

Educate on the Harms of Youth THC Use to Keep it From Happening to Others



Program Description

If you're like most community coalitions we work with, you've seen a big increase in the use of THC products (vapes, dab pens, edibles, smokes) in your schools and communities over the past few years. Even in states where marijuana isn't legal, students can buy intoxicating Delta-8 products made from hemp in gas stations and convenience stores.

As you know, lecturing and preaching doesn't work, so we must educate them. No teen ever thinks THC will hurt them when they first hit the vape. Many celebrities celebrate weed, and the marijuana industry claims it is "medicine." My son, Johnny, didn't think THC would hurt him either. Johnny started using THC at a high school party when he was 14 years old, soon after marijuana was first legalized here in Colorado. He died by suicide five years later, after he became suspicious and paranoid and thought the mob was after him.

Six months after Johnny died, I founded Johnny's Ambassadors Youth THC Prevention. God clearly told me, "Here is Johnny's very important mission in this world, and you are going to help him achieve what you talked about." Many prevention professionals got into this field because they have a similar story. Something similar happened in their lives that led them to this profession. We need to be with people of like experiences. We all use our trauma for good to keep others from going down the same path our loved ones did.



Prevention Professionals and Community

Objectives

- Learn the various definitions of cannabis, marijuana, THC, CBD, Delta-9, Delta-8, etc.
- Understand why today's THC products are so different than 80's weed and how they are made
- Calculate potency and serving size of the various THC products
- Talk knowledgeably about teen brain formation
- Learn how CB1 receptors in the brain interact with THC
- Discover the impacts of THC on the developing brain
- Understand how teen THC use can result in addiction, mental illness, psychosis, suicidality, and reduced IQ.
- Become re-inspired to use your own "prevention story" for good

These coalitions have offered to be a reference and will speak with you to provide more information on the program. Thank you for helping us save our youth from the harms of THC! We look forward to hopefully visiting your community soon.

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