

Legalization of marijuana poses risks to children and adolescents who make up 60% of all new marijuana users every year. In areas of Colorado that allow the commercial distribution of marijuana, we have documented that diversion of medical marijuana to youth is frequent. We have also seen large increases in the rates of adolescent marijuana use and consequences of marijuana use such as school expulsion and traffic fatalities. These changes are happening at the same time new research shows the potential dangers of marijuana exposure to the developing adolescent brain.

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