Prevention

What Our Community is Doing

- In November 2011, the Florida Alcohol Drug Abuse Association (FADDA) established a subcommittee to counter efforts to place medical marijuana on the 2012 ballot.
- MCSAC adopted a resolution on October 12, 2011 opposing the legalization of marijuana or any other Schedule I drugs.
- MCSAC is implementing an action plan to address marijuana use by students in Manatee County.

*Medical Marijuana:* Smoked marijuana is not an FDA approved medicine and the National Institutes of Health has long documented the harms of marijuana use. Science shows it is addictive. Research shows it impairs driving. Studies show it can degrade academic performance. Young people already have a perception that marijuana is harmless. Approving “medical marijuana” will reinforce this perception. *(2011 Monitoring the Future Study)*

Read more:
- Arguments Against Marijuana Legalization
- Medical Marijuana: The Scam

Tips for Parents

- Parents who think marijuana is harmless need to look at the facts: Marijuana Potency Reaches All-Time High
- What should you say when your child asks if you did drugs? Time to Talk
- Be aware of synthetic marijuana (K2, Spice) and other emerging issues.
- Know the risk/protective factors for alcohol and drug abuse. Read more in Parents.

Read more:
- Marijuana: Facts Parents Need to Know
- Talking With Your Child About Marijuana
- Marijuana: Facts for Teens