



drugFREE
DESOTO COALITION
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Prevention News

Get informed on Amendment 2...

The State of Florida has already legalized medical cannabis (low THC – smokeless marijuana) for chronic medical issues June 2014.

Vote “**NO**” on Amendment 2 to avoid legally having recreational marijuana available for medical use. Voting “**NO**” will also prohibit marijuana candies and other products that can be enticing and harmful to youth and teens!



Trick or Treat
Can you and/or our child identify which candy has pot?

Legalization: How will you know your child's candy is pot-free?
Concerned parents educate themselves & their children... marijuana use impairs memory, thinking, coordination... AND increases the dropout rate. **No2Pot.org - Educational Resource**

What are some risks for kids using pot today?

1. May cause long-term permanent effects-including lower IQ.
2. Linked to dropout rate, unemployment, crime & homeless.
3. Increases the risk of anxiety, depression & often triggers schizophrenia.
4. Significant increase in fatal car accidents.

Parents should know that pot from the 60's is not the same as today's pot- it is typically 20 times stronger.

Several prescription cannabis-based FDA medicines are available in the US (studied & approved) NOT smoked/infused

No2Pot Does this sound like medicine?
Does this sound healthy & safe?

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings

November 2, 2016

11:00am General Coalition Meeting
Arcadia Housing Authority
7 Booker T. Washington Rd, Arcadia, FL 34266

December 7, 2016

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Drug Free DeSoto & D-Fy Events

Red Ribbon Week
October 23 – 31, 2016

Community Parent – Youth Night
MADD Presentation
DeSoto Middle School
Monday, October 24, 2016
6:00pm-7:30pm

D-Fy & SWAT
Pre-game Party
DHS Cafeteria Pavilion
Friday, October 28, 2016
3:15pm – 6:30pm

DFDC & SWAT
Turner Center Trick or Treat
Monday, October 31, 2016
6:00pm – 8:00pm
2250 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

For more events visit www.drugfreedesoto.com



October 23 – 31, 2016



Did You Know....Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

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