

# UPDATES OF ACTIVITIES UNDER HB 21-1317

## EVIDENCE REVIEW REPORT

- [Report of Scoping Review Available Here](#)
- [American Journal of Public Health Publication](#)
- [Interactive Evidence Map](#)

## NEXT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING:

February 26, 2024

## 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 first newsletter from the Cannabis Research and Policy Project. We have added this newsletter to provide additional information beyond that available on the [project website](#). Having completed the review of the evidence on high-concentration marijuana and THC concentrates a year ago, our focus is on a broad set of educational activities for the public and for healthcare professionals. We are keeping the review of research studies up-to-date and are currently examining 6,000 new publications. We are also doing a detailed review on studies addressing high-concentration cannabis products and mental health. Unfortunately, the scientific literature has serious limitations, and we are convening researchers in an effort to have better studies on the current marketplace. For the educational campaign, toolkits are in development with community partners that will be the basis for videos, infographics, and web-based materials for parents, adolescents, and young adults. We are also organizing meetings and putting together materials for healthcare professionals who take care of groups of high concern: pregnant women, children, and adolescents; and people with mental health problems. Finally, we are working to schedule the next meeting of the Scientific Review Council (SRC), which will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024. At this public meeting, we will update the SRC on the status of all ongoing work. Information about joining the meeting is available on the project website.

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	STATUS
Continuing Professional Education	<a href="#">Current Cannabis Marketplace for Pediatricians</a>	May 15, 2024
	<a href="#">Mental Health Effects of High-Concentration Cannabis Use</a>	In Progress
Evidence Reviews	<a href="#">Effects on Mental Health</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Effects on Respiratory Health</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Modern Modalities in Behavioral Interventions</a>	In Progress
	<a href="#">Mass-Media Behavioral Interventions</a>	In Progress
Workshop to Improve Research	<a href="#">Improving Methods for Cannabis Research</a>	In Progress

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

## EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

**Start Date:** November 2022

**Tentative Dissemination Date:**  
June 2024

### Educational Campaign Updates:

Welcome to the first newsletter from the educational campaign team, which is putting together a number of activities, including the development of toolkits, a pop-up art exhibit, and more. We have been working on these projects for more than a year, receiving input from groups across Colorado. The team made progress on several key components in January 2024, including identifying the communication and design firm for developing toolkits. Our team, with community member involvement, evaluated 19 vendor organizations interested in creating the campaign content (e.g., videos, written materials, web-based curriculum, promotional materials). We have now selected one to complete the work. We are developing three toolkits for providing education and resources. We held two community engagement workshops with youth and adults in the San Luis Valley area for feedback on Toolkit #1, which covers background information about cannabis, high-concentration cannabis (HCC), and the physical and mental health impacts of HCC on youth and pregnant people. Community advisors provided guidance on the key messages they think are the most important and that will resonate with communities about HCC. We have arranged two additional community engagement workshops in the Denver area for feedback on Toolkit #1. We are starting the same community engagement process for Toolkits #2 and #3, which cover how to build healthy coping skills as an alternative to cannabis use. We onboarded art curators and artists for the pop-up art exhibition planned for June 2024. This will be taken statewide after the first showing in Denver. We have held an event for the artists to provide background on the science of HCC and the different issues and perspectives related to HCC use. We are planning how to evaluate each of these activities so that we can refine them as we use them. Lastly, we identified community events (e.g., block parties, neighborhood events) happening in late-Spring and early-Summer of 2024 and began registering for events to distribute our campaign content and engage community members in education and evaluation efforts.

## ACTIVITY

## DETAILS

## STATUS

### Toolkit Content Creation

Draft Toolkits 1-3	Completed
Address Edits from SRC	Completed
Review Toolkits 1-3	In Progress
Send Toolkits 1-3 to Vendors to Disseminate	In Progress

### Content Creation

Select Vendors & Send Contracts	Completed
Vendors Create Content	In Progress
SRC & Community Advisors Review Content	In Progress

### Art Exhibition

Secure Venue for Exhibition	Completed
Recruit Artists	Completed
Artist Education Session	Completed
Host Art Exhibition	In Progress

### Dissemination

Community Events Registration	In Progress
Community Trainings	In Progress
Social Media Content	In Progress
Community Events	In Progress

### Evaluation

Logic Model Creation	In Progress
Evaluation Planning	In Progress
Instrument Development	In Progress

## R E S O U R C E S

The team is using findings from the [overall scoping review published by the Cannabis Research & Policy Team](#) in addition to their secondary systematic reviews on Mass-Media Behavioral Interventions, and Modern Modalities in Behavioral Interventions.

The Education Campaign Team is utilizing the input from the Scientific Review Council Members and community advisory groups in Denver, San Luis Valley, and Pueblo to develop the disseminated material.