



The National Marijuana Initiative

Speakers Bureau Catalog

The National Marijuana Initiative (NMI) is a HIDTA funded entity that provides information and education concerning the emerging trends from marijuana in the United States

The Vision

The National Marijuana Initiative advances factual knowledge on marijuana and the impacts of its legalization.

The Mission

The National Marijuana Initiative 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.

The NMI Website

The National Marijuana Initiative's website is your resource for news, data, and information concerning marijuana & legalization in the United States

www.thenmi.org

Active Hyperlink



NMI Contact Information

To schedule a speaker from this catalog or to request information concerning marijuana and the effects of legalization in America, please contact:

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NMI Deputy Coordinator:

Dale Quigley – ddquigley@nmi.nhac.org



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The NMI Speakers Bureau

Why the “NMI Speakers Bureau” will benefit you.

- Our speakers are **FREE TO YOU!**
 - NMI covers the travel costs for our speaker’s to be at your event. (e.g. air / ground transportation, lodging, and per diem)
 - NMI covers these expenses to reduce any impact to your organization.
 - Some, *not all*, of our speakers take personal leave time from their professional day jobs to speak on our behalf.
 - We permit our speakers to ask for a reasonable “speaker’s fee” to help compensate that loss of benefit.
 - Speaker’s fees are a private agreement between you and the speaker; NMI does not get involved.
- **Our speakers:**
 - **Are subject matter experts** in their fields.
 - **Routinely in demand** at regional, national & international drug prevention / medical / law enforcement conferences.
 - Address the **call for more research** to understand the impacts that today’s marijuana is having in our society.
- Our goal is to **provide factual information** to your audience so they better understand the complexity of the issue of marijuana and legalization.

Key points you need to remember:

- The NMI continually is seeking out subject matter experts to bring you the most current topics associated to marijuana, its use, its impacts and emerging research findings.
- We offer a wide variety of speakers and topic areas that we can make available to your organization or conference.
- Session times vary by speaker and are flexible to meet your needs and agenda.
- If you have a topic you are interested in and do not see it in this catalog, please contact us.



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Understanding Legalization, Marijuana and Impacts

Of all the substances America copes with, marijuana is the least understood and most misrepresented. These speakers help sort through the myths and address the facts behind marijuana, high potency products and the impacts being experienced in states that have elected to legalize its use.

Session times vary by speaker but can range from 60 minutes – 8 hours.



Ed Shemelya

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Title: NMI Coordinator – HIDTA Program

Education: Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Legalization in America
- Understanding Hemp and Marijuana
- Current Affairs in Marijuana

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2013



Dale Quigley

Dale D. Quigley

Title: NMI Deputy Coordinator – HIDTA Program

Education: Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Legalization's Impacts to Public Health and Public Safety
- Current Affairs in Marijuana
- Using Legalization Data as a Predictive Analysis Tool

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2015



Ben Cort

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Title: Chief Executive Officer – Cort Consulting

Education: High School Graduate

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Commercialization of Marijuana & Social Justice
- Understanding 21st Century Cannabis

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Emerging Research, Addiction and Treatment

One positive outcome from the legalization of marijuana has been an increase of research focusing on public health issues, addiction, treatment and recovery. Our medical / science speakers share insights from their own professions as well as address the findings of new research studies, in plain English.

Session times vary by speaker but can range from 60 minutes – 4 hours.



William J. Lynch Jr RPh

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Title: Clinical Pharmacist

Education: Bachelor of Science
Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine & Toxicology

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Pharmacology and Pharmacological Effects of Marijuana and Vaping
- Progression of Vaping to Marijuana to Opiate Abuse

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2018



Libby Stuyt, MD

Dr. Elizabeth “Libby” Stuyt

Title: Addiction Psychiatrist

Education: MS - Biochemistry, MD - Psychiatry

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Understanding Addiction Pathways
- Mental Health Issues & High Potency Marijuana
- Marijuana and Effects on the Developing Brain in Youth

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2019



Dr. LaTisha Bader

Title: Chief Clinical Officer– Women’s Recovery

Education: Ph.D. – Counseling Psychology

Presentation Subject Matter:

- “Women and Weed” - How Marijuana Impacts Women
- Understanding 21st Century Cannabis

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2020



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Government and Law Enforcement

The one consistent point in legalization is the lack of consistency in regulation. Law and policy makers alike struggle with understanding the potential impacts from legalization. State and local governments wrestle with their response under new laws. Will taxes really solve budget issues? The NMI has speakers that will help address these points and more by using data and sharing strategies for the future.

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Montes Stiles, Esq.

Monte Styles

Title: Assistant United States Attorney - Retired

Education: Juris Doctorate – Law

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Prosecution of Criminal Drug Cases
- Marijuana & The Legalization Process
- Building Community Based Coalitions & Networking

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Jennifer Cifaldi

Title: Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor – Illinois

Education: Juris Doctorate – Law

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Prosecution of Impaired Driving & Marijuana Cases
- Phlebotomy Programs for Law Enforcement Officers
- Marijuana’s Impact to Highway Safety

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2020



Seth Cimino

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Title: Chief Executive Officer – Cimino Training & Consulting LLC
Police Sergeant – Citrus Heights Police Department (CA)

Education: Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Marijuana Enforcement for Law Enforcement
- Grow Site Investigations and Officer Safety
- The Dangers of THC Extraction Labs

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2015



Darrin Grondel

Darrin Grondel

Title: Vice President – Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility

Education: Ed.D.– Organizational Leadership

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Impaired Driving and Marijuana
- Marijuana Related Impacts to Highway Safety
- Strategies for Enforcement

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2018



Sheriff Justin Smith

Justin Smith

Title: Sheriff – Larimer County, Colorado

Education: Masters – Criminal Justice

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Marijuana – The Impacts of Decriminalization to Public Safety
- Legalization and Law Enforcement

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2017



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Networking and Building Partnerships

Regardless if you are a new or existing anti-drug coalition or are a special interest group seeking to expand your ranks; you understand the value of networking and partnerships. These NMI speakers have real world experience in these areas. Be it building local coalitions or dealing with the loss of a loved one from death, addiction or mental health issues; our speakers have been there.

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Sally Schindel

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Title: Founder – Marijuana Victims Alliance

Education: Bachelor of Science - Accounting

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Victim Advocacy for Marijuana Related Death or Loss
- Marijuana Role in Addiction, Suicides
- Networking with Other Families Suffering Loss

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2018



Joe Tilton

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Title: Reporter / Journalist

Education: Associate's Degree - Journalism

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Drugs in the Workplace and Policy

Businesses large and small struggle with drugs and drug policies in their workplace. When marijuana is legalized, how does that impact those employers and employees? Jo McGuire is a national subject matter expert in this area and can help you navigate the wide variety of issue affecting work places issues.

Session times vary but can range from 60 minutes – 4 hours.



Jo McGuire

Title: Executive Director – National Drug & Alcohol Screening Association

Education: Bachelor of Science Candidate - Sociology

Presentation Subject Matter:

- Impact to Workplace and Drug Policy Solutions
- Impacts to Youth & Families from Substance Abuse
- Understanding Vaping

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2015

Environmental and Wildlife Impacts

Legalization does not eliminate the use of our public forest lands to create illegal marijuana cultivation sites. These sites offer a wide variety of hazards and public safety concerns to the environment, wildlife, recreational users of the lands and law enforcement; with potentially deadly outcomes. Dr. Greta Wengert is a leading expert in this area who will share real-time information concerning her research, findings and suggestions for the future.

Session times vary but can range from 60 minutes – 4 hours.



Dr. Greta Wengert

Title: Executive Director – Integral Ecology Research Center

Education: Ph.D. Ecology & M.S. Wildlife Conservation

Presentation Subject Matter:

- The Ecological Impacts of Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation
- Toxicants, Pesticides and Other Hazardous Materials
- Trespass Marijuana Cultivation and Harms to Humans & Wildlife

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2018



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Life Choices and Marijuana

Chris Wolf - Does marijuana use really impact choices people make in life? Is it a gateway drug and does use have potential consequences? According to the inmates in prison that Chris Wolfe has worked with, it can and has. You need to hear their stories as only Chris can share.

Also, Chris is an excellent resource for those looking to be a more effective and confident public speaker. Offering guidance and training in how to craft your anti-drug message, the value of a good introduction to set a tone and how to best engage with an audience.



Chris Wolfe

Chris Wolfe

Title: Board of Directors – Corrections Transitions, Inc.

Education: Bachelor of Science – Business Administration & Management

Presentation Subject Matter:

- We are only one bad decision from Incarceration
- Effective Public Speaking techniques

Joined NMI Speakers Bureau: 2015

Ben Cort – Ben’s passion for recovery, prevention and harm reduction comes from his own struggle with substance abuse. Sober since 1996, Ben has been part of the recovery movement in almost every way imaginable. Going from being the inpatient to now CEO of an inpatient treatment program for men in Colorado. A senior member of the NMI speakers bureau, a featured presenter on “TED Talks”, consultant to major league sports and a published author, you will find Ben’s straight forward message not only educational but memorable.



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