

2015 Colorado Children's Caucus



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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE THIRD CHILDREN'S CAUCUS PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Topic: Marijuana, Children, and Families

Monday, March 9, 2015

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Colorado State Capitol Building , Committee Room 356
200 Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80203

The legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes in Colorado brings many new and unexpected issues to our state. One of the most critical issues we face is the impact marijuana has on children. These impacts are multiple, varied, and further complicated by the differences between medical and recreational use. This Children's Caucus presentation will present an overview of the impact marijuana has throughout the life of a child, beginning with prenatal marijuana exposure and throughout childhood.

Specific issues to be discussed include:

- Prenatal marijuana exposure: What does the research say? What is the law? What is happening in practice?
- Unintentional ingestion: Edible products and childproof packaging, home growing, and homemade edibles.
- Parenting under the influence: Could parental use of marijuana be considered child abuse or constitutional right?
- Parent education on marijuana and appropriate interventions: How can we prevent child abuse with marijuana use in Colorado?

This Children's Caucus presentation will focus on raising awareness of the impacts of marijuana on children. Our presenters will provide context, pose tough questions, and outline possible next steps for Colorado.

PRESENTATION PANELISTS:

Jade Woodard: Executive Director, Colorado Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

Dr. Kathryn Wells: Medical Director, Denver Health Clinic at the Family Crisis Center

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to tdowner@childlawcenter.org

The Colorado Children's Caucus provides a forum for all members of the Colorado General Assembly to discuss the challenges facing Colorado's youth and work together to develop policy recommendations to strengthen families and improve the lives of children.

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