# A Conversation on Lessons Learned from Marijuana Legalization in three States:

## Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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# Overview of the Laws and Timelines

## **Washington Marijuana Milestones**

- Medical Use of Marijuana Act (I-692) 1998
- 2011 SB 5073 passed but partially vetoed
- Legalization of marijuana for recreational use(I-502)
  - Passed November 2012
  - Retail stores opened July 2014. Retail licenses issued 427 (8/31/16)
- Medical integration July 2016

	Total sales* (shelf price)	Total tax obligation
FY 2015	\$259,785,729	\$ 64,946,432
FY 2016	\$972,729,675	\$185,786,493
FY 2017 (8/31/2016)	\$246,274,506	\$ 47,101,325
Average daily sales WTD	\$4,271,067	



### Oregon marijuana milestones

1998

Measure 67 establishes
Oregon Medical
Marijuana Act

2014

Measure 91 legalizes marijuana for recreational use

October 1, 2015

Limited retail sales of marijuana through dispensaries

October 2016

Begin retail marijuana store licensing

2013

HB 3460 allows medical marijuana dispensaries and establishes registry

August 2015

HB 3400 allows local control of marijuana sales

SB 460 allows early sales of non-medical marijuana through dispensaries

**June 2016** 

Limited retail sales plus (included edibles)

**December 31, 2016** 

Retail marijuana sales in medical marijuana dispensaries ends



# The Path to Legalization of Commercial Marijuana in Alaska

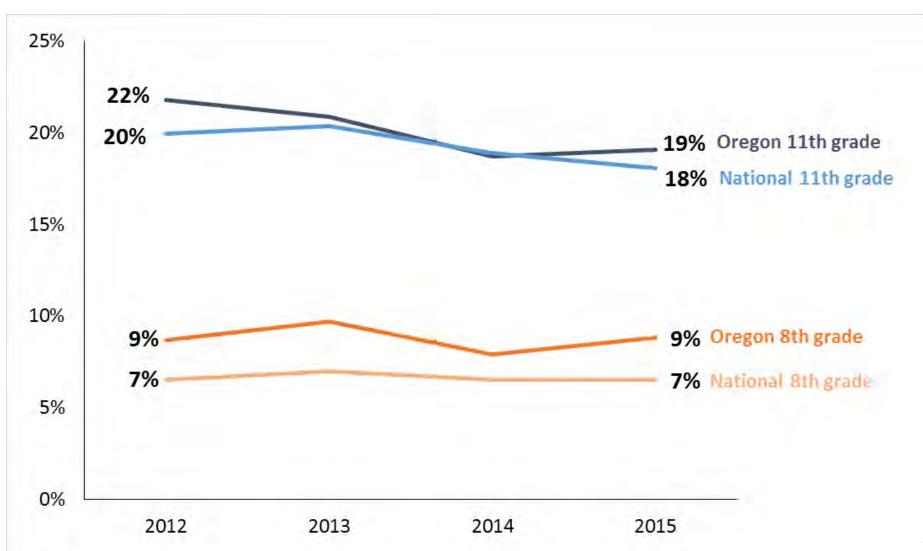
- 2000 Citizen's Initiative failed with 40.9%
- 2004 Initiative again failed but this time with 44%
- 2014 Initiative passed with 52%
- 2015 Marijuana Control Board established and regulations began development
- 2016 First Licenses approved and the first sale is expected by late fall.

# Collecting and Interpreting Data



### Oregon - Current marijuana use among youth over time, 2012-2015

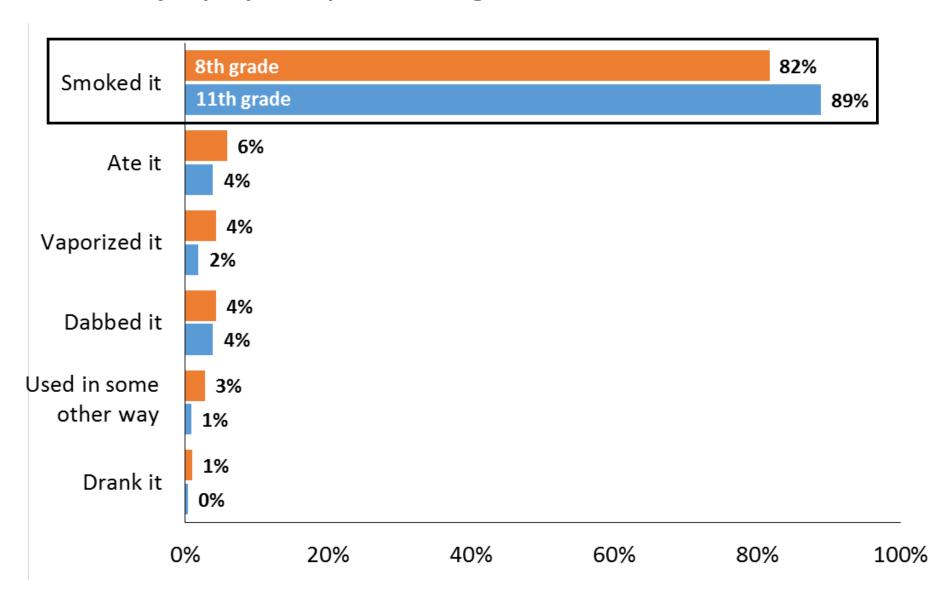
Marijuana use has remained fairly stable over time in Oregon and nationally





### Usual method of marijuana use among youth current users, 2015

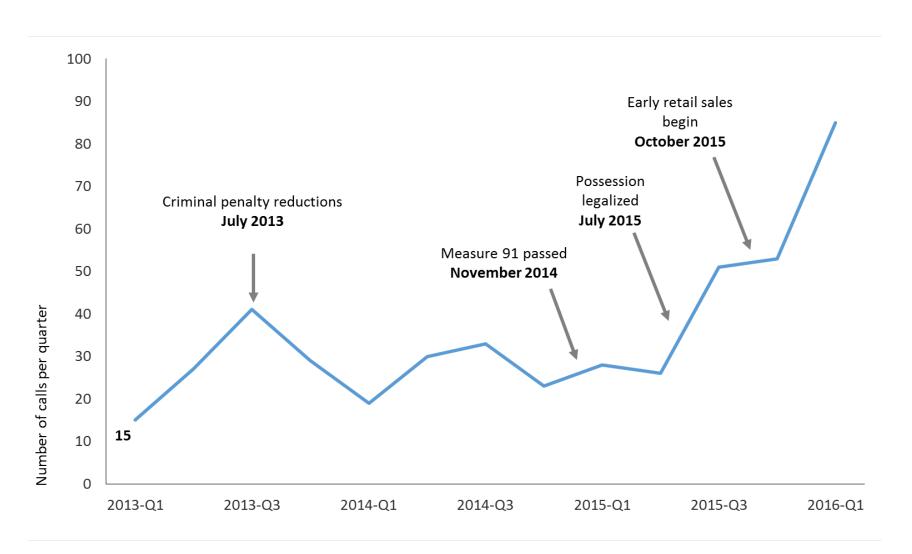
The vast majority of youth reported smoking as their usual method of use



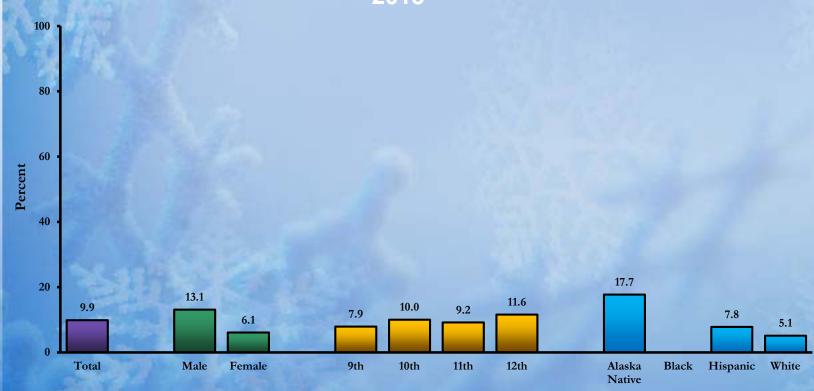


# Marijuana-related calls to the Oregon Poison Center by quarter, 2013-2016

Marijuana-related calls have increased yearly since 2013; there were 158 calls in 2015







\*For the first time

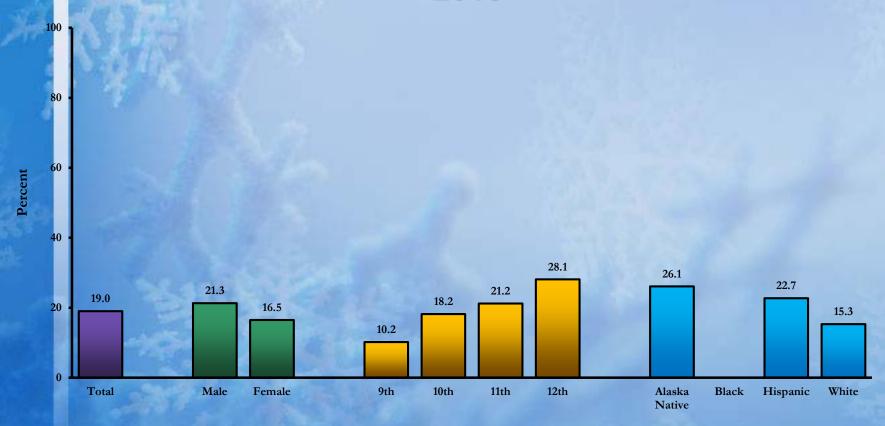
 $^{\dagger}M$  > F; A > H, A > W (Based on t-test analysis, p < 0.05.

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Note: This graph contains weighted results.

# Percentage of High School Students Who Currently Used Marijuana,\* by Sex, Grade,† and Race/Ethnicity,† 2015



<sup>\*</sup>One or more times during the 30 days before the survey

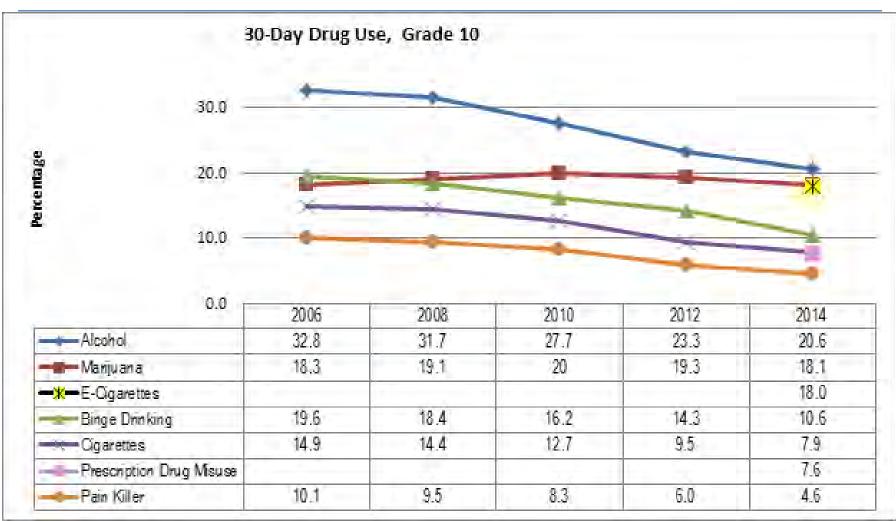
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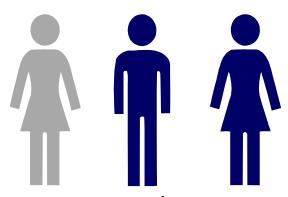
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>dagger}$ 10th > 9th, 11th > 9th, 12th > 9th, 12th > 10th; A > W (Based on t-test analysis, p < 0.05.)

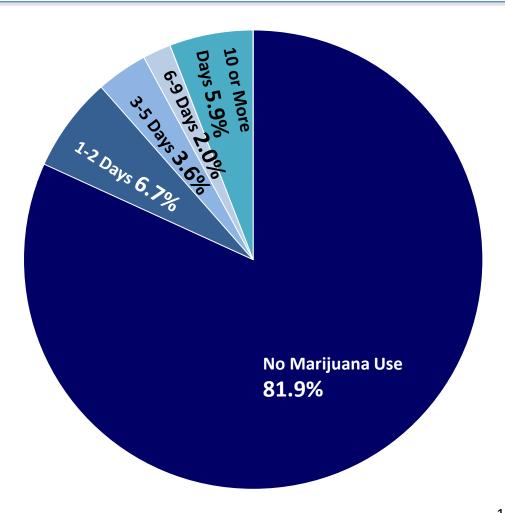
### **Drug Use Trends – Healthy Youth Survey**



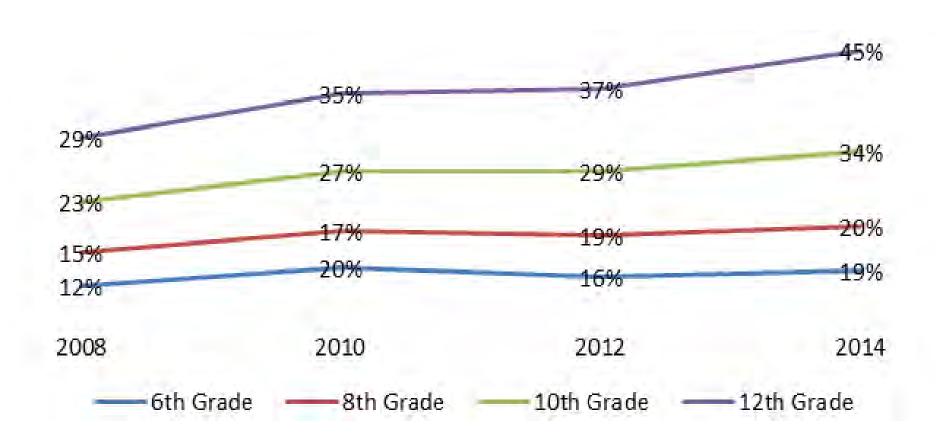
### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Level of Marijuana Use



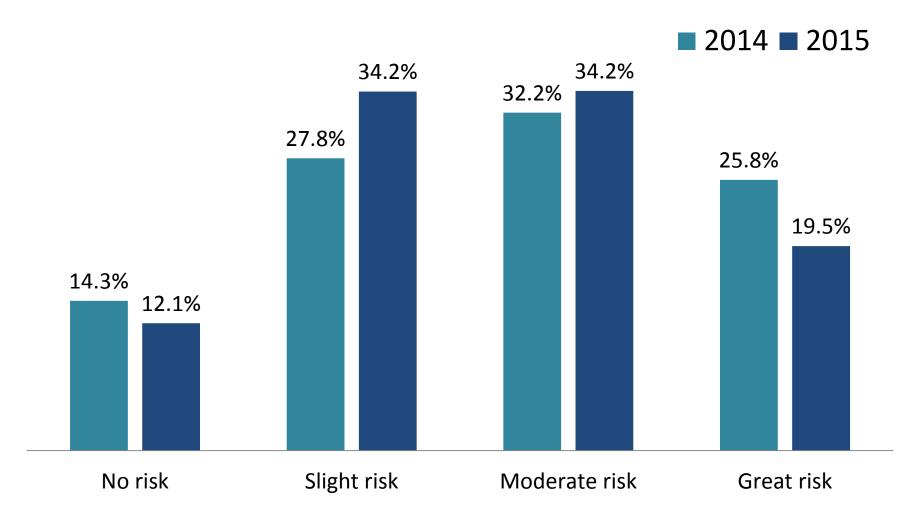
Among 10<sup>th</sup> graders who used marijuana in the past 30 days, almost 1 in 3 used for 10 or more days



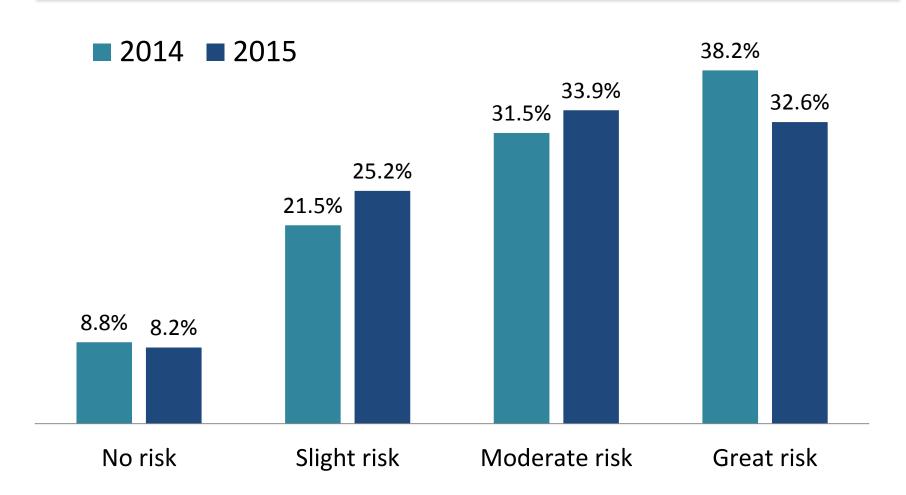
# Percent who thought there was little or no risk of using marijuana regularly



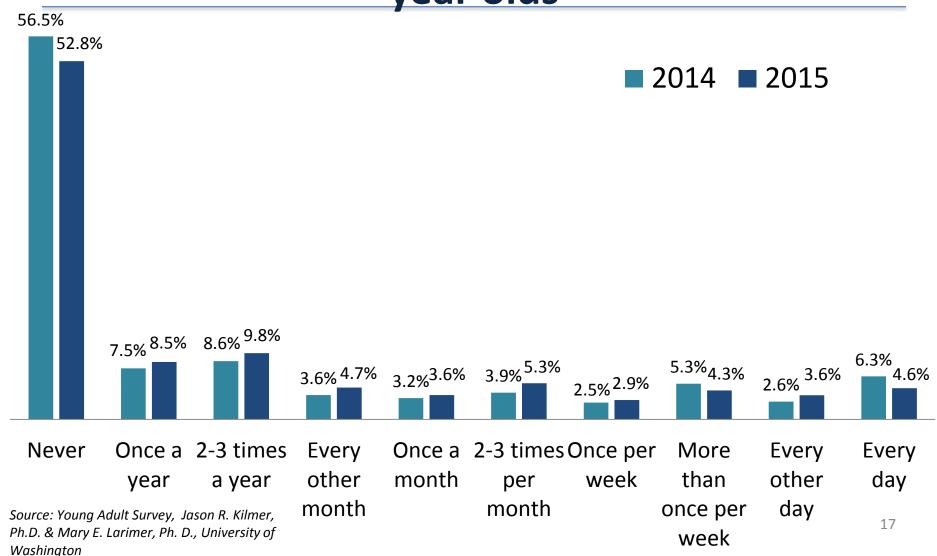
Perceived physical risk of regular marijuana use in 18-25 year olds



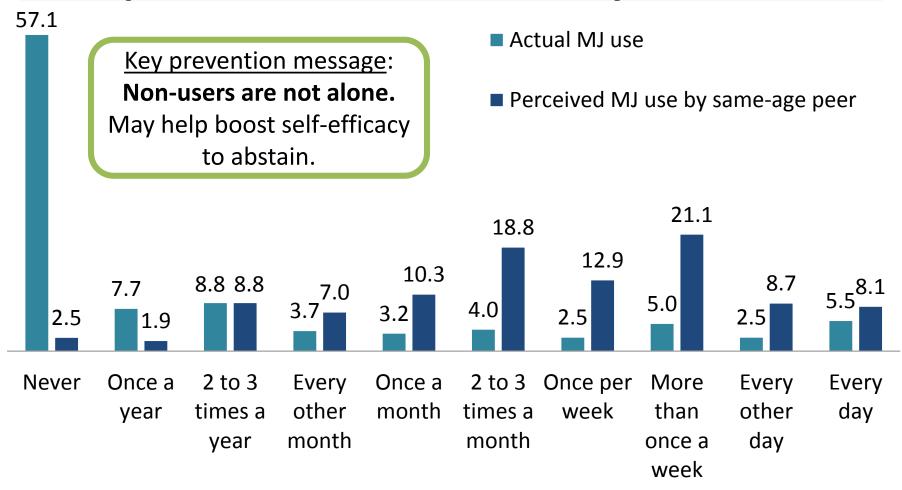
# Perceived psychological/emotional/cognitive risk of regular marijuana use in 18-25 year olds



# Past year recreational marijuana use in 18-25 year olds



# Frequency of recreational cannabis use vs. perceived norms in 18-25 year olds



Source: Underestimation of abstinence: see Kilmer et al. (2006); Overestimation of frequent use: see Wolfson (2000)18

# Revenue

# Products and Edibiles

## Edibles





### Washington's Universal symbol

### Oregon's Universal symbol





# Marketing





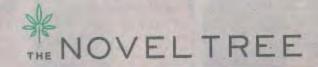


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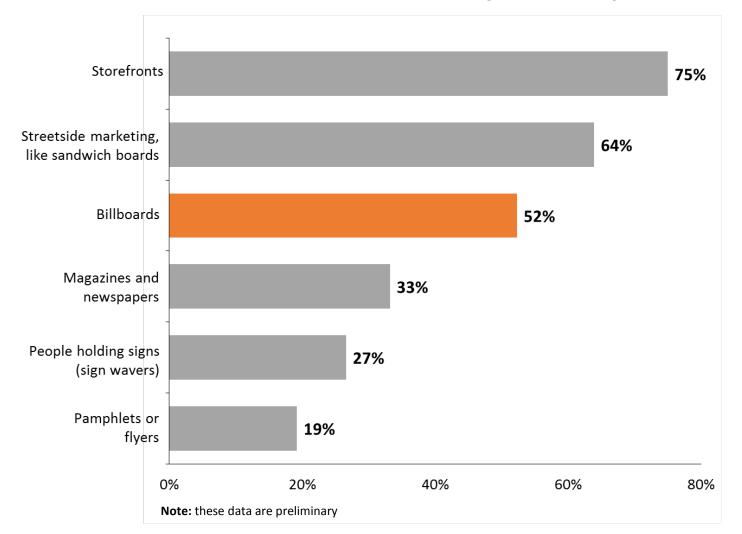






# Type of marijuana advertising exposure among adults reporting seeing an ad in the past month, 2016

Three-in-four adults report seeing advertising on marijuana dispensary storefronts and about half of adults saw billboards for marijuana in the past month



# Regulations

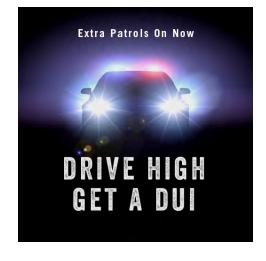
# Prevention's Role

## **Education and Media Campaigns**



A parent's guide to preventing underage marijuana use













### Get the Facts About Marijuana

Data & Statistics

Learn More

Using Too Much? Know the Law

Parents & Adults

# Get the facts for your fa Learn more about the health effects of marijuana.



### Marijuana is legal in Alaska. Here are some things you need to know.



If you're under 21, it's illegal to use or possess marijuana.

#### Who is allowed to use marijuana?

Anyone age 21 and older can legally possess or consume marijuana. It is illegal to give marijuana to anyone under the age of 21, unless they have a valid medical marijuana card.



Marijuana can affect people differently.

#### Know your limits.

Marijuana affects everyone differently based on things like on body type and history of use.



Higher than you might think.

#### Careful. It can sneak up on you.

These aren't your grandma's brownies — THC levels can be much, much higher in today's marijuana products. And the effects of marijuana can be significantly delayed, particularly with edibles.



You can't drive impaired. Driving high is a DUI.

#### Don't consume and drive.

Driving while impaired is illegal. It doesn't matter what substance you are using. If you are not sure whether you are impaired, do not drive.



Do not use if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

#### Marijuana poses a potential risk to the baby.

Steer clear if you are pregnant or nursing. Marijuana may be harmful to developing brains. Smoking marijuana or consuming edible cannabis products can expose your baby to potentially harmful substances.



Stash it safely away from kids and pets.

#### Lock it up.

If you have young children or teenagers at home, store your marijuana in a child-resistant container and make it inaccessible to them.

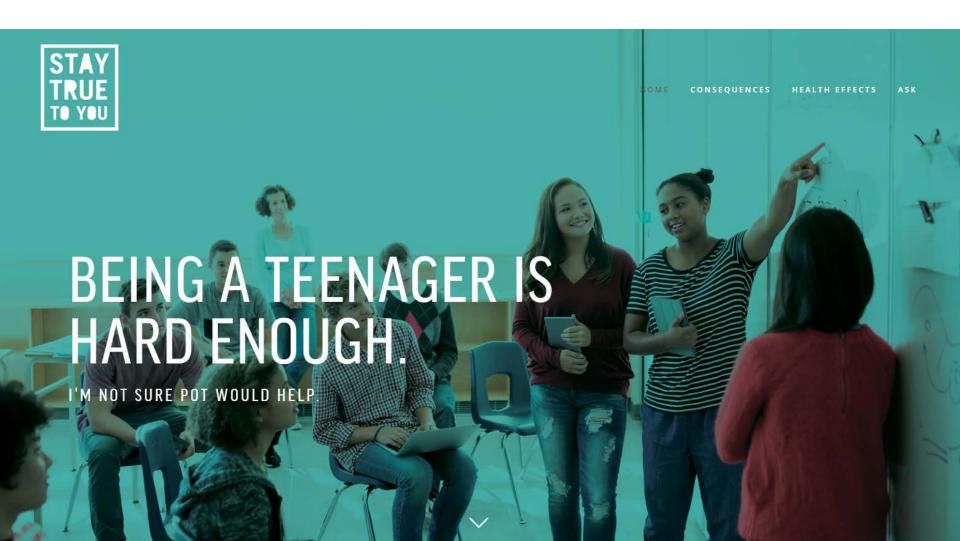
If children accidentally eat or drink marijuana, it can make them very sick. If you suspect your child has consumed marijuana call the poison control hotline at 1-800-222-1222. If someone has a severe reaction after consuming marijuana, call 911 or go to an emergency room right away.



To learn more visit www.marijuana.dhss,alaska.gov

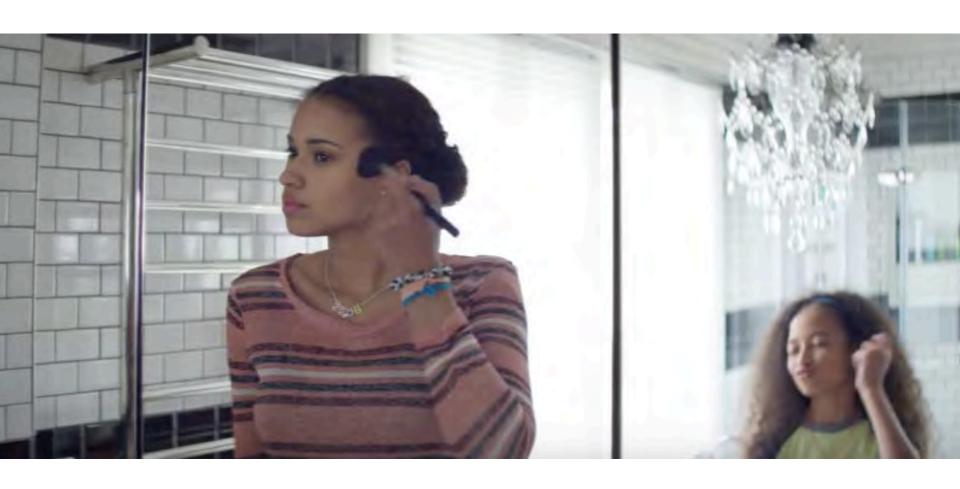


### Youth marijuana prevention campaign



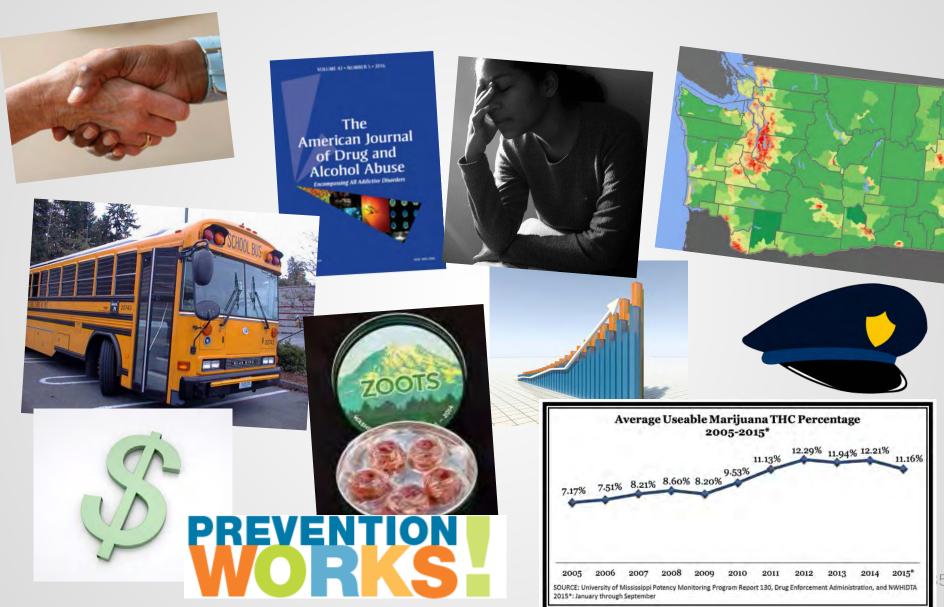


Whether you know it or not, people look up to you.



# Lessons Learned and Going Foward

### Lessons Learned





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### Thank You!

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