Cannabis Prevention Campaign: Planning and Implementation



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High Costs

Denver's Marijuana Educational Campaign

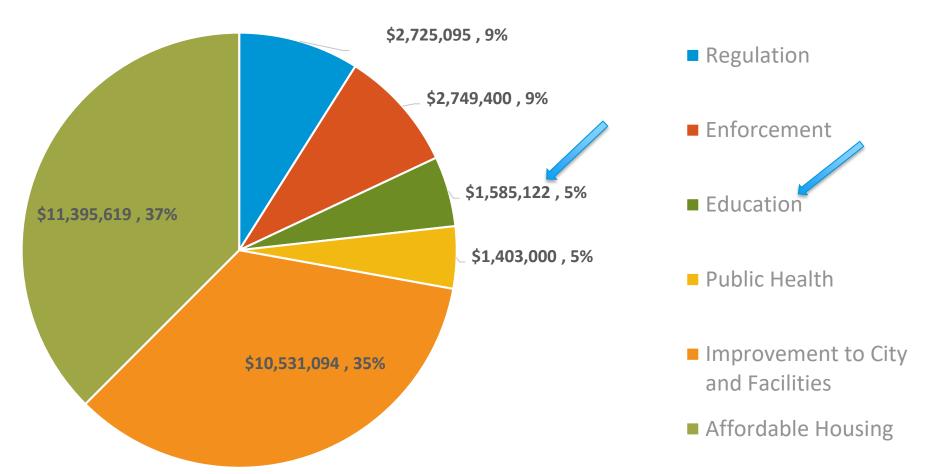


DENVER'S MARIJUANA EDUCATION AND YOUTH PREVENTION APPROACH





2020 Retail Marijuana Special Sales Tax and State Shareback Allocation (2020 Budget = \$30.3 million*)



^{*}Includes Denver Retail Marijuana Special Sales Tax (including dedicated affordable housing portion) and State "Shareback"



HIGH COSTS CAMPAIGN

We developed the High Costs campaign to educate Denver youth on how underage marijuana use can affect their passions, pursuits and future. The campaign does the following:

- Helps youth understand the legal, health and social risks that come from underage marijuana use.
- Uses creative and relatable messaging to give youth the facts they need to make the responsible decision not to use underage.
- Provides perspective that sparks discussion with their peers and proves that being high is not the social norm.



'High Costs' Year 1







CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT Year 1 Strategy Overview

Target Audience: 12 - 17 year olds in the City and County of Denver

Problem: Youth feel as though using marijuana is the social norm, when in fact it is not.

Campaign Goal: Prevent and educate youth surrounding underage marijuana use and its effects.

*Campaign executed by Amélie Company



CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW Year 1

- Website
- Billboards
- School Bus Ads
- Digital Radio & Video
- Social Media
- Rack Cards
- Classroom-In A-Box



Weeded Out





Weeded Out (cont.)





Classroom-In-A-Box





'High Costs' Year 2





CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT Year 2 Strategy Overview

Target Audience: 12 - 18 year olds in the City and County of Denver

Problem: Youth don't grasp how underage marijuana use can affect their lives.

Campaign Goal: Prevent and educate youth surrounding underage marijuana use and its effects.

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CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW Year 2

- Website
- Posters
- School Bus Ads
- Digital Radio & Video
- Social Media
- Ambient Execution



Website





Online Quiz







Lo que está pasando:

La marihuana es legal en Colorado, lo que significa que los adultos mayores de 21 años pueden consumiria de manera resposable. Pero, aun así, sigue siendo ilegal para ti. ¿Por qué? A medida que se realizan investigaciones y estudios, más información sobre marihuana y sus efectos ha revelado los costos altos del consumo por parte de menores de edad.

- Capítulo 1

La ciencia lo dice.

Los químicos en la marihuana son los que hacen que uno se sienta drogado, pero ese no es el único efecto.



— Capítulo 2

Sería una pena.

A diferencia de lo que sucede con la mayoría de las plantas, ser atrapado con marihuana si eres menor de 21 años tiene





Posters







Ambient Execution





Campaign Lifetime Performance



December 15, 2017 - December 31, 2019

Over **165 million** paid media impressions through digital video, movie theater ads, mobile gaming apps, digital radio, social media, and out-of-home school bus and billboard placements.

Over **55 million** earned media impressions through **114** news story placements and pick-ups both locally and nationally, generating a publicity value of over \$4 million.

Distributed **3,800 campaign flyers**, **200 posters** and **26 classroom-in-a-box sets** to Denver Public Schools. An ambient execution partnering with Elitch Gardens resulted in just under **2 million impressions**.

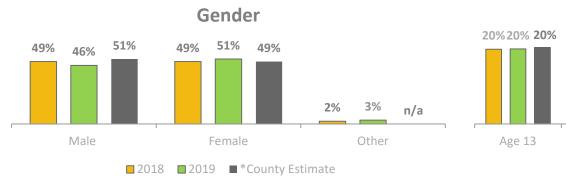
Since the campaign launch in December 2017, High Costs paid media, social media, PR and web impressions have totaled over **220 million.**

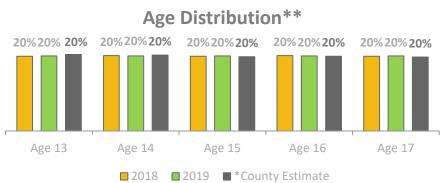


2019 Post-Campaign Survey



Conducted an online survey among 537 Denver teens to evaluate campaign effectiveness including awareness, ad recall and likeability. The respondent pool was representative of the City and County of Denver:





The online survey was administered by a local research company, and was performed at a 95% confidence level.

*County Estimates: Source Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs for 2017 **Data weighted by age to reflect county age distribution



2019 Post-Campaign Survey



Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2017



4 out of 5
79% of Denver youth
DO NOT use marijuana.

High Costs Post-Campaign Survey 2019



4 out of 5 81% of Denver youth DO NOT use marijuana.

Results for the 2019 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey to be released in mid-2020.



2019 Post-Campaign Survey



56% of teens indicated they were familiar with the campaign through top-of-mind awareness and 71% of teens familiar after being shown components of the campaign.

Among teens aware of the campaign, **81**% indicated that the High Costs campaign discouraged them from using marijuana, compared to **75**% from the 2018 survey.

74% of teens who saw the online advertising engaged with them by liking, sharing or talking about them with friends.

The majority of teens agree that the High Costs campaign has a clear message (89%), is educational (87%), trustworthy (77%) and likeable (75%).



Campaign Learnings



Youth are an extremely challenging target audience to reach.

Advertising about marijuana—even for educational purposes—can be a very difficult endeavor to navigate.

Messaging to youth in partnership with schools requires an investment of time, establishment of legitimacy and relationship building



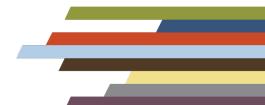
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