



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024
5:30 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| A. CITY UPDATE | 5:30 p.m. |
| Brian McCain, Chief of Staff | |
| 5 minute presentation | |
| B. LOBBYIST UPDATE | 5:35 p.m. |
| Gil Romero - Capitol Success Group | |
| 15 minute presentation | |
| C. EVERY BRAIN MATTERS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Aubree Adams - Director | |
| 15 minute presentation | |

ADJOURNMENT

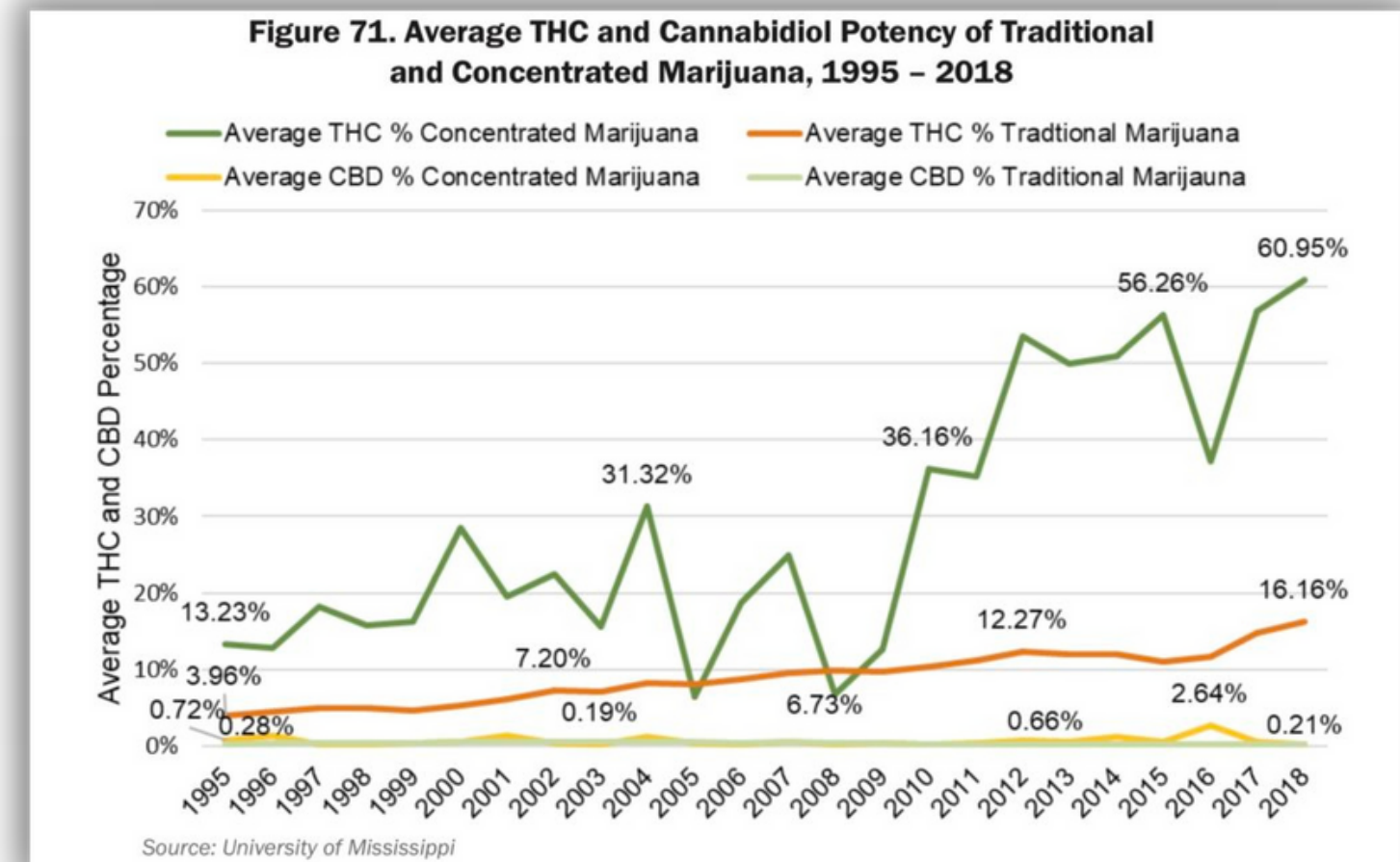


Aubree Adams
Director, Advocate, Parent



TODAY'S INDUSTRILIZED MARIJUANA

- Increased potency which increases the risk of developing a substance use disorder (addiction)
- Increased accessibility
- Fast and easy-to-use delivery systems (vapes and edibles)
- THC is infused into normal-looking foods
- Decreased perception of harms and risks
- Lack of education
- Normalization, commercialization and industrialized products



TODAY'S INDUSTRIALIZED MARIJUANA



<https://thcphotos.org>

NOT LIKE ALCOHOL!

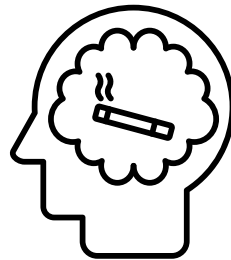
ALCOHOL



MARIJUANA
CANNABINOIDS



3 MAIN DIAGNOSIS



CANNABIS USE DISORDER



CANNABIS-INDUCED PSYCHOSIS



CANNABINOID HYPEREMESIS SYNDROME

Out of all the drugs that can induce psychosis, cannabis results in the highest conversion rate from temporary psychotic symptoms to a chronic psychotic disorder like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Conversion Rate</u>
cannabis	47%
amphetamine	32%
hallucinogens	28%
opioids	21%

Source: <https://ajp.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.ajp.2017.17020223>

A study, published in Psychological Medicine, analyzed detailed health records data spanning 5 decades and representing more than 6 million people in Denmark to estimate the 30% of schizophrenia cases that could be attributed to cannabis use disorder on the population level.



Learn about
Cannabis-Induced
Psychosis (CIP)



Freedom From Marijuana
and the
Drug Culture Expansion

EVERYBRAINMATTERS.ORG



Can cannabis use increase the risk of suicide?

Science finds cannabis use is associated with a higher prevalence of suicidal ideation, plan, and attempt among U.S. young adults ages 18 -25.

UP to 7 x increase.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366\(14\)70307-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(14)70307-4/fulltext)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4219077/pdf/wps0013-0322.pdf>

Can Cannabis-induced Psychosis (CIP) increase the risk of suicide?

Psychotic experiences are a clinical marker of risk for a 4-fold increased odds of suicide death

JAMA Psychiatry. 2019 Feb; 76(2): 180–189.

Published online 2018 Nov 28. doi: [10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2018.3514](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2018.3514)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6439738/>

**DOES MARIJUANA USE
INCREASE THE
RISK FOR SUICIDE?**

IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH THESE
PAINFUL MOMENTS. HOLD ON.
**CALL OR TEXT
988
FOR HELP**
US NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS HOTLINE

***Freedom From Marijuana
and the
Drug Culture Expansion***

EVERYBRAINMATTERS.ORG



OF ALL COLORADO TEENAGERS FROM
15-19 WHO TOOK THEIR OWN LIVES...

42%
HAVE THC
IN THEIR
SYSTEM

AMONG HISPANIC TEENS... IT IS **58%**
FOUND WITH THC

FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN TEENS
IT'S **67%**



Full Report: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/.../colorado-violent-death...>

Additionally, Visit: <https://cohealthviz.dphe.state.co.us/.../COVDRSSui.../Story1>

*Then select: Circumstances, Toxicology, and Injury Location, 2020-2021, including races, and then select age: 15-19.



JAMA Pediatrics, Dec 2018
JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(2):185-186. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.3811

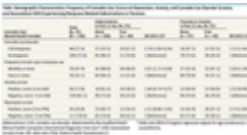
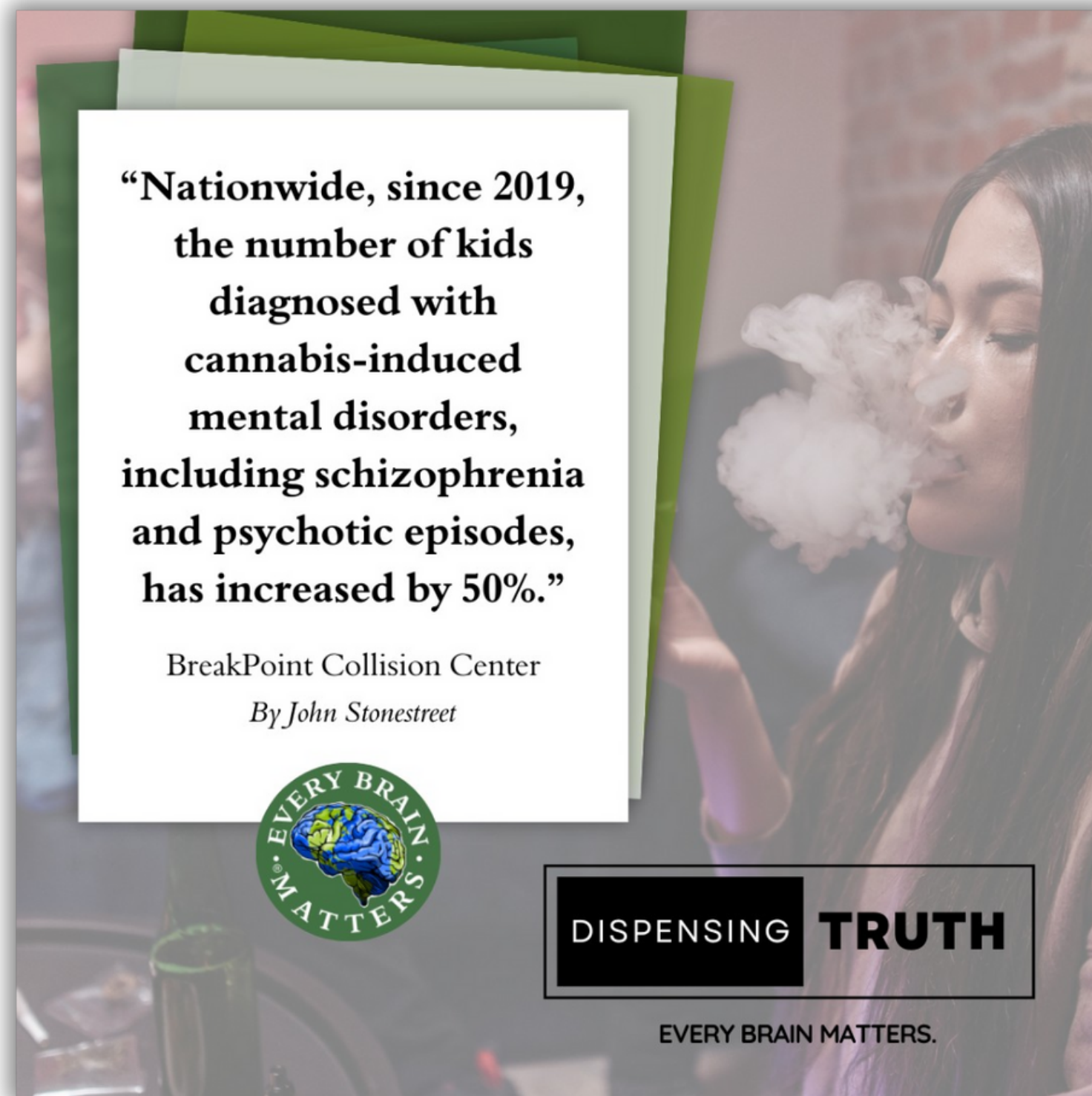
**“Nationwide, since 2019,
the number of kids
diagnosed with
cannabis-induced
mental disorders,
including schizophrenia
and psychotic episodes,
has increased by 50%.”**

BreakPoint Collision Center
By John Stonestreet



DISPENSING TRUTH

EVERY BRAIN MATTERS.



Acute Mental Health Symptoms in Adolescent Marijuana Users

This study examines survey results from adolescent marijuana users concerning mental health symptoms and marijuana use to estimate the association of acute psychiatric symptoms with frequency of use.



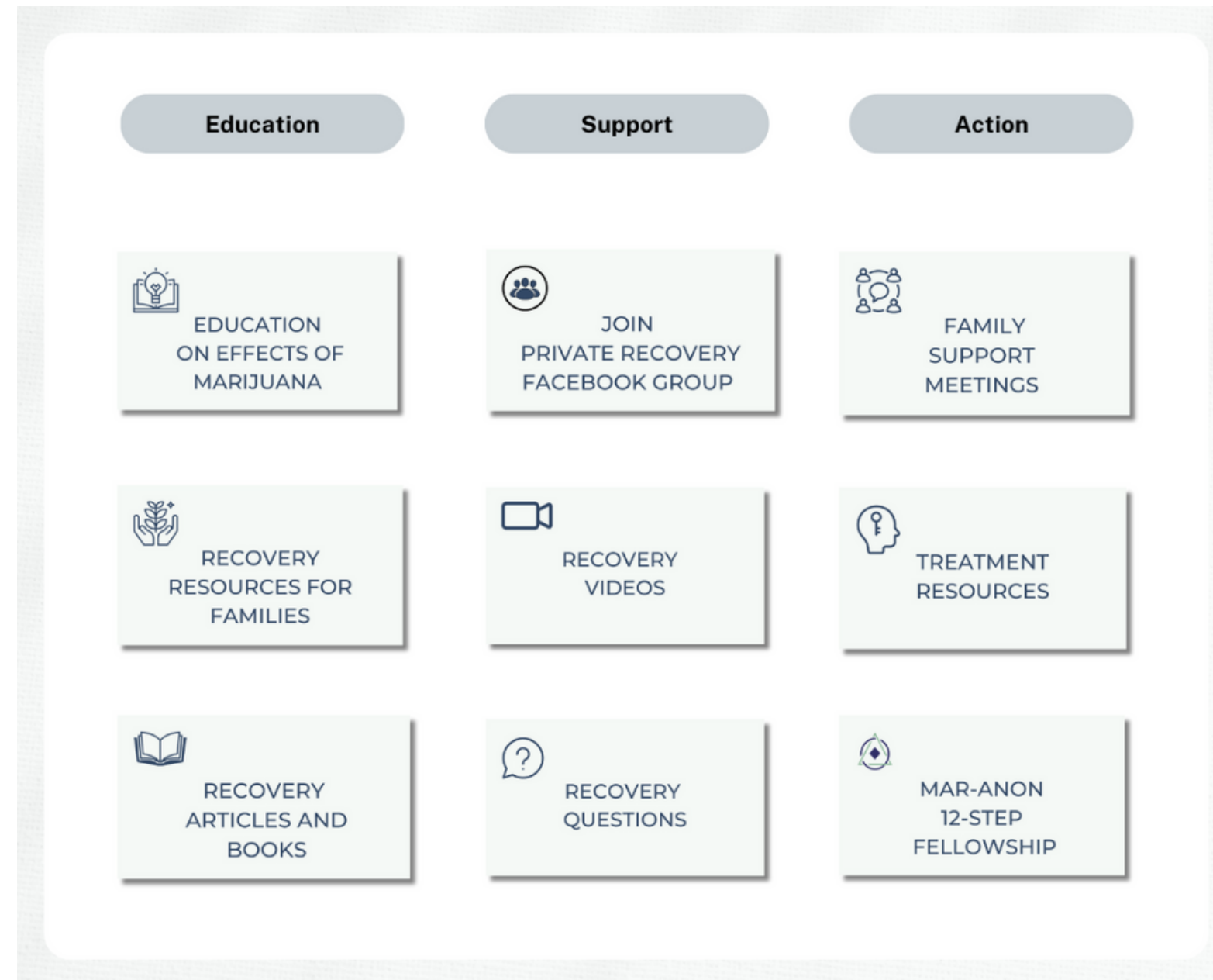
marijuana-and-psychosis-in-teens

In 2016, Massachusetts voters legalized recreational marijuana.

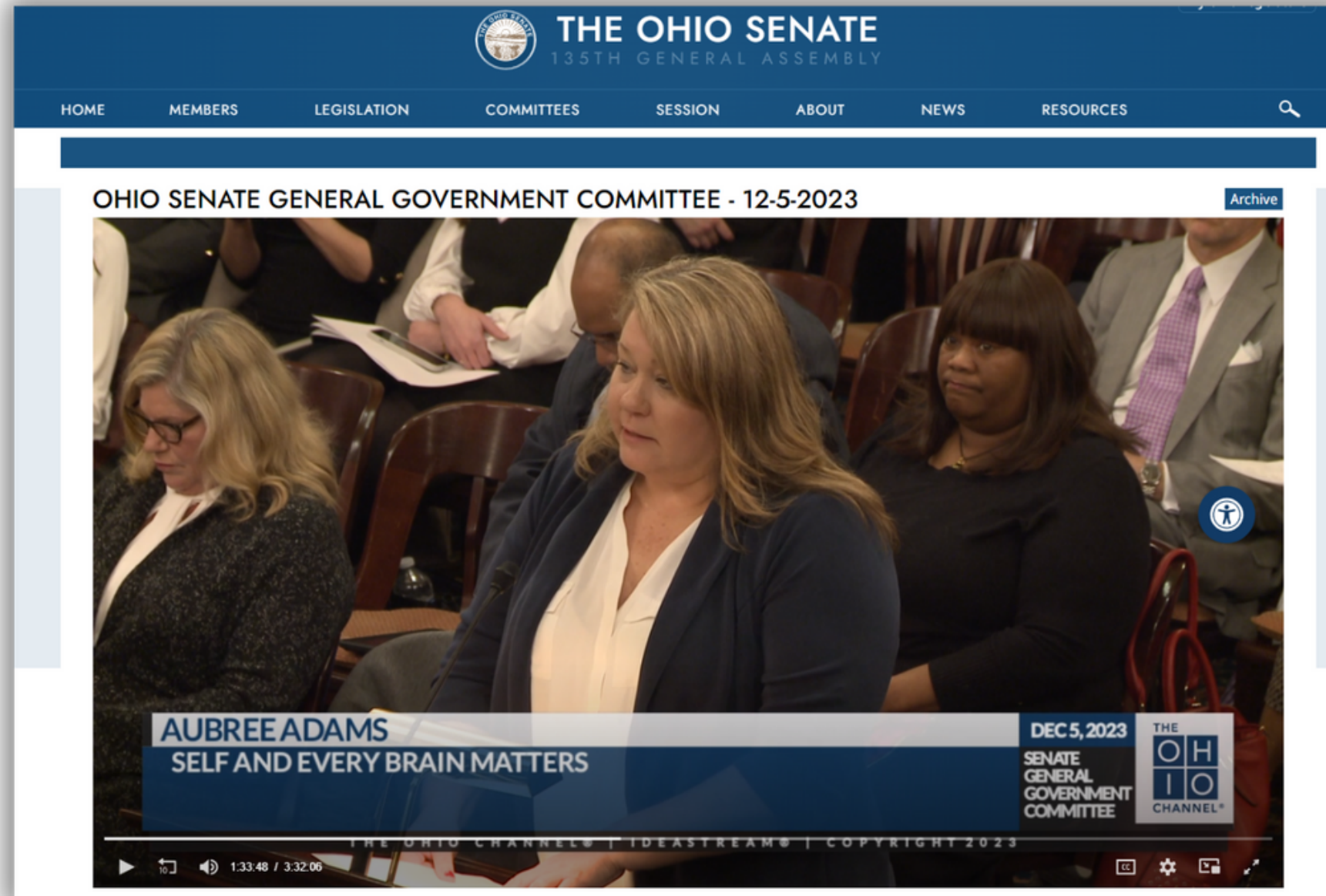


We are a community developed by families harmed by marijuana.

Support



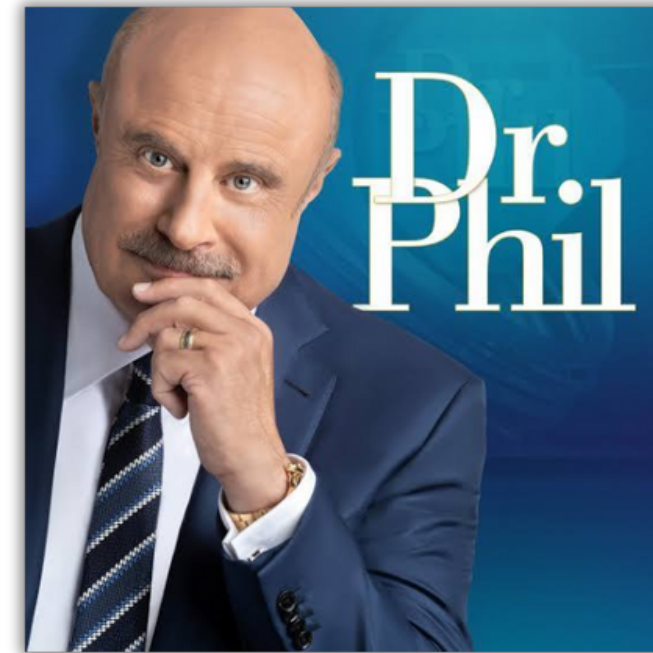
Advaocy



<https://ohiosenate.gov/committees/general-government/video/ohio-senate-general-government-committee-12-5-2023-191104>



Advaocy



Dr. Karen Ranall
Pueblo ER Physician

Advaocy

CANNABIS PSYCHOSIS, TRANSPORTED TO HELL

I started to see demons in my home,
and the smell of blood was everywhere.
I felt my body get thrashed and tossed
around again and kept hearing the
laughing and talking from these
demons everywhere.



THE FIRST DEATH, CANNABIS- INDUCED PSYCHOSIS; THE SECOND DEATH, FENTANYL & METH



THE VOICES OF
MARIJUANA
HARMS

THE EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ARE **DANGEROUS** AND **INCREASING**.
WE TELL OUR STORIES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

EVERY BRAIN MATTERS

STORIES
MEMORIAL
HOPE



BRYN SPEJCHER

It's Just Pot. What's the Problem?  **PODCAST**

Cannabis-Induced Psychosis

**TO INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER;
THE BRYN SPEJCHER TRIAL**

This is the only podcast where the guests
are attending the entire trial.



Photo Courtesy of Bryn Spejcher

Bryn Spejcher
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE



 **End Wokeness** 
@EndWokeness

Bryn Spejcher killed her boyfriend Chad O'Melia by stabbing him 108 times.

Bryn was sentenced to just two years of probation and 100 hours of community service.

No prison time.

The judge classified this as involuntary due to the fact that she took a hit of cannabis, which she claims led to psychosis.



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LAWSUITS ACCOUNTABILITY

MARIJUANA INDUSTRY VICTIMS SEEKING JUSTICE



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Cannabis Industry Victims Education Litigators (CIVEL)
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COLORADO CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS

Been diagnosed within the last 2 years with cannabis use disorder, cannabis-induced psychosis, or cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome caused by any THC-containing (non-CBD) cannabis product purchased at a legal Colorado retail dispensary, with no previous history of mental illness (or digestive issues) and is no longer using cannabis products of any kind (including CBD).

April 8, 2021

The Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.

“COMPARED WITH
THOSE WHO NEVER SAW
BILLBOARD OR STOREFRONT
ADS, THOSE WHO SAID THEY
SAW THEM ‘MOST OF THE TIME’
OR ‘ALWAYS’ HAD **SEVEN TIMES**
THE ODDS OF FREQUENT
CANNABIS USE AND NEARLY **SIX**
TIMES THE ODDS OF HAVING
SYMPTOMS OF **CANNABIS USE**
DISORDER.”



FROM THE JOURNAL OF STUDIES
ON ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.



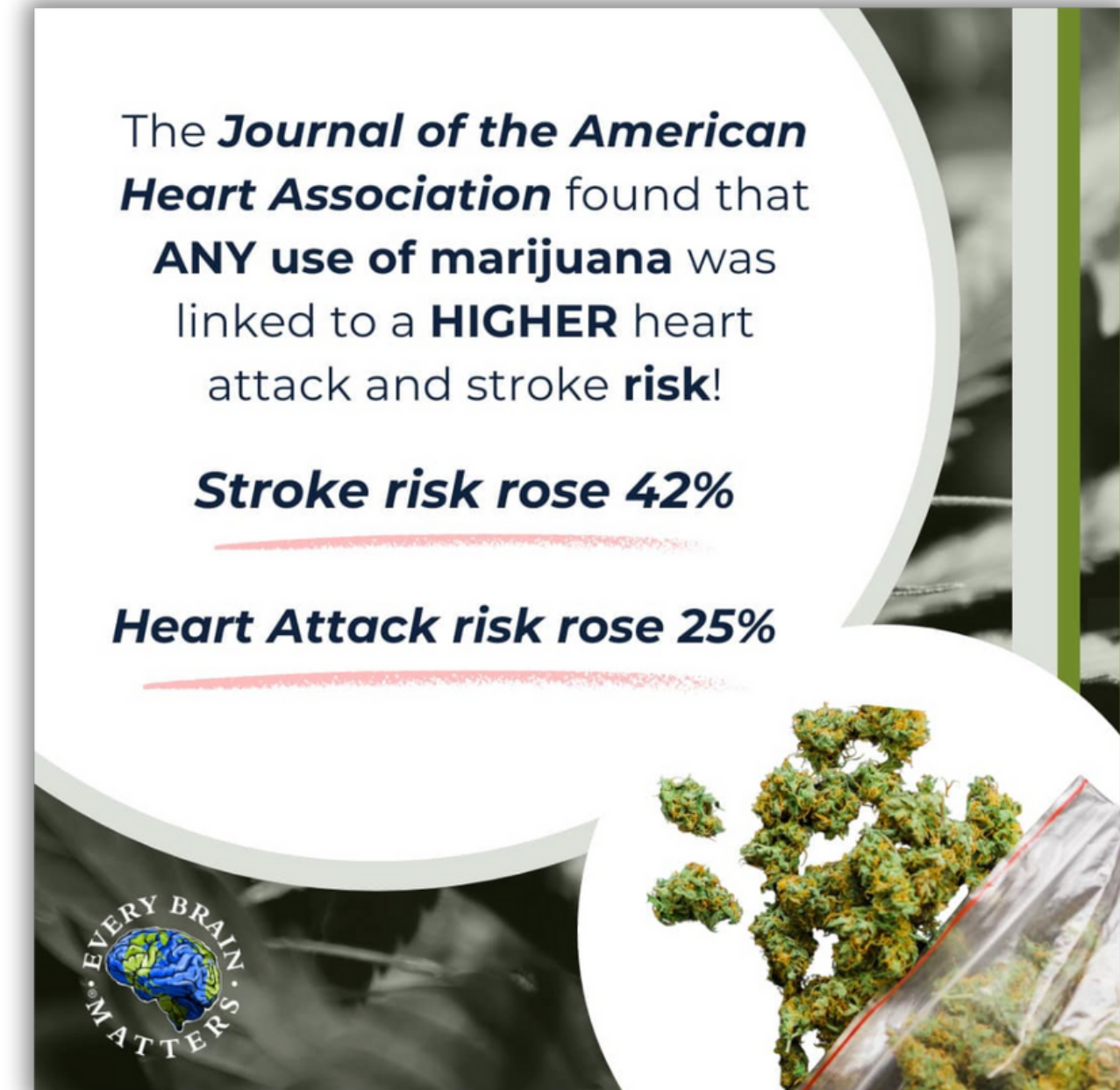
Journal of Psychiatric Research
Volume 171, March 2024, Pages 142-151



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022395624000591>

HEALTH EFFECTS

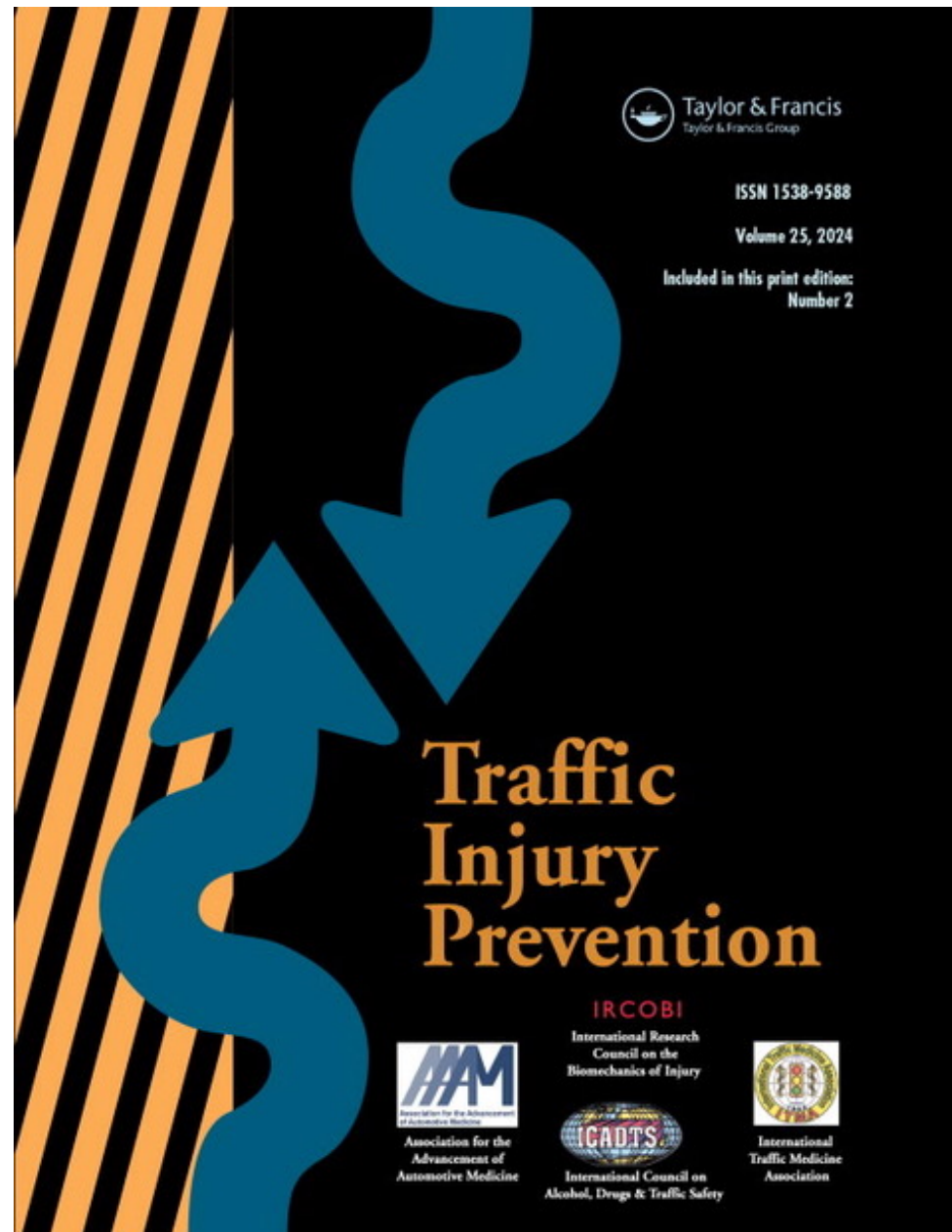
Journal of the American Heart Association
Volume 13, Feb 2024



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022395624000591>

January 2024

Colorado drugged driving prevalence and impaired driving conviction rates: Effects of impaired driving definitions and a 5-nanogram limit for delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol.



For Colorado, by linking toxicology and judicial databases, it is estimated that 39% to 63% of drug-impaired drivers who are charged with DUI/DWI primarily are from polydrug use of alcohol and THC.

And that Colorado has a lower conviction rate when applying the 5-ng/ml permissible law instead of the DWAI, less safe to drive regardless of the blood level. Someone can be just as impaired at 1 ng/mL as someone else at 6 ng/mL.

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RECOMENDATIONS!

What Happens in Pueblo Changes the World!

- Fund an educational campaign and conference with my non-profit, Dispensing the Truth.
- Potency Cap
- Outlaw billboard signs
- Draw the line in the march to expand access to drugs. Allowing access to non-FDA-approved psychedelics will increase the drug and mental illness crisis in Pueblo.
- Let's focus on drug prevention and recovery policies and stop expanding harm to the people of Pueblo.



THANK YOU!





Mar-Anon.com
maranon.group@gmail.com

I Have Cannabis-Induced Psychosis. I Need Your Help.

Marijuana caused me to experience a break from reality.

The delusions and hallucinations I am experiencing seem real to me. Please don't tell me otherwise or say that I'm crazy.

Don't blame, shame, scold me, or let me provoke your anger. Arguing with me may push me away.

When I am experiencing a mental health crisis, don't excuse any negative behaviors. Please maintain healthy boundaries with me.

Accountability allows me to recover.

Call for help if I try dangerous things or if I am a threat to myself or others, even when you think I'm bluffing. Lock up any weapons in the house.

I know you're scared. I'm scared, too.

Please don't make me responsible for your fears. Seek support for yourself.

I know it's not easy. You knew me before this happened. Have hope and know that I am in there somewhere.

Do learn all you can about marijuana and marijuana psychosis, attend Mar-anon meetings, and go to OPEN Marijuana Anonymous meetings. They're the people who can help you see the situation clearly.

I love you, Your loved one with CIP.

Resource: Mar-anon Families (mar-anon.com).