

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

You can help influence implementation of the medical marijuana program in the interest of sound public health and safety

Options:

- I. Promote Senator Keenan's bill: Contact your Legislative Delegation (<http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Search>) at the State House and request their support. *SD1612: An Act to establish the Massachusetts Medical Marijuana program.* (a petition presented by John F. Keenan and Stanley C. Rosenberg)
Handouts:
 - a. Comparison between Question 3, and a More Responsible Approach to Medical Marijuana
 - b. Introduction and Bill Summary
 - c. Comparison of New England medical marijuana laws
- II. Promote Senator Tarr's bill related to youth marijuana prevention: Contact your Legislative Delegation (<http://www.malegislature.gov/People/Search>) at the State House and request their support.
SD 1637: An Act Protecting Minors from the Harmful Effects of Marijuana
- III. Attend DPH Listening Sessions: Voice your concerns, list regulations you want included in the medical marijuana program to ensure public health and safety.
Handout:
 - a. DPH Listening Sessions
- IV. Local zoning: work with local officials to restrict, ban or call for moratorium on marijuana dispensaries and home grows.
Handout:
 - a. See "A Plausible Risk—In Consideration of Local Zoning for Medical Marijuana Uses" for an example of one town's reasoned approach.
- V. Advocate for your community to pass a public consumption of marijuana bylaw.
Handout:
 - a. Sample Public Consumption Article.
- VI. Inform and share concerns with legislators and Boston City Council.
- VII. Implement marijuana prevention education (Consider a panel presentation event with a Physician, Researcher, Young Adult in marijuana addiction recovery – contact MOAR and/or MAPA for info. on potential speakers)