geographical variations and 8 time periods. These research results strongly support the federal and state policy considerations for caps on high potency THC products.



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A difference-in-means test demonstrates that cannabis use is higher among all age groups in more highly permissive states.


Use among 12-17 age group increased by 47 percent

Use among 18-25 age group increased by 81 percent

Use among 26+ age group increased by 175 percent

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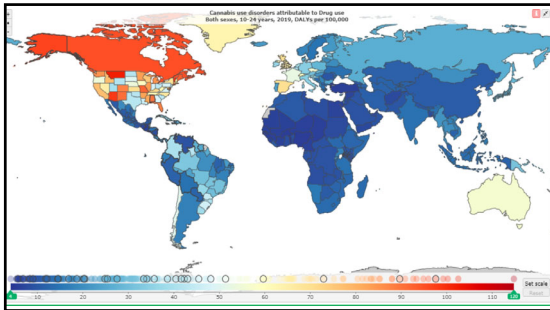
### Past Month Marijuana Use by Age Category and State: 2017



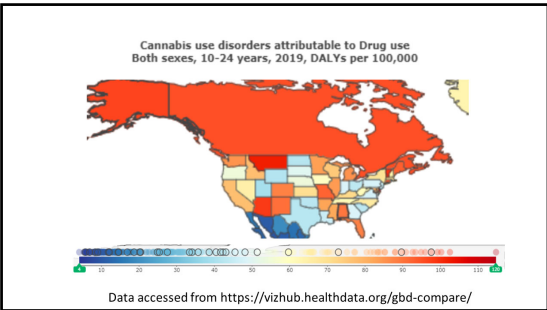
Where it's legal: More kids use it. More kids get addicted. More money is made by the pot industry.

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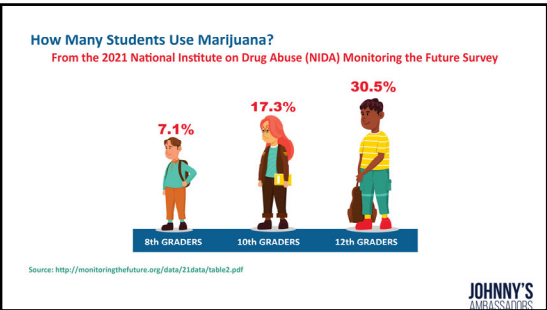
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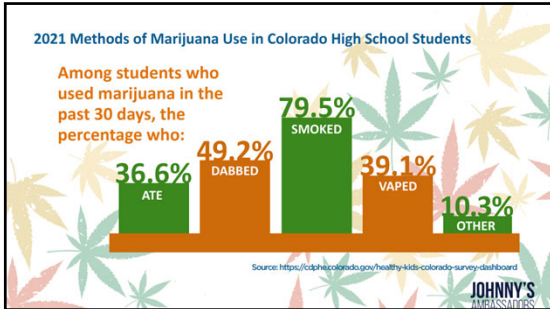
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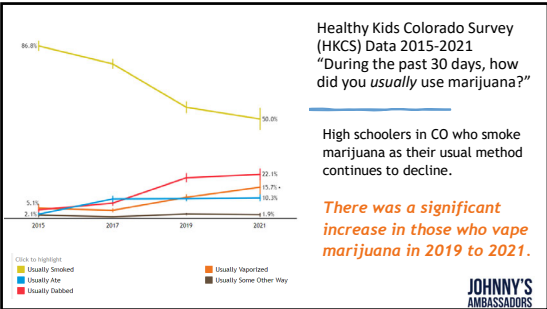
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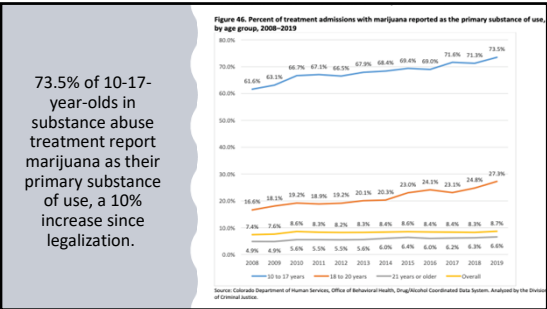
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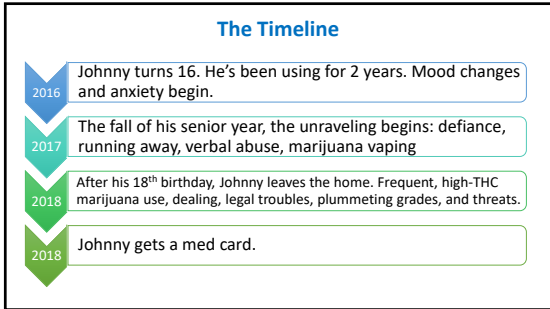
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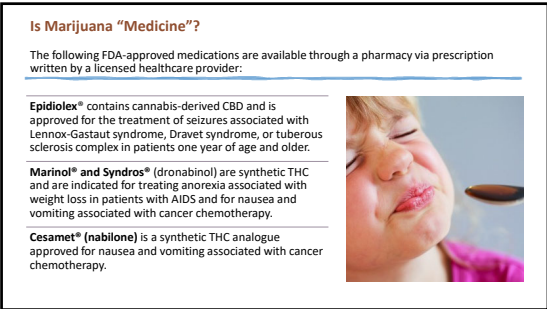
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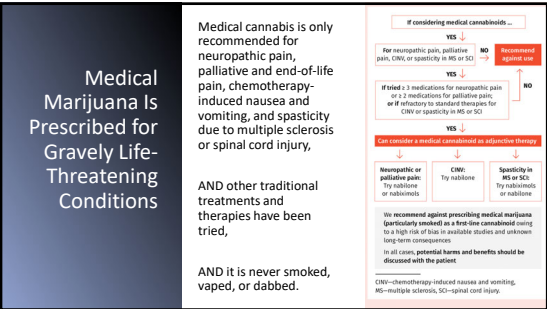
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Johnny Came Full Circle.

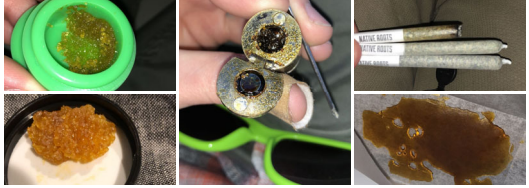
He is Now the 18-Year-Old Marijuana Dealer with a Med Card.

Johnny didn't have a single medical issue.

anyone wanna smoke me up before I my med card? 🤔



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Snapchat Photos from Johnny's Phone  
"For Your Eyes Only"

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Colorado State Records of Medical Marijuana Cards

0 to 10 years old	11 to 17 years old	18 to 20 years old
114	132	2,724

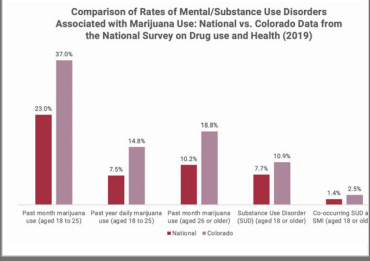
as of April 2022

Given primarily for "severe pain." In one day from 17 to 18, nearly 3,500 teens in Colorado developed a "debilitating illness." Their mood swings, anxiety, psychotic symptoms, and suicidal ideation are CAUSED by the marijuana and are not "medicine" for these conditions.

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Comparison of Rates of Mental/Substance Use Disorders Associated with Marijuana Use: National vs. Colorado Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2019)



Category	National	Colorado
Past month marijuana use (ages 18-25)	23.0%	37.6%
Past year daily marijuana use (ages 18-25)	7.5%	14.8%
Past month marijuana use (ages 26 or older)	10.2%	18.8%
Substance use disorder (SUD) (ages 18-25)	7.7%	10.9%
Co-occurring SUD & DM (ages 18-25)	1.4%	2.5%

The U.S. Health Department singled out Colorado in its report for the state's high weed use and addiction rates, as well as its co-occurring mental illness problems with marijuana.

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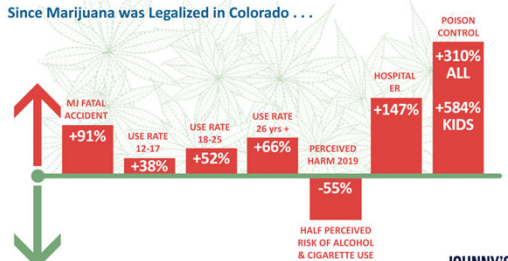
Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee (RMPHAC) report (through CDPHE)

August 3, 2020: "The RMPHAC reviewed the relationships between adolescent and young adult marijuana use and cognitive abilities, academic performance, mental health, and future substance use:

- Weekly marijuana use by adolescents is associated with deficits in academic and cognitive abilities, even 28 days after last use.
- Weekly use is also associated with failure to graduate from high school or complete a college degree.
- Adolescents and young adults who use marijuana are more likely to experience psychotic symptoms as adults (such as hallucinations, paranoia, and delusional beliefs), future psychotic disorders (such as schizophrenia) and suicidal thoughts or attempting suicide.
- Evidence shows that adolescents who use marijuana can become addicted to marijuana, and that treatment for marijuana addiction can decrease use and dependence.
- Those who quit using marijuana have lower risks of adverse cognitive and mental health outcomes than those who continue to use.
- Marijuana use is also associated with future use and use disorder for tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.
- Adolescent use of marijuana with higher THC concentration (>10% THC) is associated with continued use and development of future mental health symptoms and disorders."

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Since Marijuana was Legalized in Colorado . . .



Category	Change
MJ FATAL ACCIDENT	+91%
USE RATE 12-17	+38%
USE RATE 18-25	+52%
USE RATE 26 yrs +	+66%
PERCEIVED HARM 2019	-55%
HOSPITAL ER	+147%
POISON CONTROL	+310% ALL
HALF PERCEIVED RISK OF ALCOHOL & CIGARETTE USE	-55%

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1. Increased use in all grades

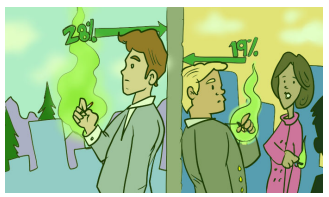
- The 2019 "Healthy Kids Colorado" found that marijuana use increases by grade level, with 13.3% of 9th graders, 18.6% of 10th graders, 24.3% of 11th graders, and 26.9% of 12th reporting use in the past 30-days

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2. Higher use past month


- Since legalization, past month marijuana use amongst those aged 18-25 increased 28% while the national average only rose 19%.

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3. Higher use since legalization

- The prevalence rates for marijuana use in the past 30 days increased for young adults aged 18-25 from 21.2% in 2005 to 31.2% in 2013 post commercialization.

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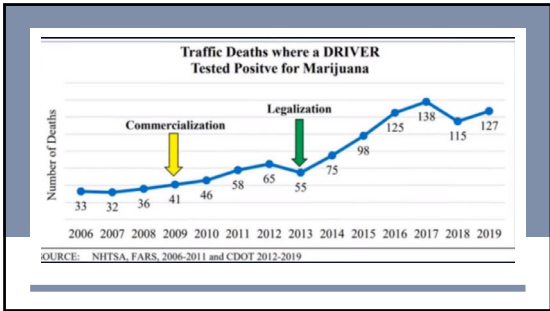
#### 4. DUI

- The number of DUI summonses issued by the Colorado State Patrol in which marijuana-alone or marijuana-in-combination was recorded increased by 120% since 2014.

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#### 4. Youth Poisoning

- Since legalization in 2012, marijuana exposures among youth aged 0-5 reported to the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center rose 586%, with 15 such cases reported in 2012 and 103 reported in 2019. This equals an average annual increase of 64% in such exposures.

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#### 6. Hospitalization

- During the era of non-commercial medical marijuana, the hospitalization rate of those with marijuana-related billing codes rose 17% (826.8 in 2003 to 963.5 in 2009).

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#### 7. Increased alcohol use

- The gallons of alcohol consumed in Colorado since marijuana legalization has increased by 8% (Colorado Department of Revenue [CDR], Colorado Liquor Excise Tax, 2017).

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#### 8. Increase in illegal grows

- There's been a 50% increase in illegal grow operations across rural areas in the state (Stewart, 2017).

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#### 9. Increased crime rate

- The crime rate in Colorado has increased 11 times faster than the rest of the nation since legalization, with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation reporting an 8.3% increase in property crimes and an 18.6% increase in violent crimes.

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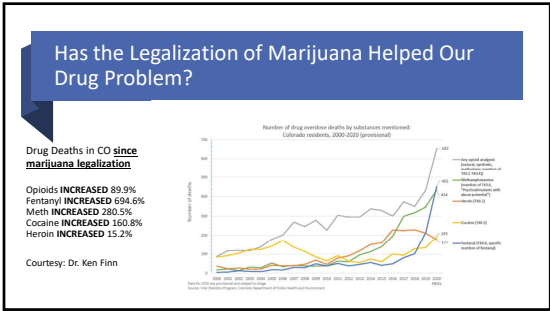
#### 10. Increased toxicity in suicides

- Suicides with marijuana present in the system increased 395.5% between 2006 and 2018.

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New Federal Data Shows Marijuana is Major Factor in Emergency Department Visits Among Youth

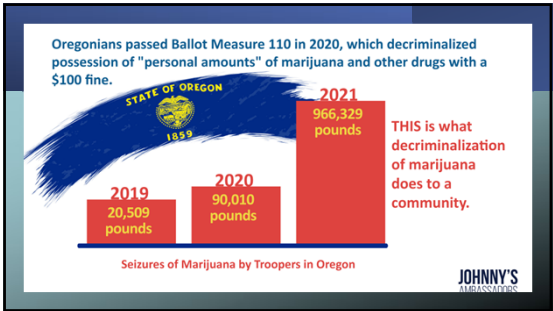
"Marijuana is by far the leading cause of youth drug-related emergency department visits. There were more than twice as many emergency department visits from marijuana than from opioids, meth, and cocaine combined for those ages 18 and under."



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), June 2, 2022  
[https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA\\_Digital\\_Download/PPT22-07-03-003.pdf](https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA_Digital_Download/PPT22-07-03-003.pdf)

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There have been NO peer-reviewed scientific studies or trials that show any positive effects of marijuana use on adolescent or public health. Can anyone find a non-cannabis industry study on:

- Decreased adolescent use and addiction?
- Decreased hospital utilization, particularly with youth?
- Decreased opioid and other drug-related overdose deaths?
- Decreased psychiatric episodes?
- Decreased suicidality?
- Decreased marijuana-related driving fatalities?
- Decreased marijuana DUIs?
- Decreased cancer?
- Decreased crime?
- Decreased drug cartel activity?
- Increased vocational wealth and graduation rates?
- Increased healthy baby births when used during pregnancy?
- Increased IQ with chronic use?

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Who Is To Blame for Johnny's Death?

Me? No, I didn't shove marijuana down his throat or push him off the building.

Johnny? No, The marijuana made him psychotic, and he wasn't in his right mind.

Marijuana? No, by itself, it's just a plant and not dangerous if you leave it alone.

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Who Is to Blame for Johnny's Death? These carpetbaggers who helped make marijuana legal



George Soros, billionaire investor

John Sperling, billionaire donor

Aaron Smith, CEO National Cannabis Industry Association

\*\*\* pot doc who gave Johnny a med card

Hugh Hefner, first donor to NORML

Robert Corry, attorney, founding father of amendment 64

Ethan Nadelmann, founder of the Drug Policy Alliance

Peter Lewis, billionaire donor

Troy Dayton, Founder, Arcview

Rob Kampia, co-founder of Marijuana Policy Project

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The Big Marijuana Lie – a repeat of Big Tobacco trying to profit from our youth



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Online Medical Marijuana Card with Leafwell

Get your medical marijuana card online

No appointment needed. Quick and Easy.

GROUPON deal in MO from May 2022

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420 STORE 4 ALL

ORDER WEED ONLINE NOW. NO MARIJUANA MEDICAL CARD NEEDED.

A Cute Little South CANNABIS OIL JUST FOR YOU

QUALITY VAPE PENS

QUALITY GRADE A++ TOP SHELF WEED STRAINS FOR YOU

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How THC is Marketed as Good for You on Websites



ADULTING

CREATIVE THINKING

GET-TOGETHERS

CLEANING

SEX

NATURE

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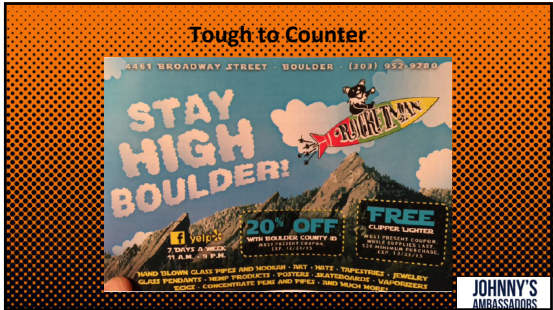
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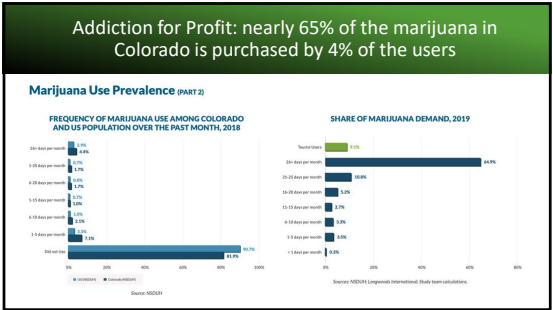
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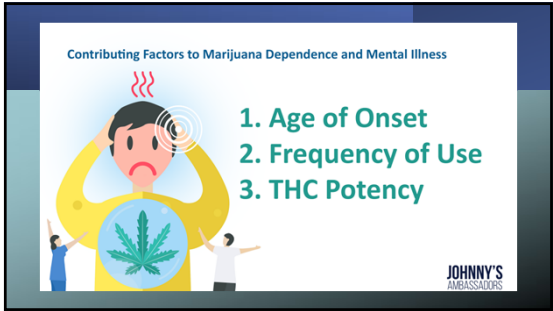
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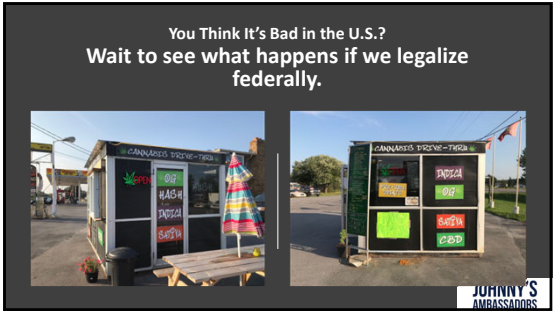
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### Health Canada – Former Warning Labels (2018-2019) – now changed

- Regular use of cannabis can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia. Higher THC content can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia.
- Regular use of cannabis can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia. Higher THC content can lower the age of onset of schizophrenia.
- Regular use of cannabis can increase the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia. Young people are especially at risk.
- Adolescents are at greater risk of harms from cannabis. Early and regular use increases the risk of psychosis and schizophrenia.
- Adolescents are at greater risk of harms from cannabis. Using cannabis as a teenager can increase your risk of becoming addicted.
- Adolescents are at greater risk of harms from cannabis. 1 in 6 people who start using cannabis in adolescence will become addicted.

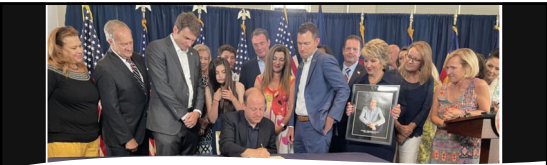
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### How Did We Pass CO HB 1317?

- Get: Get a leader & a bunch of angry parents
- Contact: Contact legislators to find a sponsor
- Write: Write bill
- Fundraise: Get sponsors and backers
- Hire: Hire a lobbyist or 12
- Create: Create alliances with schools, healthcare, parents
- Show up: Show up in force and testify
- Sign: Sign bill with Governor
- Repeat: Rinse, repeat

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### Colorado House Bill 1317 "Regulating Marijuana Concentrates"

**What the bill DID:**

- Require medical marijuana to be treated as medicine with an appropriate doctor-patient relationship
- Close dangerous loopholes being abused at dispensaries that give teenagers easy access to high-potency THC products
- Collect and track data on the health impacts of high-potency THC products

**What the bill will NOT do:**

- Recriminalize marijuana - medically or recreationally
- Remove products that have legitimate health benefits

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Representative Tim Gettner (D-CO) reads Johnny's story on the House Floor on in his concluding statements on the unanimous passage of HB21-1317 on Regulating Marijuana Concentrates

Thursday, May 27, 2021



HB21-1317  
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