

WE PROTECT OUR KIDS THROUGHOUT THE EARLY STAGES OF LIFE.



WHY STOP IN THE TEEN YEARS?

Your child's brain continues to develop until age 25.
Exposure to drugs like marijuana can negatively impact this process.

**HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR TEEN? KEEP TALKING. THEY (REALLY DO) HEAR YOU.
SHORT & FREQUENT CONVERSATIONS ARE KEY.**

Research shows that teens are less likely to use drugs when they know that their parents strongly disapprove.



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TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT THE **FACTS.**

Exposure to marijuana during the teen years can permanently change both the functions and structure of the brain. Such changes include:

INCREASED RISK OF
MENTAL HEALTH
DISORDERS

- National Institute On Drug Abuse
www.drugabuse.gov

LEARNING
IMPAIRMENTS
AND
DECREASED
ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE

- SAMHSA.gov

LOWER VERBAL
COMPREHENSION

- SAMHSA.gov

DECREASED
PROBLEM-SOLVING
CAPABILITIES

- SAMHSA.gov

DIFFICULTY
WITH MEMORY

- SAMHSA.gov

1 in 6 teens who start using marijuana in adolescence become addicted.

- National Institutes of Health nih.gov

Today's marijuana is 25% stronger and more potent than that of the 70's and 80's.

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