

# Just the facts, know the risks...

Legal does not equal safe.  
**Marijuana is an addictive drug.**

- Marijuana during pregnancy has been linked to lower birth weights.
- There are increasing studies that show long-lasting effects to the cognitive\development of the child including effects on memory, learning and behavior.
- Exposure to marijuana sets the stage for increased future vulnerability to addiction during the child's life, not only to marijuana but to heroin and other drugs.
- Exposure increases the anxiety level in childhood, increasing rates of depression.

