

# PPI Prevention Partnership International

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## WINTER UPDATE

**What does a drug endangered child want?** “A drug endangered child may wish for a parent who spends time with them rather than getting high; may crave the simple security of having their well-being foremost in the minds of their parents; may long for food in the refrigerator; or may just want to not be afraid because of who their caregivers spend time with while feeding their drug habits or dealing in drugs. Whether a drug is legal or illegal, localized or widespread, or seen as socially acceptable or distasteful, we have an obligation to look closely, thoroughly, and objectively at the risks all of these drugs present to the youngest among us. And when we do so, we must come to the conclusion that **we are all responsible for the well-being of children - it is not someone else's job - it is our job.**” Shared with permission from National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NDEC); December 2014 eUpdate; [www.nationaldec.org/ourpublications.html](http://www.nationaldec.org/ourpublications.html)

**Medical marijuana and children:** At a recent PPI Advisory Committee meeting the following situation was shared: A 6 year old boy attended a friend’s birthday party in California (medical marijuana is legal). When the young boy returned home, he slept for 12 hours, was “woozy” when awakened, and then ate ravenously. When called the hostess/mother said, “Her brother had brought marijuana cupcakes to the party, which she had placed out of children’s reach.” The Advisory Committee discussion included: (1) The attorney Dad, “call the police – now!” (2) The grandmother educator, “have a parent night at the school about child safety with an emphasis on what you may not know” and (3) others suggested having a parent meeting with the hostess, her brother and an expert to discuss dangers to kids. Several questions emerged: (1) is this a legal situation? Should the uncle or hostess be reported? To Child Protective Services for child endangerment or is this a felony because of “sharing” prescription medication? (2) Are there guidelines regarding children’s safety and marijuana? **Answers on attached handout which we hope you’ll copy and share.**

The Development Team is finishing the editing of the **0-3 component**, based on feedback from pilot sites. It will be released to NACoA in April 2015 for national distribution. **THANK YOU to all the pilot sites!** PPI next focus is the development of on-site training components, as we realize that more support and training is needed for leaders.

*A Family-Centered Approach as Prevention for Substance Abuse* **Article has been submitted for publication**, Shirley Sparks Grief and Rosemary Tisch authors. Conclusion: “*The best prevention services incorporate information and support in multi-level family-centered programs tailored to individuals from infancy to adult ages. Celebrating Families!™ successfully meets the essential elements to be an effective prevention program.*”

PPI organized in partnership with Community Solutions a **Panel on Protecting Children’s Behavioral Health** at SVCN 4th Annual Health Care and Leadership Summit. Quoting from Third Report to Congress by Children & Families Futures, “*A comprehensive family-centered approach is needed to break the intergenerational cycle of substance abuse and child maltreatment and effectively address a family’s complex, underlying issues. Family programs: significantly increase parental engagement and retention; improve the likelihood of successful and sustained reunification, decrease the risk of relapse and recurrence of maltreatment and break the intergenerational cycle of abuse and child maltreatment.*” Presentation available at [http://media.wix.com/ugd/b2ad44\\_2a66e594e0db4acd8ff21679080e3108.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/b2ad44_2a66e594e0db4acd8ff21679080e3108.pdf).

Thank you for your continuing support!

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