

Marijuana Harmless? Think Again

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Conference - Marijuana: The Science and the Experiment on Nov 18

On Tuesday, November 18th, *Marijuana Harmless? Think Again!* will host a conference titled: "Marijuana: The Science and the Experiment" in Phoenix, Arizona.

Experts in the field of the drug marijuana will address the conference. Keynote speaker, Tom Gorman, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, will share details of the experiment taking place in Colorado with the legalization of marijuana. Neuroscientist Dr. Stephen Dewey will describe the scientific aspects of brain changes and addiction that are caused by the drug. Also, Sally Schindel will tell her personal story of how marijuana addiction impacted her son.

With an effort underway to legalize marijuana in Arizona, parents, educators, health care professionals, behavioral health professionals, prevention specialists, and law enforcement are greatly concerned. Studies show that marijuana is an addictive substance that affects the brain – especially in kids – in ways that impair intelligence, reasoning, judgment, and clarity of thought. (NIDA.gov)

The conference will also include panel discussions, plus question and answer periods, both of which will be hosted by conference speakers and other experts in the field. The conference is being sponsored by nine organizations including, MATFORCE of Yavapai County.

Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney and a member of *Marijuana Harmless? Think Again!*, says, "I sincerely hope that anyone interested in protecting the future of our children from the harmful effects of legalized marijuana will attend this conference. Those attending will get up-to-the-minute information on the results of marijuana legalization in Colorado and greater insight into marijuana addiction and the brain."

The conference will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix, 2532 W. Peoria Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration for a full day is \$50 and includes lunch. Half day registration is \$25.

To register visit MarijuanaHarmlessThinkAgain.org or call MATFORCE at 928-708-0100.

Photo Caption: Marijuana Harmless? Think Again! is hosting a conference in Phoenix on November 18th - Marijuana: The Science and the Experiment.

About Marijuana Harmless? Think Again!

Marijuana Harmless? Think Again! is a nonpartisan alliance of concerned citizens, business professionals and community leaders who are committed to raising awareness about the harms of marijuana. Marijuana is an addictive substance that affects the brain, especially in kids, in ways that impair intelligence, reasoning, judgment and clarity of thought. The legalization of marijuana in Arizona would result in an additional 32,000 high school students being more likely to use the drug putting them at risk in school and in life.