

UPDATES OF ACTIVITIES UNDER HB 21-1317

KEY RESOURCES

- [Scoping Review Report](#)
- [Interactive Evidence Map](#)
- [Health Effects of High-Concentration Cannabis Products: Scoping Review & Evidence Map](#)
- [Policy Approaches to High-Concentration Cannabis and THC Concentrates](#)
- [Enhancing Methodological Approaches for Studying Health Effects of High-Concentration THC Products](#)
- [Methodological Challenges & Actionable Recommendations in Studying the Health Effects of High-Concentration THC Products](#)

NEXT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING:

TBA

REMINDER:

Note: We offer the reminder that our activities under HB 1317 are directed at high-concentration marijuana and THC concentrates and not at cannabis and THC generally. The scoping review available on our [project website](#) is subject to this specific focus. For those seeking information on marijuana and concentrates generally, there are general resources available, such as the CDC's [Marijuana and Public Health](#) page and NIDA's [Cannabis \(Marijuana\) DrugFacts](#) page. This report and the scope of our work under the charge of HB 1317 do not address cannabinoids other than THC.

Updates from the Administrative and Research Cores of the Cannabis Research and Policy Project

Welcome to the eleventh newsletter from the Cannabis Research and Policy Project. The team has recently updated the [interactive evidence map](#) to reflect the latest literature and continues to do so on an annual basis. We have added 41 studies so that the total is now 591. We have used the evidence map to develop a comprehensive review on mental health based on 194 studies and anticipate a scientific publication later in the year. We are starting a review on cannabis and respiratory health.

Our team is working closely with the University of Colorado's Department of Psychiatry to develop a continuing medical education (CME) event that addresses the current state of the research, The Tea on THC education campaign, clinical practice, and community impact. We will combine the CME event with a session on cannabis research in progress at the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus. Additionally, the team continues to work on developing a series of CME events in collaboration with Children's Hospital for healthcare providers that will focus on high-concentration cannabis and such topics as cannabis use disorder, toxicology, cannabis marketplace, perinatal cannabis use, and cannabis & adolescent health. Information will be posted on our website as these events are scheduled.

Last month, we launched the educational campaign, called [The Tea on THC](#). This campaign is a culmination of our building an evidence foundation and allows us to disseminate trusted resources to Coloradan youth, pregnant people, and parents or mentors. Check out the [campaign website](#) and use our [project website](#) to provide comments.

We plan to hold the next Scientific Review Council (SRC) meeting in the spring of 2025 to provide an update on the ongoing reviews and activities of the educational campaign team. Prior meeting minutes are available on our [website](#).

SPECIFIC UPDATES RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES UNDER HB 21-1317

Educational Campaign Updates:

Partnerships:

The University of Northern Colorado (UNC) project, led by Dannon Cox, PhD with Jenn Leiferman, PhD, presented their work to our scientific team at HB 1317's weekly project meeting. Rural Colorado school districts are represented at these events and appreciated the outreach. The team is developing a programming toolkit, an action plan template, and a mindfulness curriculum that can be utilized in other Colorado communities. Plans for the Spring 2025 FTF Leadership Summit are underway.

Building on the success of the first Hear/Say art exhibition, the Science-Informed art team, led by Annie Collier, PhD, is reaching out to schools in Northern and Southern Colorado to participate in an innovative curriculum that uses art to teach students about high-concentration cannabis. The Science-Informed Art team is also actively recruiting adult artists in Northern and Southern Colorado for future exhibitions. Please see the flyer on the Tea on THC website under the resources tab and share it widely. Takeaways from this art exhibit and lessons from cannabis experts will be compiled and uploaded to the website in the future.

The Promoting Perinatal Wellness team, led by Jenn Leiferman, PhD with Sheana Bull, PhD, Clinic Chat, is collecting formative data for the chatbot development to enhance its effectiveness with pregnant and parenting people.

Our chatbot speaks Spanish! Clinic Chat, led by Sheana Bull, PhD, worked with community members to develop appropriate translations for Spanish speakers seeking information about high-concentration cannabis. Please visit The Tea on THC and click the Espanol button beneath the chatbot.

Initium Health: The Campaign is Still Making Headlines!

Since the official launch of the Tea on THC campaign in December, the campaign continues to garner attention and add content to the social media channels. Amongst the latest, OBGYN Dr. Shannon M. Clark lets viewers know the risks to the fetus of using THC during pregnancy. For more information, please visit the Tea on THC Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, X, and TikTok channels and website. Viewers can also find resources to share within their networks and organizations.

EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Website Launch Date:
December 2024

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	STATUS
UNC Mindfulness	"Fight the Funk" Spring Leadership Summit	<u>In Progress</u>
	Mindfulness Resource Guide	<u>In Progress</u>
Clinic Chat	Coping Strategies for Website Chatbot	<u>In Progress</u>
	MI Informed Chatbot for Youth and Trusted Adults	<u>In Progress</u>
Science-Informed Art Exhibition	Purchasing or Leasing Art for Proposed Traveling Exhibit	<u>Completed</u>
	Youth Curriculum Development	<u>In Progress</u>
	<u>Call for Artists</u>	<u>In Progress</u>
Promoting Perinatal Wellness	Content Review	<u>In Progress</u>
Initium Health	<u>Website</u>	<u>Completed</u>
	Social Media Content	<u>In Progress</u>
	Podcasts	<u>Completed</u>
	Video Content	<u>In Progress</u>
	Press Conference	<u>Completed</u>