

Informing Policy Choices for Positive Change



# FY24 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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### MUNICIPAL UPDATES

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Several municipalities have implemented local policy on cannabis-derived intoxicating products - in most cases, either banning sales completely or establishing age restrictions. Ordinance examples have been posted to the municipal ordinance directory on the CPRC webpage. We encourage communities to examine these policies as the status of state and federal level regulations continues to be unclear.

### FY24 WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

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#### ■ *Alternatives to Suspension for Cannabis Vaping*

Presented by Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, this webinar examined the best practices for early intervention in school-based cannabis vaping. Highlighting the research for avoiding punitive policies, the webinar described an evidence-based school program.

#### ■ *High in Plain Sight*

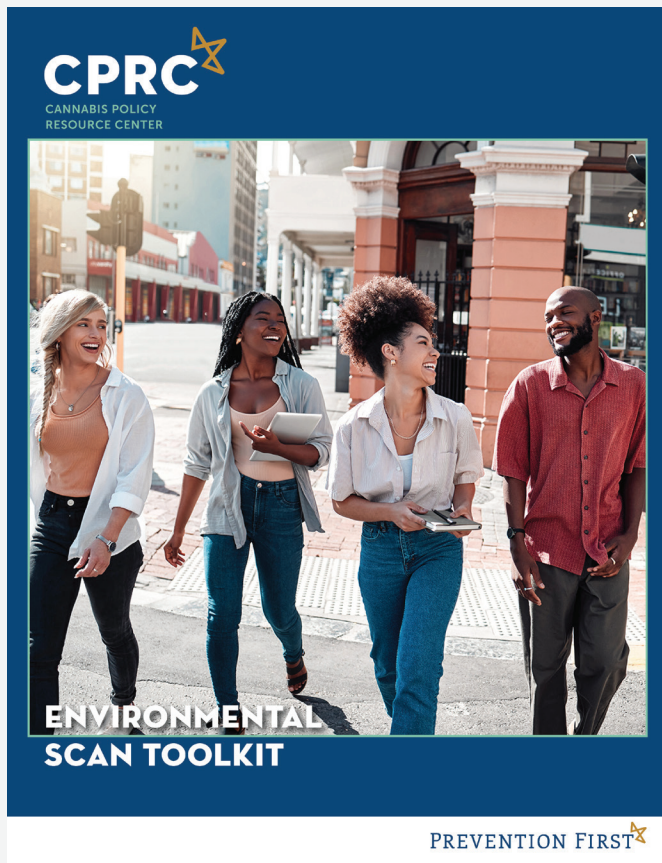
Presented by Jermaine Galloway, this day-long workshop focused on conducting environmental scans of the alcohol and cannabis landscapes within communities. It highlighted other trending substances and described a process for identifying concerning products.

#### ■ *Collaborating with Key Stakeholders*

Updated for FY24, this online, on-demand course focuses on skills in building relationships and collaborating with key community stakeholders.

## RESOURCES

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The Cannabis Environmental Scan Toolkit features full guides for implementing dispensary, on-premise, and marketing scans in communities, with electronic forms that can be tailored to individual needs.

## MUNICIPAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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The CPRC contracted with teenyBIG to conduct a needs assessment of municipal officials involved in cannabis regulation. Between interviews and surveys, around 50 municipal officials were represented. Resources and trainings for this audience will be developed using these findings in FY25.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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The CPRC is available to provide one-on-one assistance to municipalities, coalitions, and law enforcement agencies working on cannabis policy. In FY24, the CPRC provided technical assistance around cannabis workplace, impaired driving and marketing policy, point of sale education, and cannabis-derived/synthesized cannabis products.

## CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

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In FY24, the CPRC presented or exhibited at the following conferences:

- Illinois Association for Behavioral Health (presented and exhibited)
- Township Officials of Illinois Conference
- Illinois Municipal League Conference
- Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Illinois Conference
- Illinois Sheriff's Conference



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