



CANNABIS EDUCATION FORUM

JUNE 16, 2021

An educational forum for Massachusetts state and local policymakers, hosted by youth substance use prevention coalitions including Carver Cares, EB Hope (East Bridgewater), Franklin County Communities That Care Coalition, Greenfield 4SC, Hingham CARES, Hopkinton Organizing for Prevention, Longmeadow CLOSE Community Coalition, Marshfield FACTS, MetroWest Substance Awareness & Prevention Alliance, Middleboro Matters, Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative, Project RIGHT (Grove Hall), Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance, Safe Harbor Cohasset, Scituate FACTS Coalition, South Hadley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition, South Shore Health's Youth Health Connection, SPIFFY Coalition of Hampshire County, Springfield Stop Access Coalition, Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham, and others.

We are grateful to have representation from the following legislative offices today:

MA House

Representatives

- Rep. Dan Carey
- Rep. Carolyn Dykema
- Rep. Brad Jones
- Rep. Joan Meschino
- Rep. Jake Oliveira
- Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa
- Rep. Patrick Kearney
- House staffers and analysts

MA State Senators

- Sen. President Karen Spilka
- Senator Brendan Crighton
- Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
- Senator Jo Comerford
- Senator Eric Lesser
- Senator Patrick O'Connor
- Senator Bruce Tarr

U.S. Senator Ed Markey

Agenda

Science of Cannabis and Clinical Observations

Kevin M. Simon, M.D.

Stories from the community

A Public Health Approach to Regulating Commercially Legalized Cannabis

Linda J. Frazier, M.A.,B.S., RN, MCHES

Q&A

Please submit questions at any time using the Chat function.

Survey and Follow-up

Presentation slides and video, as well as public health resource links will be shared with registrants via email.



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STORIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

JOHNNY'S AMBASSADORS

Personal Stories: <https://johnnysambassadors.org/ma/>



Expert Presentations on Cannabis & Mental Health: <https://johnnysambassadors.org/webinars/>
Psychosis expert Dr. Marti Di Forti this Friday, 6/18



Linda J. Frazier, M.A.,B.S., RN, MCHES

ATOD Past Chair | American Public Health Association (APHA)

Director | Addictions Initiatives, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

CANNABIS - 9-MONTH LEARNING OPPORTUNITY/ COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

"PTTC PROJECT ECHO: PREVENTION IN THE ERA OF COMMERCIAL CANNABIS"

...to provide support and education for substance misuse prevention professionals to address the changing landscape of cannabis prevention in their state and communities. The overall goals of this ECHO are to increase use of evidence-based approaches to cannabis prevention, policy and communication in New England.

- New England states (HHS Region 1)**
- Participate as prevention teams**
- Coalitions apply by June 30th - starts in August**

BRIEF SURVEY IN THE CHAT



<https://forms.gle/KX92vxXieKxhWRVD8>

A corkboard with a white card pinned to it. The card has the text "Q&A" written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The corkboard is made of small, irregular pieces of cork, and the card is held in place by a piece of yellowish tape at the top edge. The background is a solid teal color.

Q&A

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RESOURCES

Position Statements

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Marijuana-and-Teens-106.aspx

American Academy of Pediatrics

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Substance-Use-and-Prevention/Pages/marijuana.aspx>

American Psychiatric Association

<https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/professional-interests/addiction-psychiatry/cannabis>

American Public Health Association

<https://www.apha.org/Policies-and-Advocacy/Public-Health-Policy-Statements/Policy-Database/2021/01/13/A-Public-Health-Approach-to-Regulating-Commercially-Legalized-Cannabis>

American Society of Addiction Medicine

https://www.asam.org/docs/default-source/public-policy-statements/marijuana-cannabinoids-and-legalization-9-21-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=38e06fc2_0