

Parenting Magazine is Smoking the Myth- Beware of their Advice

Ref: Legalizing Medicine- The fight for medical marijuana in Florida.

As a parent it is extremely disconcerting Parenting Magazine has deliberately chosen to deceive parents, give them false hope, disregard medical warnings, and ignore scientific evidence. The magazine article based the two page pro-marijuana advertisement on emotional anecdotal parental interpretation not scientific research-based evidence. The family moved to Colorado for six months to seek alternative 'medicine' for cancer & seizures because Florida did not offer this 'medicine'. For good reason IT IS NOT A MEDICINE AND NOT ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL FIELD.

- The American Cancer Society advises: "Better and more effective treatments are needed to overcome the side effects of cancer and its treatment."
- The American Epilepsy Society warns parents, "Families coming to Colorado are receiving unregulated, highly variable artisanal preparations of cannabis oil prescribed, in most cases, by physicians with no training in pediatrics, neurology or epilepsy."
- One study at the University of Colorado found "Adverse effects occurred in 47% of patients, with increased seizures or new seizures in 21%, somnolence/fatigue in 14%, and rare adverse events of developmental regression in 10%."
- Also, one-third of patients did the parents report a seizure reduction of 50% or more, and this did not correlate with an improvement in their electroencephalograms (EEGs)."

Past year Colorado Data:

- Traffic deaths: 32% increase in marijuana-related traffic deaths in just one year from 2013
- Driving under the influence: Toxicology reports with positive marijuana results of active THC for primarily driving under the influence have increased 45%
- Marijuana use by children: Colorado youth usage (ages 12 to 17) ranks 56% higher than the national average
- ER visits: 29% increase in the number of marijuana-related emergency room visits
- Hospitalizations: 38% increase in the number of marijuana-related hospitalizations
- Poison control: Marijuana-only related exposures increased 72% in only one year

Are the editors trying to convey medical expertise, encourage parents to experiment with anecdotal hearsay or participate in the political marijuana legalization arena? Does this magazine care about the health and safety of our children? Their message is promoting the propaganda of marijuana advocates not the message from the medical field, "the risks and consequences far outweigh any potential benefits."

I encourage subscribers to cancel their account and advertising to discontinue sponsorship! .

Parents should realize labeling marijuana a medicine does not make it a medicine. For more information No2Pot.org. Facts, data, research and legitimate resources.

Sincerely,

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