

MARIJUANA USE RESULTS IN PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE TO KIDS

Marijuana use is tied to concurrent and lasting changes in adolescent cognitive functions, according to a study that tracked high school students for 4 years. Of particular concern was the finding that marijuana use was associated with lasting effects on a measure of inhibitory control, which is a risk factor for other addictive behaviors, and might explain why early onset marijuana use is a risk factor for other addictions.

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/neurology/generalneurology/75472>

MARIJUANA USE BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER PREGNANCY CAN CAUSE SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS, LEARNING PROBLEMS, AND BIRTH DEFECTS

Legalizing marijuana will cause more marijuana use among women of child bearing age.

Prenatal marijuana use has been linked with:

1. Developmental and neurological disorders and learning deficits in children.
2. Premature birth, miscarriage, stillbirth.
3. An increased likelihood of a person using marijuana as a young adult.
4. The American Medical Association states that marijuana use may be linked with low birth weight, premature birth, behavioral and other problems in young children.
5. Birth defects and childhood cancer.
6. Reproductive toxicity affecting spermatogenesis which is the process of the formation of male gamete including meiosis and formation of sperm cells.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27992628/>

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/marijuana/can-marijuana-use-during-pregnancy-harm-baby>

<https://www.acog.org/Clinical-Guidance-and-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Obstetric-Practice/Marijuana-Use-During-Pregnancy-and-Lactation>

TODDLERS WITH LUNG INFLAMMATION

In Colorado one in six infants and toddlers hospitalized for lung inflammation are testing positive for marijuana exposure. This has been a 100% increase since legalization (10% to 21%). Non-white kids are more likely to be exposed than white kids.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/04/160430100247.htm>

TEEN ER VISITS

Marijuana related emergency room visits by Colorado teens is substantially on the rise. They see more kids with psychotic symptoms and other mental health problems and chronic vomiting due to marijuana use.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-marijuana-kids/marijuana-related-er-visits-by-colorado-teens-on-the-rise-idUSKBN1HO38A>

LOW BIRTH WEIGHTS

The Colorado School of Public Health reports that there is a 50% increase in low birth weights among women who use marijuana during pregnancy. Low birth weight sets the stage for future health problems including infection and time spent in neonatal intensive care.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180423125052.htm>

THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY EXPOSES UNBORN CHILDREN TO MARIJUANA.

Nearly 70 percent of licensed Colorado dispensaries recommended that pregnant woman use marijuana.

<https://www.denverhealth.org/-/media/denver-health-marijuana--pregnancy-study.pdf?la=en&hash=7CF1182B6937B9E4267378A1E5F04D8ED221DC6C>

AS MORE ADULTS USE MARIJUANA, SO WILL THEIR KIDS

The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) released a study on November 22, 2019 stating parental marijuana use was associated with increased risk of marijuana and tobacco use and opioid misuse by both adolescent and young adult offspring and of alcohol use by adolescent offspring.

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2755867?utm_source=For_The_Media&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=ftm_links&utm_term=112019

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