



INTRODUCTION TO MARIJUANA EDUCATION RESOURCES
What Is Available and Where to Find It

State Resources:

www.colorado.gov/marijuana

This is the main “gateway” into the various informational resources provided by State of Colorado and Federal agencies including the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). By exploring this page, you will find numerous handouts, pamphlets, and references providing information on everything from the laws and regulations surrounding marijuana use in Colorado, to getting treatment for marijuana and other drug abuse.

Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)

<http://speaknowcolorado.org/> Or www.hableahoracolorado.org

OBH runs the “Speak Now” campaign which provides valuable information for parents/caregivers on ways to engage youth at all stages of development in conversations about alcohol and other drugs, including marijuana. The campaign is also available in Spanish.

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) <http://www.cde.state.co.us/DropoutPrevention/Resources.htm>

CDE has numerous resources about drop-out prevention and its relationship to youth marijuana use. There are links to fact sheets which detail how marijuana harms the adolescent brain and the health consequences of using marijuana, as well as a tip sheet from SAMHSA.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/marijuana>

The link above will take you to printable resources about the health effects of marijuana, as well as some information about medical marijuana research and retail marijuana. If you click on the “Retail marijuana” link, you’ll find links about the laws, health effects, and information for parents. These links take you back to the main Colorado.gov/marijuana site. The CDPHE website will also provide you with data on marijuana use.

CDPHE has also compiled a document outlining effective policies and programs to restrict youth access and exposure to drugs and alcohol.

<https://docs.google.com/a/state.co.us/document/d/1LsVfodSKeHo1HBUuqlf7iDH8rSHuBRIfM6izaV0z160/edit?pli=1>

This document also outlines the regulations on advertising, smoke-free housing, tobacco-free schools laws, and information for local governments on how they can further limit hours of sale and density of retail locations. Additionally, this document provides information on the laws surrounding safe storage and home grows.

Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/retail-marijuana-public-health-advisory-committee>

The Retail Marijuana Public Health Advisory Committee was tasked with performing an intense scientific literature review of current studies on the health effects of marijuana use, gathering the information, prioritizing future surveillance activities, and creating public health statements. The committee has released statements and finding summaries on marijuana use during pregnancy and breastfeeding, marijuana use and mental health, and marijuana use among adolescents and young adults and unintentional poisonings. Future statements include marijuana dose and drug interactions, injuries, and respiratory effects including lung cancer.

You can also access CDPHE’s YouTube channel to view or share any of the 3 public service announcements regarding marijuana

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-VsWeyxB0w&feature=share&list=PLXlvWapxrtLh0h9qNv5GAfvBve9K8jGH>



Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)

<http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/alcohol-and-impaired-driving/druggeddriving>

CDOT is running a campaign called “Drive High, Get a DUI”. Their website provides information and statistics highlighting the dangers and illegality of driving while under the influence of marijuana. The “Marijuana and Driving” link takes you to a Q&A page with commonly asked questions about what happens if you drive high, and what happens if you get caught. Additionally, the National Resource Center recently released results of CDOT’s various impaired driving media campaigns, including “Drive High, Get a DUI”.
<https://drive.google.com/a/state.co.us/file/d/0B1ZLDoWfp507amdFelBJcGoyWGM/view?pli=1>

Other Resources:

There are numerous local, statewide, and national programs and campaigns that target ATOD (including marijuana) prevention. You can get some more great information and access many more resources.

- <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/> NIDA for Teens focuses on drugs as a whole, but also has marijuana specific information.
- http://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/preventingdruguse_2.pdf This guide on Preventing Drug Use Among Children and Adolescents has information on risk and protective factors, drug abuse prevention in the community, and examples of evidence-based drug abuse prevention programs.
- <http://denverrap.org/> The Denver Resource for Awareness and Prevention (d-RAP) is your community-based source of information and tools to help identify and prevent teen alcohol and drug abuse, and to promote fun, healthy, positive lifestyle choices.
- <http://www.rmc.org/> RMC Health is a valuable resource for schools and other educational programs. Currently, they are conducting a policy scan to guide development of model policy language for schools to include the use of retail marijuana in their anti-smoking and anti-drug policies. RMC Health will be creating a webpage for school district policy resources on retail marijuana. The webpage will include trainings, technical assistance, Colorado Department of Education units that target marijuana prevention, and model policies.
- <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/marijuana.htm> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) keyword: Marijuana
- <http://www.starttalkingnow.org/our-efforts/new-toolkit-preventing-underage-marijuana-use> The State of Washington is also launching some new campaigns with very similar goals to those here in Colorado.
- <http://learnaboutmarijuanawa.org/parentpreventionbooklet2014.pdf> Or <http://learnaboutmarijuanawa.org/padresprevencion2014.pdf>

A Parent’s guide to preventing underage marijuana use, out of Seattle Children’s and Social Development Research Group, discusses marijuana and adolescents, and FAQ’s targeted towards parents. The document is also translated into Spanish.