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# CACY COMMUNICATOR

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## CACY'S Core

**Purpose:** To provide tobacco, alcohol, violence, problem gambling and drug prevention information, education and coordination by bringing together schools, parents, government, law enforcement, agencies, business and community members who work toward making our county a healthier, safer place to live.



## SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- ⇒ 1/2 Marathon in Mansfield, OH
- ⇒ Raising money for awareness and drug prevention (that's CACY!)
- ⇒ Use hashtag #13er when posting about your pre-race day training!
- ⇒ Website: [www.midohio13er.com](http://www.midohio13er.com)



## Is the Case for Marijuana Legalization Going Up in Smoke?

The following presents some of the issues which have grown through recent marijuana legalization in other states. (Arizona Chamber Foundation, June 2015)

### Additional economic costs:

Costly mandatory creation of new regulatory systems and additional youth drug education programs to prevent use. More treatment and rehabilitation programs are being developed due to the rise in number of cannabis use disorder diagnosis. Greater than 30% of those admitted to treatment are teens.

### As pot becomes more legal, kids suffer from ingesting it:

All responsible adults can agree pot should not get into the hands and mouths of kids. Toddlers and infants are being exposed to more powerful marijuana edibles such as baked goods and candies; nearly 147% more often than in 2006, causing states to draft new, stiffer child safety restraint requirements.

### Gateway drug:

There is scientific evidence to support that marijuana is a gateway drug. Marijuana can "prime the brain for enhanced responses to other drugs." (Volkow et. Al., June 5, 2014, at 2220) Among adolescents that try marijuana, 1 in 6 will become addicted according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

### Confusion over edible forms has dangerous consequences:

The high potency of marijuana-laced candies, cookies and other edible products, with insufficient or non-existent labeling, has resulted in many cases of marijuana overdose for adults and kids.

### Employers are exposed to significant risk of liability:

The legalization of recreational marijuana creates serious workplace safety issues. Employers may be found liable for acts of negligence committed by employees while on

the job and for injuries to using workers sustained on the job.

### Marijuana growing facilities consume huge amounts of energy and water:

Indoor cultivation of marijuana uses \$6 billion worth of electricity every year. Outdoor cultivation is associated with deforestation and high levels of water use and pesticide contamination. "A 2012 *Energy Policy* study found the emission of carbon dioxide in one kg of marijuana is equal to the carbon dioxide emission of 3 million cars annually."

### What's next for Ohio?

Ohioans may get their first chance to vote on a marijuana legalization proposal in November. It is important to be informed and know the dangers of marijuana use. Parents: know the facts. It is impossible to predict all consequences of legalization, but the experiences of states that have eased restrictions on marijuana have not been positive.

## Saleable and Available Doesn't Mean Legal

Methoxetamine (MXE)—a stimulant—is a new formula synthetic drug, very similar to PCP. Legislation has had a difficult time catching up to the changing formulas created by synthetic drug manufacturers. The white, powdery substance is sold as a "research chemical" for use by veterinarians.

"K-holing" of the drug in high doses creates dissociation for the user; causing a loss of identity, disconnection from one's own body, thoughts, and perceptions,

inability to walk, make sentences, remember anything for more than a few seconds, and mental delusions causing anxiety and panicking. These symptoms take a long period of time to recover.

MXE is now illegal in North Carolina, where authorities discovered it after a young male overdosed and died due to the effects of the drug. The man was thought to have tried it since it was "legal" in North Carolina at the time, and friends convinced him MXE was "harmless"

due to its legality. Use can have deadly consequences. MXE is illegal in Ohio to use, supply, or give away to friends. (ScienceDaily, 25 November 2013)



# Resources



## **“Start the Talk” Underage Drinking Interactive Tool**

<http://www.samhsa.gov/underagedrinking/>

## **The Partnership at Drugfree.org**

<http://www.drugfree.org/>

## **Drug Free Action Alliance**

<https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/>

## **Start Talking**

<http://starttalking.ohio.gov/Parents.aspx>

## **National Institute on Drug Abuse**

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/>

## **Too Smart to Start**

<http://www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov/Start.aspx>

## **Smart Bet— Problem Gambling**

<https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/smart-bet>

## **KnowBullying App**

[http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/bullying/?WT.mc\\_id=EB\\_20140815\\_KNOWBULLYINGAPP](http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/bullying/?WT.mc_id=EB_20140815_KNOWBULLYINGAPP)

## **CADCA's Online Toolkit to Reduce Tobacco Use**

<http://www.preventtobaccouse.org>

## **Parents Who Host Campaign**

[www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/parents-who-host](http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/parents-who-host)

## **Deadly New Drug MXE**

<http://www.narconon.org/blog/synthetic-drug-abuse/warning-about-new-drug-mxe/>

## **Legalizing Marijuana: Why Citizens Should Just Say No**

<http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2010/09/legalizing-marijuana-why-citizens-should-just-say-no>

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