

The Changing Culture of Marijuana Laws and the Impact on the Adolescent Brain

Featuring Dr. Jeffery L. Reynolds, PhD.

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Several US states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana and New York is poised to follow suit. The shift in policy has significant public health implications, especially for adolescents, people at risk for addiction and other vulnerable populations. Dr. Reynolds, who has been at the forefront of efforts to address the opioid epidemic and has advised New York State on marijuana policy, will discuss experiences in states that have legalized marijuana, update participants on marijuana research efforts, including medical use of the drug and discuss innovative clinical interventions for addressing marijuana dependence in young people.

About the Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Family and Children's Association (FCA), based in Mineola, NY.

Dr. Reynolds currently serves on Governor Cuomo's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, the Executive Committee of the Nassau County Heroin Prevention Task Force, is chair of Suffolk County's Sober Home Oversight Board, chairs the Huntington Town Opioid Task Force and is a member of Suffolk County's Heroin/Opiate Epidemic Advisory Panel. Dr. Reynolds has also served as Chair of Nassau County's Youth Board and has spent five years on Suffolk County's Welfare-to-Work Commission. He's served on Nassau County Executive Laura Curran's Transition Team, co-chairs Nassau's Non-Profit Task Force and is a member of the Nassau County Comptroller's Non-Profit Steering Committee.

Dr. Reynolds was Executive Director of LICADD from 2009-2014 during the time it pioneered the launch of "Too Good for Drugs," an evidence-based K-12 substance abuse prevention program in several Long Island schools. Dr. Reynolds has received numerous awards for his community service and leadership and was named one of the "50 most influential Long Islanders" each year 2010-2017 by the Long Island Press.

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