

# **SUMMARY OF SCAODA MARIJUANA POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

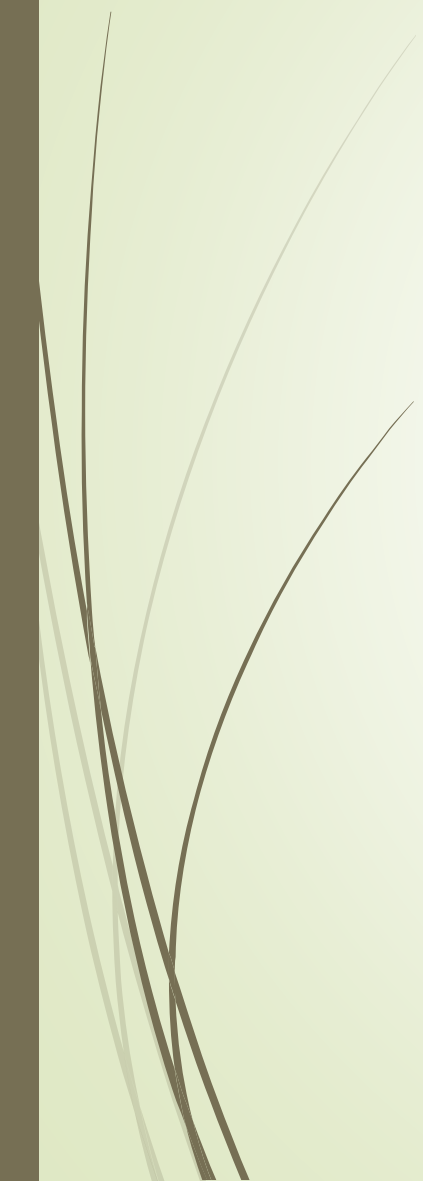
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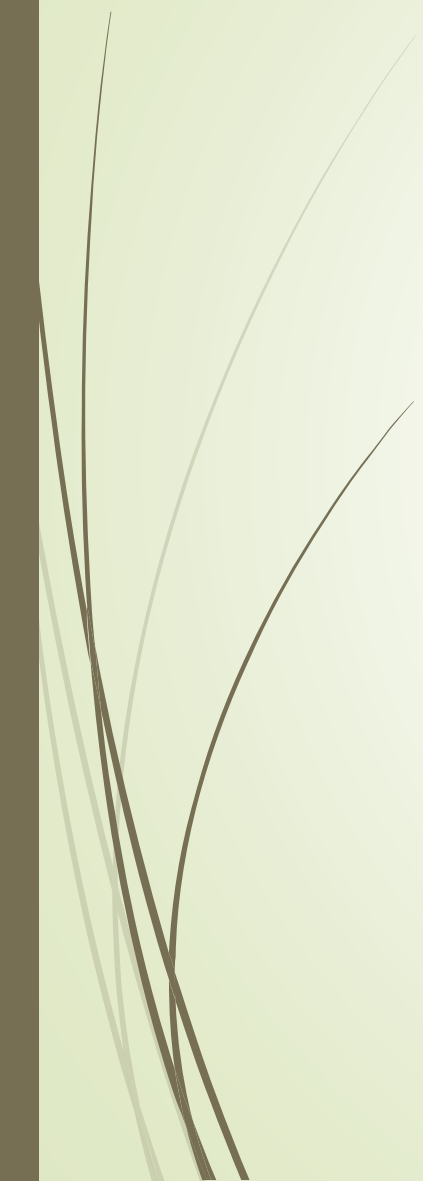


# WISCONSIN SCAODA MARIJUANA AD-HOC COMMITTEE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Under the guidance of the SCAODA Prevention Committee, the Marijuana Ad-hoc Committee was charged with researching, evaluating, and developing recommendations regarding marijuana that best serve the public health and safety of all Wisconsin residents.
  - Established in October 2014 as a result of concerns raised when preparing the Wisconsin's Heroin Epidemic: Strategies and Solutions (Analysis and Recommendations for Reducing Heroin Abuse in Wisconsin)
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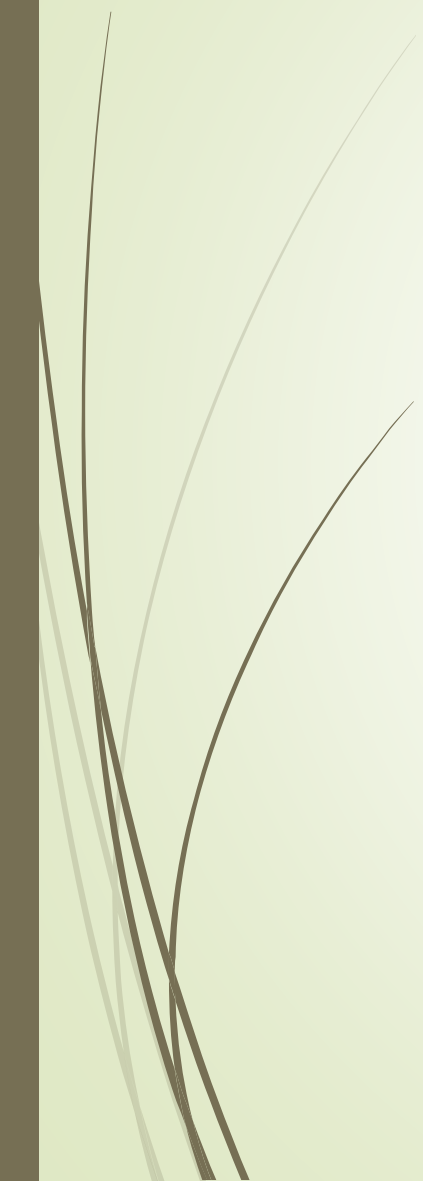


# WISCONSIN SCAODA MARIJUANA AD-HOC COMMITTEE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Committee Divided into Four Subgroups
    - ▶ Cannabinoid Research Workgroup
    - ▶ Legalities and Regulation Workgroup
    - ▶ Prevention Workgroup
    - ▶ Treatment and Recovery Workgroup
  - ▶ The Committee Produced a 71 page, Evidence-Based Report with policy recommendations for Wisconsin using the best available research from over 150 references.
  - ▶ A copy of the full report is available through the SCAODA Web Page at:  
<https://scaoda.wisconsin.gov/scfiles/marijuana/marijuana-072216.pdf>
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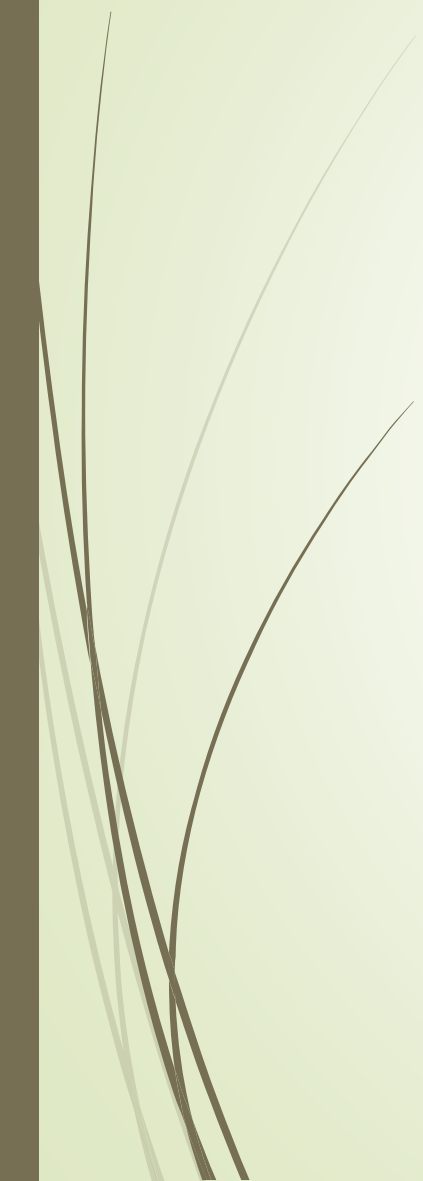


# CANNABINOID RESEARCH WORKGROUP

- Brief review of the history of cannabinoids and cannabis as medicine.
  - Brief description of the Endocannabinoid System.
  - Review of evidence for specific clinical indications.
  - Review of evidence regarding side effects and potential harm of cannabis and cannabinoid use.
  - Workgroup Recommendations.
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# CANNABINOID RESEARCH WORKGROUP

- ▶ CANNABIS, CANNABINOID PHARMACEUTICALS, AND CANNABIS/CANNABINOID DELIVERY SYSTEMS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME RIGOROUS STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO OTHER PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL DEVICES AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PATIENTS UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).
  - ▶ THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOCUSED ON THE STUDY OF SPECIFIC PHARMACEUTICAL GRADE CANNABINOID COMPOUNDS AND PREPARATIONS (INCLUDING WHOLE PLANT PREPARATIONS) FOR VARIOUS CLINICAL APPLICATIONS.
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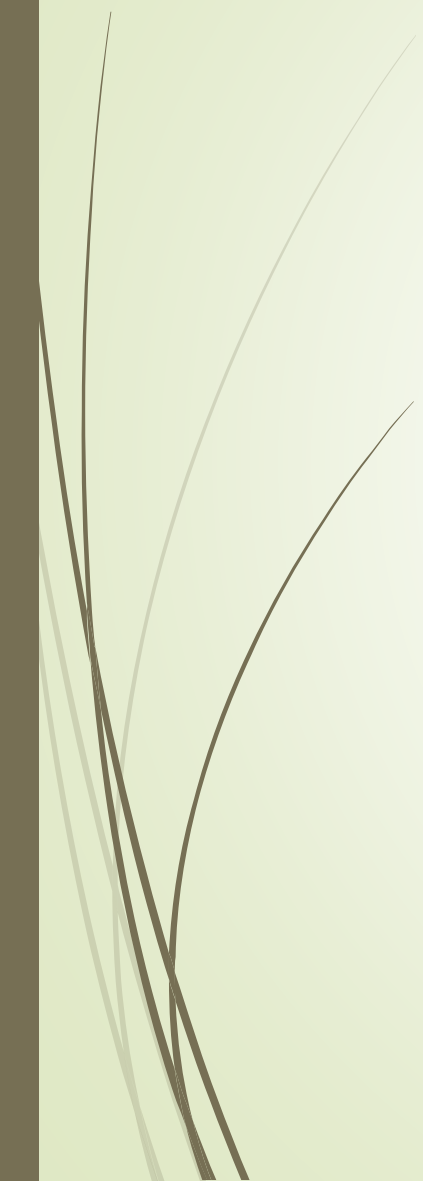


# CANNABINOID RESEARCH WORKGROUP

- ▶ SMOKED CANNABIS IS NOT A SAFE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CANNABINOIDS, AND SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED IN ANY FORM SINCE IT APPEARS TO HAVE SIMILAR CLINICAL EFFICACY VIA INHALATION (VAPORIZED ROUTE), SUBLINGUAL, AND ORAL ROUTES WHICH ARE SAFER, AND THAT MAY HAVE DECREASED ABUSE POTENTIAL.
- ▶ NON-PHARMACEUTICAL GRADE ORAL FORMULATIONS (“EDIBLES”) AND ORAL FORMULATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE FDA SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED DUE TO VARIABILITY IN DOSAGE BETWEEN SAMPLES, NON-HOMOGENOUS DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABINOIDS WITHIN NON-STANDARDIZED ORAL FORMULATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT FDA APPROVED ORAL CANNABINOIDS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE BY PRESCRIPTION IN THE FORM OF DRONABINOL (MARINOL®) AND NABILONE (CESAMET®).



# CANNABINOID RESEARCH WORKGROUP

- ▶ CANNABIS AND CANNABIS EXTRACT(S) THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY FDA APPROVED FOR USE IN INDIVIDUALS LESS THAN AGE 21 SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED IN ANY FORM FOR USE IN INDIVIDUALS YOUNGER THAN AGE 21 DUE TO A GROWING BODY OF EVIDENCE THAT LINKS EARLY CANNABIS EXPOSURE WITH NEUROBIOLOGICAL BRAIN ABNORMALITIES, AN INCREASED RISK OF ADDICTION, A POTENTIAL TO ACT AS A GATEWAY DRUG, PERMANENT NEUROCOGNITIVE DECLINE, AND LOWER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE/ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT.
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# LEGALITIES AND REGULATION WORKGROUP

- Brief Introduction including differentiating between the concepts of decriminalization and legalization of marijuana.
- Presentation of current Wisconsin State Law and its enforcement.
- Discussion of the Drug Treatment Court Model.
- Discussion of several decriminalization models including the “Portugal Model”



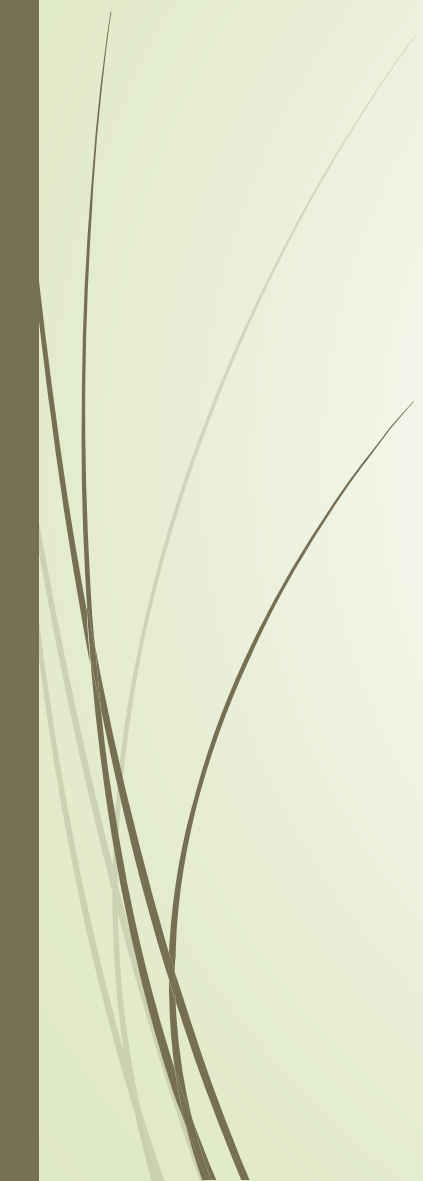


# LEGALITIES AND REGULATION WORKGROUP

- CANNABIS SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED FOR PERSONAL RECREATIONAL USE IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.
- ALL EMPLOYERS SHOULD FOLLOW THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988.

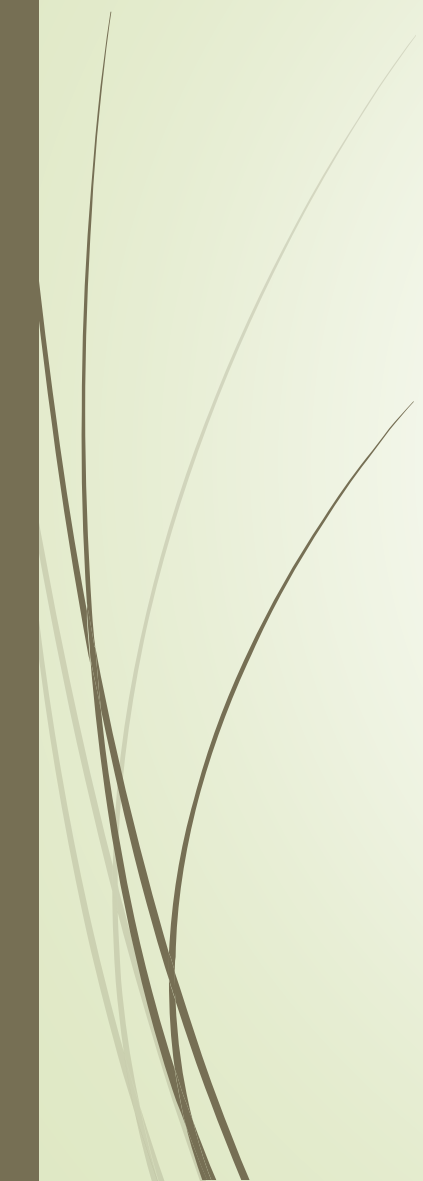


# PREVENTION WORKGROUP

- ▶ COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS SHOULD IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS KNOWN RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR MARIJUANA USE.
  - ▶ SUPPORT COALITIONS AS THE VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH COMMUNITIES WILL SUCCESSFULLY PREVENT AND REDUCE MARIJUANA USE.
  - ▶ WORK TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT LOCALLY THAT EMPOWERS YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO USE MARIJUANA.
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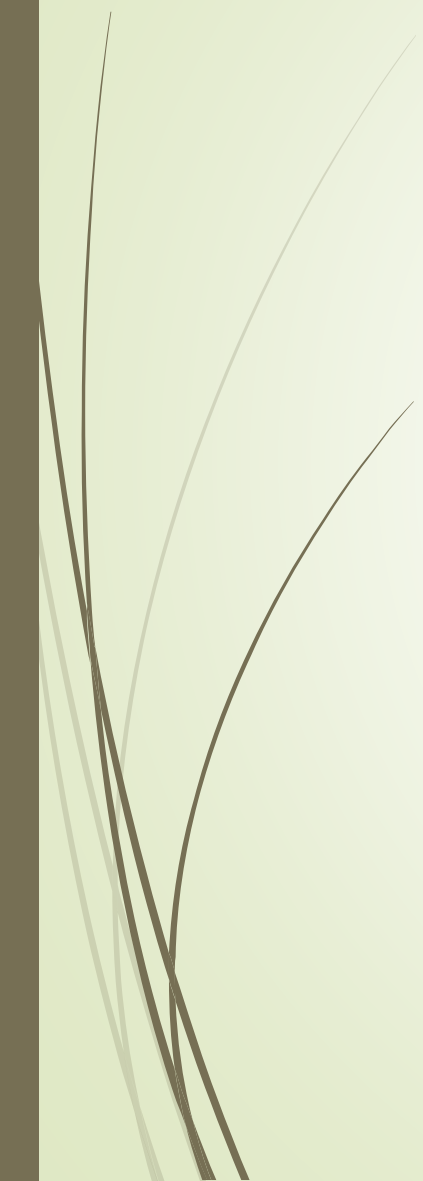


# PREVENTION WORKGROUP

- PROVIDE INFORMATION TO EMPLOYERS, AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISORS, REGARDING SIGNS, SYMPTOMS AND CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA USE, AS WELL AS LOCAL RESOURCES FOR OBTAINING HELP FOR CANNABIS USE DISORDERS.
  - MAKE DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT A PRIORITY STATEWIDE.
  - INCORPORATE SBIRT (SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT) AS A TOOL FOR HELPING CLIENTS WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM MARIJUANA OR OTHER SUBSTANCE USE.
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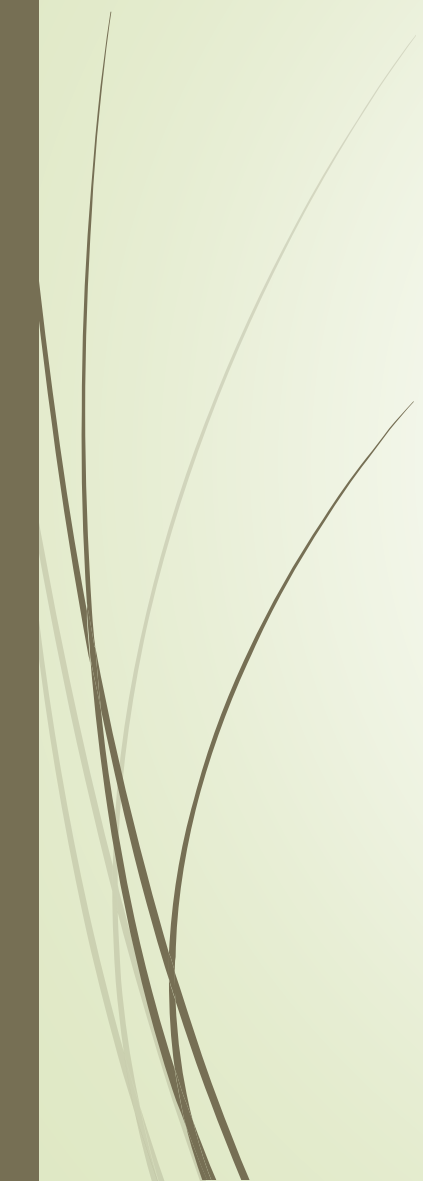


# TREATMENT AND RECOVERY WORKGROUP

- ▶ EXPAND ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY OPTIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO ALLOW TIMELY ACCESS OF APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE FOR ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.
  - ▶ EXPAND ADULT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY OPTIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO ALLOW TIMELY ACCESS OF APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
  - ▶ SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD PROMOTE ABSTINENCE FROM MARIJUANA DURING AND AFTER PREGNANCY TO PROTECT UNBORN AND DEVELOPING CHILDREN AND PREVENT DRUG-AFFECTED NEWBORNS AND NURSING INFANTS.
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# TREATMENT AND RECOVERY WORKGROUP

- ▶ RESEARCH, EVALUATE AND IMPLEMENT PROMISING ALTERNATIVE DIVERSION PROGRAMS INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT WITHIN THE LEGAL SYSTEM.
  - ▶ PROVIDE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT FOR PERSONS WHILE INCARCERATED AND DEVELOP BETTER LINKAGES TO IMPROVE THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES BETWEEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROVIDERS TO ENSURE CONTINUING CARE.
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# TREATMENT AND RECOVERY WORKGROUP

- ▶ PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROVIDERS IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF DEVELOPING SCIENCE WITH REGARD TO CANNABIS USE DISORDERS INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):
    - ▶ EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT OPTIONS AND PROMISING RESEARCH.
    - ▶ RESEARCH FINDINGS REGARDING PHARMACOTHERAPIES TO ASSIST IN TREATMENT.
    - ▶ CLINICAL INNOVATIONS TO USE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.
    - ▶ THE EFFECT OF MARIJUANA USE ON THE DEVELOPING BRAIN.
    - ▶ THE IMPACT OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND TREATMENT APPROACHES THAT REFLECT BEST PRACTICE IN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.
    - ▶ EMERGING RESEARCH OF BEST PRACTICES FOR ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG
    - ▶ ADULT SPECIFIC RECOVERY AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS.
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