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# A Look at Marijuana Legalization National and Local Impacts

### Event Details:

#### WHEN

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Speakers: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Panel Q&A: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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It has been two years since Illinois became the 11th state to legalize the adult use of recreational marijuana, leaving it up to local governments to decide if they would allow marijuana related businesses to operate within their towns.

As the state and our local communities continue to navigate in a post-legalized world, some initial data has become available on how recreational marijuana has impacted our communities, particularly the health and safety of our youth.

Local and national panelists will review the impacts of recreational marijuana on youth nationally and in DuPage County. Learn how we can work together to protect kids and prevent substance use among teens.

#### Agenda/Panelists:

- 9:00 – 9:05: Landscape review of recreational marijuana in DuPage – **DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team**
- 9:05 – 9:50: Impacts of recreational marijuana across the country, **Ed Shemelya**, National Marijuana Initiative
- 9:50 – 10:20: Marketing/youth use impacts for youth living in communities with recreational marijuana. **Dr. Aaron Weiner**, Bridge Forward Group
- 10:20 – 11:00: Traffic safety, **Jennifer Cifaldi**, Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and **Dan Stafiej**, Carol Stream PD, DRE/ARIDE Trainer
- 11:00-11:30: Q&A



# MEET THE PANELISTS



## Ed Shemelya:

Ed Shemelya is the National Coordinator for National Marijuana Initiative (NMI). The NMI strives to dispel misconceptions about marijuana and raise awareness of issues surrounding the drug, so that citizens and policymakers can make well-informed choices regarding marijuana use and regulations.



## Jennifer Cifaldi:

Jennifer Cifaldi is the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and is employed by the University of Illinois at Springfield through a grant from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation. Prior to that, Jennifer served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Adams County, Illinois prosecuting traffic cases at both the felony and misdemeanor level. Jennifer developed a DUI No-Refusal search warrant model that has now been adopted as the standard for Law Enforcement agencies and Prosecutor Offices across Illinois.



## Dr. Aaron Weiner:

Aaron Weiner, PhD, ABPP is a board-certified Psychologist and addiction specialist, and speaks nationally on the topics of addiction, behavioral health, and the impact of drug policy on public health. Dr. Weiner is the President-Elect of the Society of Addiction Psychology, a member of the Physician Speakers Bureau for the National Safety Council, and on the Science Advisory Board for Smart Approaches to Marijuana.



## Dan Stafiej:

Officer Dan Stafiej is a fifteen-year law enforcement veteran, a drug recognition expert (DRE) and instructor with the village of Carol Stream Police Department's Traffic Safety & Investigation Unit. Officer Stafiej's current duties include intoxicated motorist interdiction, crash investigation, traffic enforcement, public education, and law enforcement training.

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