

LIVINGSTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

Health and Human Service Needs FACT SHEET

Marijuana Facts for Parents

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1 in 6 teens who use marijuana become addicted.

**Marijuana use at least 1x per week
can impact all aspects of a teens future.**



Did you know?

Potency is on the rise. Concentrates and selective breeding increase the THC levels. Today's marijuana is 5X more potent than in 1995, increasing the likelihood of psychosis.

Marijuana is not just smoked. It comes in multiple more concentrated forms, including edibles, waxes, dabs and oils. Oils can be used in a vaporizer similar to an e-cigarette. Vaporizing marijuana disguises the smell so use can go undetected.

Edibles such as cookies and chocolates made from THC concentrates are typically 10x more potent than traditional joints.¹ These can be purchase at provisioning centers and are being marketed to children. The packaging can lead children to accidentally ingest them.



Marijuana concentrates are made with dangerous chemicals like alcohol and butane.

¹ NIDA

THE TEEN BRAIN IS A WORK IN PROGRESS



The brain continues to develop until a teen is in his/her 20's. Marijuana use affects the prefrontal cortex, which controls impulses and decision-making behaviors.
Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse - NIDA

A recent study found abnormalities in the brain of marijuana users. The areas involve regions that interconnect memory, attention, language, and executive function skills.
Source: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America- CADCA

**MOBILIZING
MICHIGAN**
PROTECTING OUR KIDS FROM MARIJUANA

What is the impact locally?

According to the 2018 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey:

- 44.9% of Livingston County high school youth report it is “sort of easy” or “very easy” to get marijuana.
- 43.6% of Livingston County students report that smoking marijuana once or twice a week to be of moderate or great risk.

As perception of harm decreases, teen marijuana use increases.²



What can the community do to help?

- Work to protect youth from “recreational marijuana.”
- Work to keep dispensaries from becoming part of our communities.
- Provide a safe, alcohol- and drug-free place for teens.
- Talk to teens about the dangers, risks, and consequences of marijuana use.
- Monitor and set boundaries for teens.
- Know where your teens are, who they are with, and what they are doing.

**Help keep Michigan safe from the danger of marijuana
by protecting the health and well-being of our youth.**

For more information about Prevention:

Contact Karen Bergbower at: 810.225.9550 or karen@kbamichigan.com

For a Directory of Treatment and Prevention Providers:

Go to - <https://www.livgov.com/hscb/Pages/substanceabuse.aspx>



² Monitoring the Future Survey