**Facts about Marijuana & the Teen Brain**

**The brain is a “work in progress”, not fully developed until the mid-20s.**

**Share This Information with Your Child/Teen Today!**

 ***What Research Tells Us:***



**If marijuana is smoked regularly during the teen years, it can lower intelligence (IQ) significantly, by up to 8 points in adult life.**

**NIDA (2014) *Facts Parents Need to Know***

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**Marijuana’s negative effects on attention, memory, and learning can last for days and sometimes weeks—especially if used often.**

 **NIDA (2013) *Facts for Teens***

**Marijuana use can negatively affect learning and school performance. Users are MUCH more likely to get lower grades and drop out of school.**

**NIDA (2013) *Facts for Teens***

NIDA, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, is an agency of the US Government.

Visit: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/> for more information.

**Information provided by the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth for Youth and Families**

**Joining School, Families and Community in preventing and reducing**

**youth substance abuse and its negative consequences.**

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