
Media Release



Weeding Out The Facts: A Community Discussion About Youth Marijuana Use

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Marijuana continues to be one of the most commonly used substances among young people between the ages of 15-25 years. Despite its growth in popularity over the decades, many myths and untruths continue to surround its potential effects on our health. In an effort to inform parents, teachers and others who work with youth, the Timiskaming Health Unit is hosting two educational opportunities titled *Weeding Out The Facts: A Community Discussion About Youth Marijuana Use*.

The first forum will take place in Temiskaming Shores on May 2, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Dymond Community Hall while the second will take place at Heritage North in Kirkland Lake on May 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

“With the impending legalization of cannabis, both parents and youth are receiving mixed messages. This educational forum is an attempt at dispelling some of the common myths and beliefs about the effects of cannabis while providing the audience with the most accurate, up-to-date information,” explains Walter Humeniuk, Public Health Promoter with the Timiskaming Health Unit.

As part of the discussion, special guest panelists Dr. Glenn Corneil (Acting Medical Officer of Health) Dr. Robert King (Psychiatrist), and Krystal Oviatt (Public Health Promoter) will present on the physical and mental impacts of marijuana and touch on prevention initiatives. They will be available to address questions and comments posed by audience members.

Parents, teachers and those who work directly with youth are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. For those unable to attend in person, they can follow us via a live feed on Facebook on May 3rd. Community members are encouraged to help shape the conversation by submitting questions to the panelists in advance by visiting our Facebook page Weeding Out The Facts on Youth Marijuana Use.

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