

# Future Generations Fund Request



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on Children and Youth and FIRST 5 Mendocino

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# Background

- 2016 - Children's Health Committee sets priority
- Aug. 16, 2016 - BOS adopts *Policy Statement on Marijuana and Youth*
- Nov. 8, 2016 - Prop. 64, Measure AI and AJ pass



# Concerns for Our Children

- Increased use & acceptance of recreational cannabis → unintended health effects

- Colorado's experience
- Public health research





# Concerns for Our Children

- **Colorado**


- Cannabis-related visits to the Children's Hospital of Colorado:



- **Public Health**

- Short-term & long-term impacts

# Concerns for Our Children



## Things Your Baby Hopes You Know About Marijuana

- Marijuana crosses the placenta, and is found in the newborn's body after a single use.
- Children of mothers who smoke marijuana are more likely to have social, learning and behavior problems that continue throughout their lives.
- Smoking marijuana causes less oxygen and food to get to the baby. This decreases your baby's growth and development.

*"But it is natural and it helps with my nausea"*  
**FACT:** Just because marijuana is a natural herb, doesn't make it safe for your baby.

### No Amount of Marijuana is Safe to Use During Pregnancy or Breastfeeding

For help in quitting smoking marijuana, call Alcohol & Other Drugs Program (AODP):

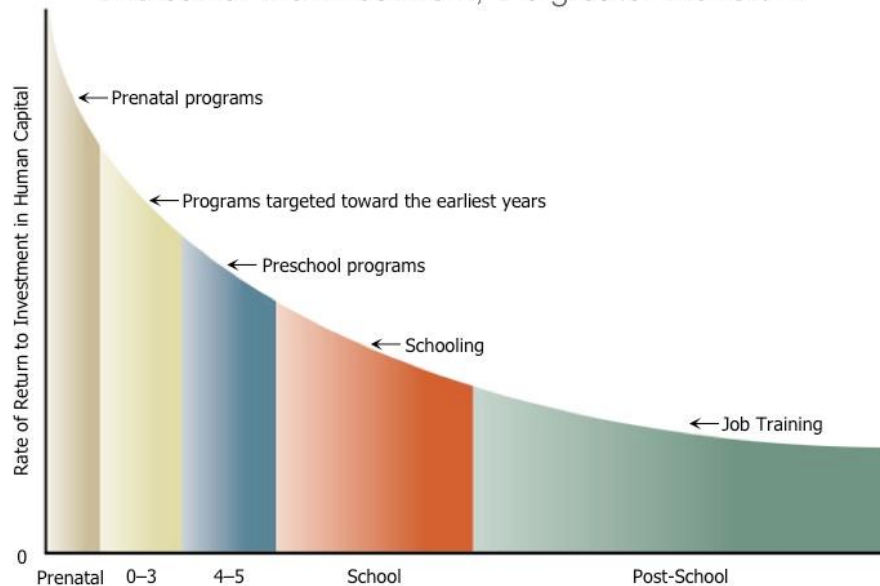
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# Investment in Our Children

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

# Request

- Establish a **Future Generations Fund**
- Allocate **20%** of the local cannabis tax for prevention programs for children

