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Marijuana impairs learning!



Marijuana use can really
screw things up!



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- “If parents who are spending thousands of dollars on SAT prep courses knew about the cognitive effects marijuana has on their kids’ brains, they would be up in arms” according to Dr. Evins, Director of the Center for Addiction Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston (as quoted in the NYTimes, January 7, 2013).
- The article quoted Dr. Evins and other scientists who described the effect marijuana has on learning and memory including a decrease in IQ scores among teenagers who are regular pot smokers. A long term study in New Zealand showed regular pot smokers lost an average of 8 IQ points. The lost cognitive abilities were not restored in those who quit smoking.
- According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, “marijuana’s negative effects on attention, memory, and learning can last for days and sometimes weeks. Marijuana’s effects can make it difficult not only to learn something new, but to do the complex tasks that require focus and concentration or the stringing together of information sequentially.”
- Our children are given one brain at birth that has to last a lifetime. Help them keep their brain healthy by keeping it marijuana free.



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