

Cannabis Presenter Resource Guide 2024



Cannabis Presenter Program Information

VISION:

A community educated on the dangers of vaping and other harmful substances with a commitment to fostering a substance free tomorrow.

MISSION:

A collaboration of agencies and community organizations working to reduce the youth vaping epidemic by providing current evidence-based education and resources for schools, youth and their families.

Serving all eight counties of Western New York.

PRESENTERS BY COUNTY:

Allegany County:

ACASA: Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.

Prevention Educators present the topic of marijuana through Too Good for Drugs and Life Skills programs, and provide 1:1 education for students referred by school staff. Teen Intervene for ages 12-19 is also offered.

Adult education presentations for school staff, community members, agencies, etc. are available. These are 30-60 minutes long and cover the history of marijuana use, short and long-term health effects, forms of marijuana and current trends, signs and symptoms, plus parent resources.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Chautauqua County:

Prevention Works:

Youth Programs and services include Too Good for Drugs, grades 5th and up provides marijuana education- one (1) lesson per grade level.

Current Trends for Middle and High School students provides students with updated current trends and information about marijuana, 1 hour sessions.

Teen Intervene for teens ages 12-19, suspected of experiencing mild to moderate problems associated with marijuana, alcohol or other drug use. The program can include parents or guardians.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Erie County:

Erie County Department of Health Community Wellness:

Educational presentation for middle and high school students, as well as an adapted version for adults, parents and professionals. ECDOH staff will talk about the NY cannabis law, the various forms of cannabis and the dangers associated with each, trends, long and short term effects on the body, brain and overall health, possible negative educational, career, legal and social consequences of cannabis use and resources for help. In addition, adults will hear updated cannabis use data, harm reduction, and recognizing cannabis substance use and substance use disorder. Presentation is 35-45 minutes long depending on the audience.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Kids Escaping Drugs:

Intervention Program on marijuana and any drug related topic. A presentation will include someone sharing their personal experiences with marijuana or another substance. This is a 60 - 90 minute program for at risk teens (ages 10-18) and their parent /guardian(s). The program will educate participants on the potential dangers and consequences of teen use. Recommendations for the program can be made by any adult who is concerned about a teen's marijuana or drug use (educator and parent referrals are most common). The program is offered on a monthly basis. Parent / guardian attendance is required.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Erie County (continued):

The Prevention Council of Erie County:

Prevention Council staff will provide a 30 – 45 minute, classroom-based educational presentation for High School students highlighting current cannabis laws, updated drug trends, and potential dangers/health effects of underage cannabis use. Other cannabis presentation topics may include:

- Forms of cannabis (including dabbing and vaping)
- Cannabis and addiction
- Cannabis and the brain
- Cannabis use data
- Synthetic cannabinoids

The adult education sessions for parents and community members, school staff, other professionals, and agencies/work force upon request. The presentations run between 30 minutes and 90 minutes depending on the request. Topics include the paraphernalia related to cannabis, trends in use, methods of ingestion, effects on the brain (particularly the adolescent brain), signs and symptoms of addiction, short- and long-term health effects. Also discussed is the adult recreational cannabis legislation as it relates to work force policies, personal use, differences between medical and recreational allowances and growing and licensing regulations.

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School-based Programs

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Community-based Programs

Genesee County:

UConnectCare (formerly GCASA)

Marijuana Then & Now with UConnectCare Prevention

The Stanford University Cannabis/Marijuana Awareness & Prevention Toolkit is an educational resource aimed at preventing middle and high school students' use of cannabis/marijuana. It can also be adapted to use in community-based and health-related organizations. The program can be delivered in one to three 45-minute sessions, depending on the needs of the participants receiving the service.

This program is interactive and designed to educate participants about cannabis/marijuana products. Participants will learn how the brain develops and how cannabis/marijuana effects brain development. They will also learn how cannabis/marijuana interferes with adolescent development of life skills; and why and how some people become addicted to it. Participants will gain a better understanding of themselves, how to make healthy choices, and refusal skills to address peer pressure. In addition, Prevention Educators present the topic of marijuana through Too Good for Drugs program, and provide 1:1 education for students referred by school staff and Teen Intervene for grades 8-12.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Niagara County:

Northpointe Council:

Presentations available for elementary to high school students and adults. Classroom, auditorium or virtual for 40-50 minutes. Cannabis use and health effects of THC on mind and body are covered.

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Programs for Students and Adults

Wyoming County:

Partners for Prevention

Prevention programs available for middle and high school students with information on marijuana use and its effects on health.

Classes about substance use can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. Sessions run about 40 minutes, in person or virtually.

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Programs for Students

Web Based Cannabis Resources:

- NYS Office of Cannabis Management:
<https://cannabis.ny.gov/>
- Stanford Medicine, Marijuana Prevention Toolkit-
<https://med.stanford.edu/cannabispreventiontoolkit.html>
- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, CADCA, Cannabis The Current State of Affairs:
<https://www.cadca.org/resources/new-practical-theorist-available>
- National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine report on the Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids. This is THE resource for the state of the definitive science on cannabis so far:
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK423845/>
- Center for Disease Control Health Effects of Marijuana:
<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/index.htm>
- National Institute on Drug Abuse Fact Sheet:
<https://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/marijuanauseinfo.pdf>
- Center for Disease Control Pregnancy and Marijuana Fact Sheet:
<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/pdf/marijuana-pregnancy-508.pdf>
- Partnership to End Addiction, How to Talk to Kids About Marijuana:
<https://drugfree.org/article/how-to-talk-about-marijuana/>
- State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Information:
<https://responsibilitygrowshere.com/>
- American Public Health Association, Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines:
<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2017.303818>
- Office of Addiction Services and Supports, OASAS:
<https://oasas.ny.gov/cannabis>
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMSHA, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, SAM:
<https://samhsa.gov>
- Harvard Health, Marijuana and Heart Health: what you need to know:
<https://health.harvard.edu>

Member Agencies of the WNY Youth Anti-Vaping Coalition



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NY State
Smokers Quitline
1-866-NY-QUITS
www.nysmokefree.com



The WNY Anti-Vaping Coalition is a partnership of agencies working together to help educate and reduce the prevalence of vaping amongst youth. If you would like further information please feel to contact- Jenna Brinkworth, Tobacco Free Roswell Park, 845-1615 or at Jenna.Brinkworth@roswellpark.org.