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### Marijuana: Lessons Learned and the Impact on Youth

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#### What Parents Should Know About Today's Marijuana

- THC levels today are 15-25% vs. 4-5% in the '90s; dabs & waxes can be up to 99% THC
- 1 in 6 youth who use regularly become addicted
- ANY use is correlated with the use of other drugs
- 90% of adults with substance use disorders began using marijuana, alcohol, or nicotine before age 18<sup>1</sup>
- Use is associated with skipping class, lower grades, dropouts<sup>2</sup>
- Regular use is linked to risk for depression, psychosis, and suicide<sup>3</sup>

#### Commercialization, Normalization, and Public Health

- Denver has 3x as many dispensaries as there are Starbucks and McDonald's COMBINED
- Legalization increases availability and access, risk factors for use
- Youth in legal states are 54% more likely to use marijuana<sup>4</sup>
- In legal states: 25% increase in Cannabis Use Disorder (ages 12-17)<sup>5</sup>

#### What can we do?

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#### Is Marijuana Social Justice?

- Marijuana dispensaries are concentrated in lower income communities
- Harms associated with proximity to marijuana disproportionately impact communities of color
- In CO & WA, "...blacks continue to be arrested [at rates] more than double their white counterparts."<sup>6</sup>

1 (DuPont et al 2019)  
2 (Amelia Arria, 2019)

3 (Gobbi et al., 2019; Silins et al., 2014; DiForti et al, 2019)  
4 NSDUH 2020  
5 Cerda et al, 2019  
6 (Center for Juvenile and Criminal Justice, 2016)

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