MARIJUANA USE & EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Studies show that marijuana interferes with attention, motivation, memory, and learning. Students who use marijuana regularly tend to get lower grades and are more likely to drop out of high school than those who don’t use. Those who use it regularly may be functioning at a reduced intellectual level most or all of the time.

MOST MARIJUANA USE BEGINS IN ADOLESCENCE

78%
of the 2.4 million people who began using in the last year were aged 12 to 20.¹

As perception of harm decreases...

MARIJUANA MAY HURT THE DEVELOPING TEEN BRAIN

The teen brain is still developing and it is especially vulnerable to drug use.

IQ

Regular heavy marijuana use by teens can lead to an IQ drop of up to 8 points³

HEAVY MARIJUANA USE BY TEENS IS LINKED TO⁴:

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