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THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 7-8:30PM



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Kevin M. Gray, M.D., is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and serves as Assistant Vice President for Advancing Research Partnerships at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). As a child and adolescent psychiatrist co-leading the MUSC Youth Collaborative, he conducts National Institutes of Health supported clinical research, contributing novel advances to understanding and addressing youth substance use. In addition to clinical, administrative, and research efforts, Dr. Gray is dedicated to education, providing didactic instruction across training programs and mentoring several early career faculty and trainees.

**Youth Marijuana Use: What Do We Know and What Should We Do?**

Amid a shifting legal, policy, and public opinion landscape, we are all faced with an array of mixed messages regarding marijuana/cannabis and cannabinoids. This is particularly challenging when navigating approaches to messaging for youth, who are most vulnerable to adverse outcomes related to marijuana use. Dr. Gray will provide a scientific update on what is known about cannabis and cannabinoids, ranging from therapeutic applications to risks and harms, and will specifically focus on the implications of cannabis use during adolescent development. He will distill this information to provide parents/guardians and other caring adults with strategies for talking with teens to prevent youth marijuana use before it starts, and to intervene when marijuana use is suspected.



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