

# Community Awareness Series: Promoting Healthy Behaviors

Our youth are our future's greatest asset. Schools, parents, caregivers, and communities all play a role in providing supportive pathways for our youth as they navigate childhood and adolescence. SCIP (School Community Intervention and Prevention) is partnering with Lincoln Public Schools, and Region V Systems to put on valuable presentations about how to support the health and well-being of our community's youth. Please join us for our first event on:

**October 21, 2021**

**“But It’s Just Marijuana Isn’t It?”: The Impact of Marijuana Use on Our Youth**

**Schoo Middle School (Media Center)**

**700 Penrose Drive**

**Lincoln, NE 68521**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

## Presentation:

Research shows that families and influential adults play the most important role in preventing youth substance use. Marijuana continues to be one of the most prevalent substances of abuse amongst our youth. Perception data tells us that the number of young people who believe marijuana use is risky is decreasing. With the legalization of marijuana in most states, our youth have received mixed messages from society that has led to misconceptions over the harm that marijuana has on developing adolescents. Officer Andre O’Conner a Licensed Drug Recognition Expert with Lincoln Police Department and previous School Resource Officer will discuss the following:

- Marijuana and the various effects it has on adolescents
- How marijuana has evolved over the years
- The signs and symptoms of marijuana use
- The difference between a nicotine vape pen and a marijuana concentrate pen
- Street drug names and emojis used to communicate about marijuana use and distribution
- Various stash compartments used to hide marijuana and/or paraphernalia

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