

# NATIONAL CANNABIS SUMMIT: Science, Policy, and Best Practices

**WHERE LEGISLATION MEETS EXPLORATION:**  
*Say hello to the first national conference exploring the scientific, clinical, and political landscape surrounding state legislation of marijuana.*



Few legislative issues in the United States are as explosively dynamic as marijuana. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have legalized the medical use of marijuana, four states and the District of Columbia have legalized the drug for recreational use, and 20 more have marijuana-related ballot questions in 2016. Many audiences are impacted by this legislation—including state and local governments tasked with regulating marijuana, medical professionals, patients, and consumers. Yet there is no national forum for these audiences to come together

and discuss pragmatic policies, regulations, best practices, and the science behind it all.

**Preliminary Dates:**

August 28–30, 2017

**Location:** Denver, Colorado

**Venue:** Downtown Conference  
Hotel (TBD)

*This conference will provide an objective national forum to gather and discuss the range of topics related to the practical aspects of state efforts to implement marijuana policies.*





## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Public policymakers
- Elected officials
- Legislators
- Health care providers
- Addiction treatment and recovery specialists
- Prevention professionals
- Youth-serving organizations

## HOW MANY ATTENDEES ARE EXPECTED?

- 300–500

## WHO WILL BE FEATURED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS?

- State directors managing regulation implementation of medical/recreational use
- Congressional leaders
- Leading researchers and academics
- Medical experts

## WHAT TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED?

- Regulatory marijuana legalization models
- Impact on use/addiction/treatment
- Medical use
- Decriminalization
- Impact on criminal justice system
- Mental health and recovery
- Public policy
- Workplace impact
- Law enforcement

## WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES?

- Tours of local dispensaries
- State-focused networking sessions to target specific issues

## WHAT WILL ATTENDEES LEARN?

- What is the status and impact of state laws pertaining to marijuana?
- What are the characteristics of state regulatory models and how can they be improved?
- What are the differences between decriminalization, depenalization, legalization, and medical marijuana?
- What is the federal response to state marijuana initiatives?
- What is the impact of medicalization and legalization of marijuana use?
- What is the impact of marijuana use on consequences such as drugged driving?
- What are states that have medicalized, legalized, or both doing to promote public health and safety?

**NOTE:** *There will be no exhibition hall or vendor space at the summit.*

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