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Let's Get Clear Georgia

Partners Advocating Together To Prevent Marijuana Abuse

MARIJUANA & THC

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FOR PARENTS OF PRODIGALS
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**IS LEGAL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA
COMING TO GEORGIA?**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR TEENS &
YOUNG ADULTS?**

A banner image featuring a sunset over a field of clouds. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky and the clouds below. The clouds are layered and have a soft, ethereal appearance.

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Let's Get Clear Georgia is a non-profit promoting advocacy and other collaborative efforts using best practices and policies using scientific findings from the field of substance abuse prevention to prevent and reduce the abuse of cannabis in Georgia.

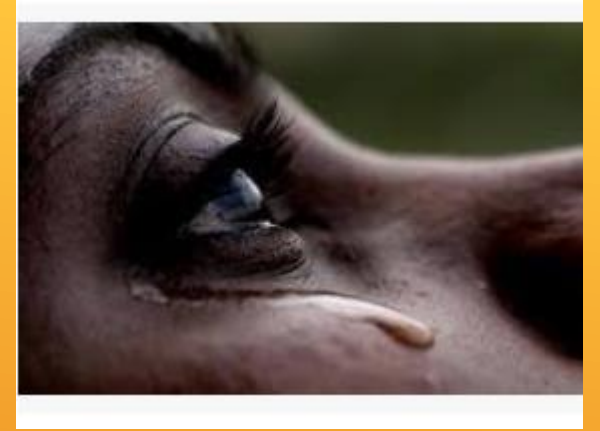


Let's Get Clear Georgia applauds the sincere, heartfelt efforts of all those who are trying to find solutions to suffering due to serious medical conditions.

But could many thousands more Georgians be hurt by the negative effects of marijuana and THC than will be truly be helped by taking unregulated, un-dosed, non-FDA approved marijuana/THC?



▶ **Experiences working
at Ridgeview Institute
& Charter Brook Hospital**



▶ **Substance Abuse Prevention Advocacy & Education
can reduce
the enormous human suffering caused by
the use, misuse, and abuse of and addiction to
substances.**



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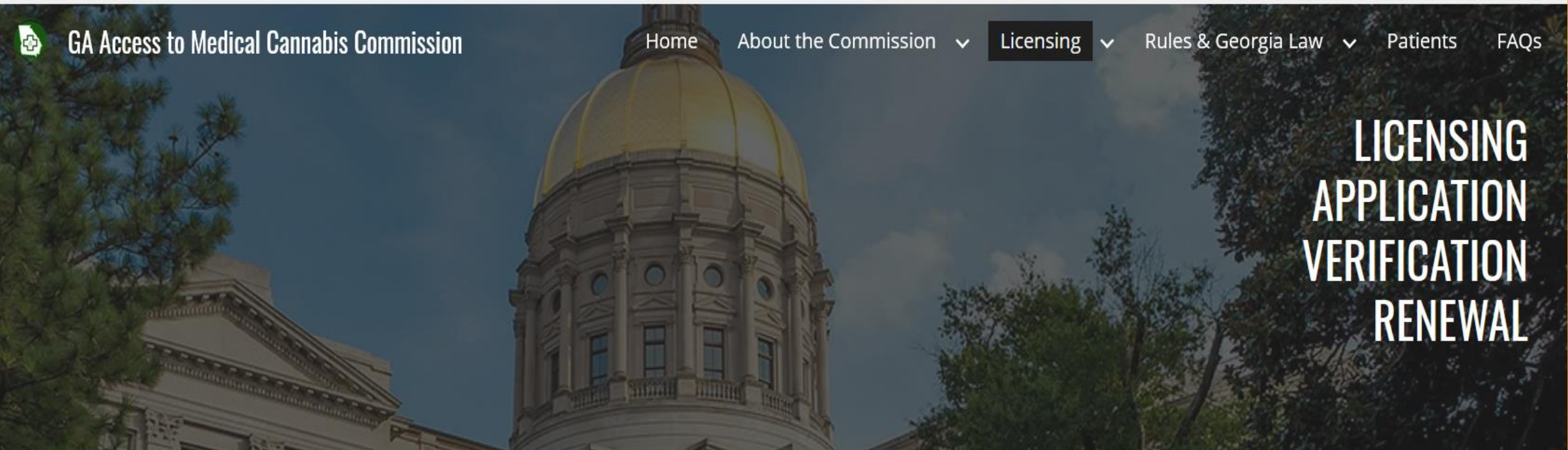


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**LICENSING
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What is now legal in Georgia



Marijuana Cultivation



Manufacturing Plants



Retail Outlets selling 5 THC Products (for now)

5% THC OIL PRODUCTS ARE LEGAL IN GEORGIA FOR 16 MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Mental Disorders	Physical Conditions
Alzheimer's disease	AIDS-severe or end stage
Autism Spectrum Disorder	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis - severe or end stage
PTSD	Cancer - end stage or w/ wasting, nausea, vomiting
Tourette's Disorder	Crohn's Disease
	Epidermolysis bullosa
	Intractable pain
	Mitochondrial disease
	Parkinson's Disease-severe or end stage
	Peripheral neuropathy- severe or end stage
	Sickle cell disease- severe or end stage
	Seizure disorders-epilepsy or traumatic head injuries
	Hospice program inpatients & outpatients



**4 Drops of 5% THC Oil =
1 standardized serving of an
edible in Colorado and
Washington**

****Verified by Mahmoud
ElSohly, Ph.D., Director of
the U. of Mississippi
Marijuana Project***

***funded by the U.S. National
Institute on Drug Abuse
(NIDA).***

****Also verified by the Phoenix Sciences Group, LCC
And SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana)***

4 More Kinds of THC (Marijuana) Products made legal in GA by the “Hope” Act:

- ▶ Transdermal Patches
- ▶ Lotions
- ▶ Capsules
- ▶ Tinctures*



****A concentrated liquid herbal extract typically made by soaking herbs and other plant parts in alcohol for weeks to extract the active constituents, making it more potent.***



1. Medical Marijuana Legalization

opens the door to

2. Defacto Recreational Marijuana Legalization

(defacto = as if)

Which opens the door to

3. Recreational Marijuana

(Trojan Horse)

#268 William Wrigley, Jr.

Chairman and CEO, Wrigley Management, Inc.



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REAL TIME NET WORTH

as of 11/12/20

\$3.1B

**Parallel's International Headquarters
55 Ivan Allen Junior Boulevard
Suite 900
Atlanta, GA 30308**

“Wrigley will also become the chair of Surterra’s [re-named Parallel] board. The company plans to use the funds to expand into new state markets — and make a push into the competitive recreational market.”

Parallel announced the introduction of **Goodblend™**, the company's new global retail brand. This store brand will become a recognized source across multiple markets where consumers can find a **consistent and trusted selection of the company's cannabinoid brands.**

Parallel has a house, or portfolio, of consumer brands. Each of these brands has its own instantly recognizable name, imagery, appeal, and unique and differentiated positioning. Our proprietary consumer brands include **Surterra Wellness™, Coral Reefer™, Endless Summer™ and Float™.**

- ▶ **Let's Get Clear Georgia
needs your help**
 - ▶ **Please sign up today**
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom right towards the top right, located in the lower right quadrant of the slide.

“**Marijuana**” refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the *Cannabis sativa* or *Cannabis indica* plant.



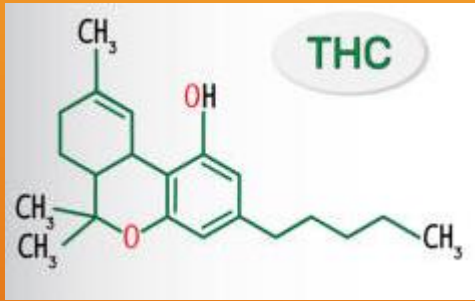
“**Cannabis**” is Latin for the marijuana plant.



“**Cannabinoids**” are the **active** compounds in marijuana that have effects on the brain.

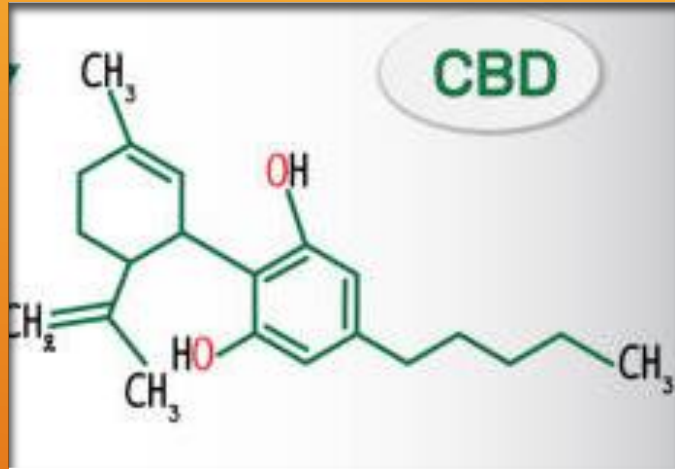
What is THC?

The psychoactive (mind-altering) cannabinoid in marijuana that gets people high and addicted is **THC** (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol).



Synthetic THC is used in certain prescription medications in the U.S. and elsewhere.

▶ Another major cannabinoid is “Cannabidiol” or CBD.



WHAT IS CBD?

▶ Unlike THC, CBD does not get people high or addicted.

▶ The FDA has approved Epidiolex[®] (CBD in pharmaceutical form) for the treatment of severe pediatric seizure disorders.

▶ Also prescribed for off-label use.

**Many bottles of non-FDA approved
CBD Oil contain more than .3% THC,
the legal THC limit
for products consumed by Georgians
who do not possess a “THC Registry Card” from the
GA Department of Public Health.**

CBD oil can also contain pesticides and contaminants.

**We don't know yet what the long-term effects
of
CBD are.**

▶ **What are the Risks for
Teens and Young Adults?**

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GBI: Food from Sandtown Middle School where kids got sick had THC

**JUST ONE OF
MANY
EXAMPLES IN
GA -
FULTON
COUNTY
SCHOOLS**

“A GBI LAB TEST FOUND THC IN A FOOD SAMPLE FROM SANDTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHERE 28 STUDENTS WERE SENT TO LOCAL HOSPITALS LAST WEEK AFTER EATING VALENTINE’S DAY TREATS.”



In Colorado the % of suicides in which drug test results were positive for marijuana increased from 14% in 2013 to **23% in 2017**. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), CO Violent Death Reporting System.



Marijuana acts as a poison in a child's, teen's, and young adult's nervous system, affecting their brain development. Persons who regularly smoke pot from adolescence through middle age can lose 6-8 IQ points. [Persistent cannabis users show neuropsychological decline from childhood to midlife.](#) 2012 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Plus



Marijuana use by pregnant mothers can cause still birth, premature birth, and low birth weight.

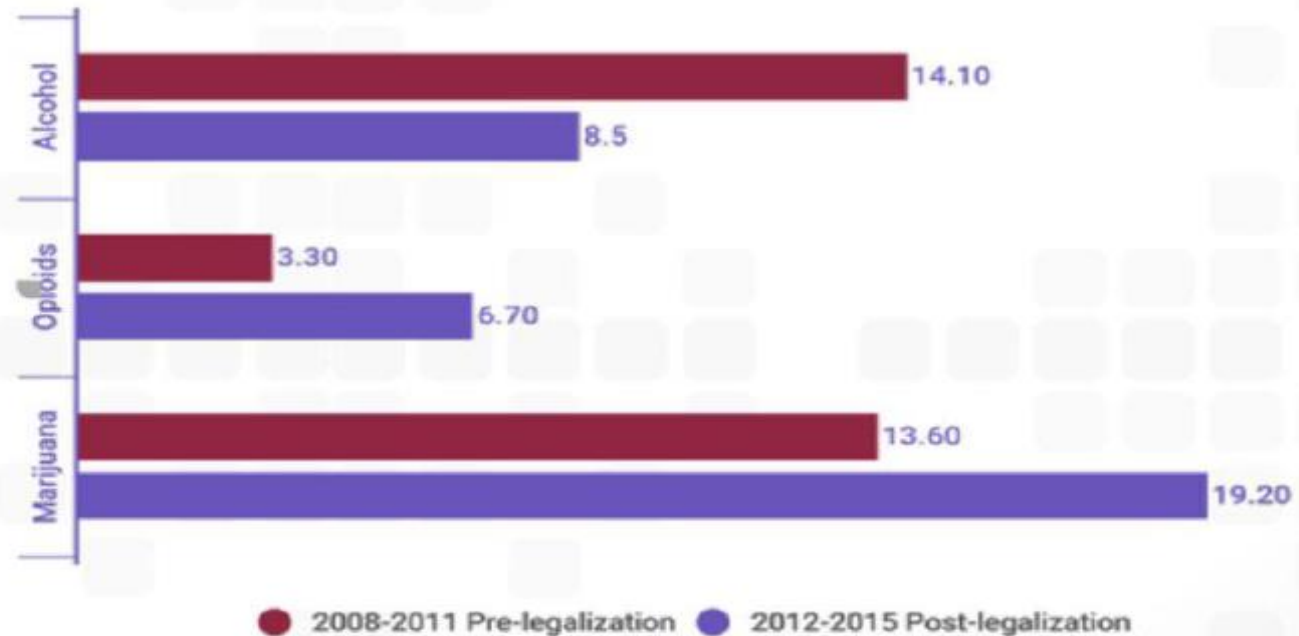
Emory University School of Medicine, Maternal Substance Abuse and Child Development Project.



Legal pot poses unique *dangers* to the workplace: (1) more accidents; (2) greater employer costs; (3) greater negative impact on workplace performance than alcohol; (4) high potency; (5) easy concealment via vaping; and (6) long lasting impairment. Zwerling C, Ryan J, Orav EJ. The efficacy of preemployment drug screening for marijuana and cocaine in predicting employment outcome. JAMA. 1990;264(20):2639-2643.

ADVERSE EFFECTS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES

AVERAGE TOXICOLOGY OF SUICIDES AMONG ADOLESCENTS AGES 10-19 YEARS OLD
(WITH KNOWN TOXICOLOGY)



SOURCE: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Colorado Violent Death Reporting System

Section I: Traffic Fatalities & Impaired Driving

- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, marijuana related traffic deaths **increased 151 percent** while all Colorado traffic deaths **increased 35 percent**
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana **more than doubled** from 55 in 2013 to 138 people killed in 2017.
 - This equates to one person killed every 2 ½ days compared to one person killed every 6 ½ days.
- The percentage of all Colorado traffic deaths that were marijuana related **increased from 11.43 percent** in 2013 to **21.3 percent** in 2017.

Source: The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact Volume 5 – 2018, UPDATE Section I: Traffic Fatalities & Impaired Driving 9Traffic Fatalities SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 2006-2011 and Colorado Department of Transportation 2012-2017

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Marijuana During Pregnancy

3 Facts

1

Marijuana has over 400 chemicals; none have been well studied during pregnancy.

2

Using marijuana while pregnant can increase the risk of premature birth, low birth weight, and stillbirth.

3

Babies exposed to marijuana in utero have a higher risk of needing a NICU stay.

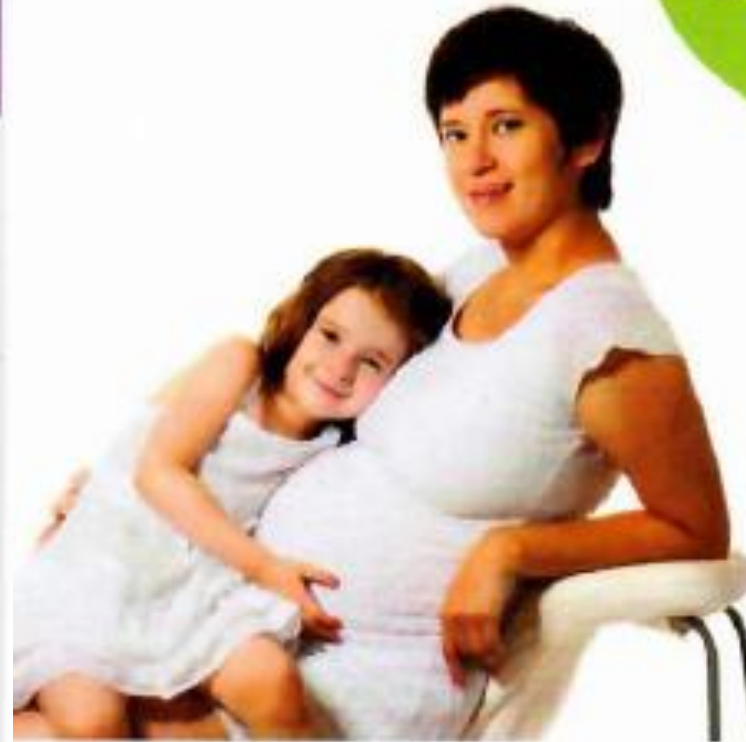


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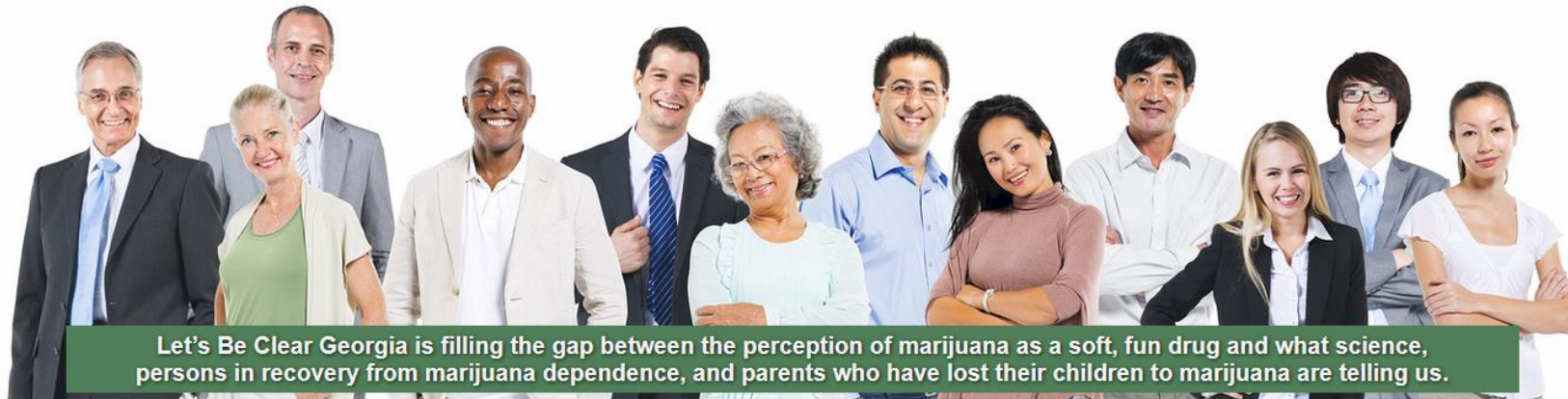
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Let's Be Clear Georgia

A Collaborative to Prevent Marijuana Abuse

Let's Be Clear Georgia is a partnership of 475+ private and public agencies, employers, and individuals engaging in best practices and policies to prevent marijuana abuse in our state.

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