

# Keeping Missouri Kids Safe

The Missouri House of Representatives is currently considering legalizing “medical” marijuana. This legislation is being fueled by the millions of private equity, institutional capital and black market monies that fuel the usage and target children to create lifelong users.

Keeping Missouri Kids Safe is a newly-formed coalition of citizens from drug treatment centers, parent networks, medical centers and law enforcement agencies who have joined together to educate Missourians regarding the truth about today’s marijuana.

## The Children of Missouri Need Your Help Now!

- ✓ Missouri citizens can unite and stand up against the big business and millions of dollars fueling “medical” marijuana. Citizens of Ohio did it. So can we.
- ✓ Share this information with local government, municipal, civic, religious leaders and members of your network and ask them to join the coalition and/or call their state legislator and tell them to vote NO on “medical” marijuana
- ✓ Recruit new members of the Keeping Missouri Kids Safe coalition
- ✓ Share this information with your family/ friends through social media, conversations, emails, etc.
- ✓ “Like” the Keeping Missouri Kids Safe Facebook page and encourage others to as well
- ✓ Write an opinion piece for your local newspaper and leverage your media contacts to share this information with the public

## Non-FDA Approved Medical Marijuana is Dangerous for Children

- Data from Colorado and Washington State show that legalization of “medical” marijuana is dangerous, especially for children
- “Medical” marijuana is not medicine and should be put through the strict FDA process just like all other drugs
- “Medical” marijuana is big business that promotes drug use through marketing, neighborhood dispensaries, marijuana edibles, and targets children, and low income, minority communities
- Legalization of marijuana in other states has led to an increase in crime including robberies, homicides, DWI and a growth in the black market drug business
- Today’s marijuana is more addictive, three – 20 times more potent, and causes erratic, violent and psychotic behaviors that have helped to raise marijuana school suspensions and expulsions in Colorado 40%
- Many states and local communities are walking back legalization of marijuana because of the devastating effect it’s had on communities and children

*“Marijuana seems innocent but it’s not. It sucks you in, and before you realize it the damage has been done. Now, I’m drug free. I stopped before it was too late. Who knows what could have happened if I had kept going.”* Max, an 18 year-old student who didn’t realize the dangers of today’s marijuana.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana-medicine>