

Medical Cannabis Symposium for Pediatric Neurological Conditions



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Agenda

12:00 - 12:10 PM
Eastern Time

Intro and Welcome

Jana Adams

Advocate

12:10 - 2:10 PM
Eastern Time

Pediatric Cannabis Experts

Moderator: Debbie Churgai
Dr. Bonni Goldstein
Dr. Dustin Sulak

Americans for Safe Access
Canna-Centers
Healer.com

2:20 - 3:20 PM
Eastern Time

Pediatric Cannabis Champions in the Community

Moderator: Vicki Lynn
Erica Daniels
Sebastien Cotte
Janie and Rylie Maedler

Caregiver & Parent
Hope Grows for Autism
Georgia's Hope
Rylie's Sunshine

3:30 - 4:45 PM
Eastern Time

School Cannabis Policies & Legal Support

Moderator: Dustin McDonald
Joe Rogoway
Joan Edelstein
Maureen Surin
Jana Adams

Americans for Safe Access
Rogoway Law
Cannabis in Schools
Ashley's Law
Advocate

4:55 - 5:50 PM
Eastern Time

Resources to Empower Caregivers

Moderator: Rhonda Moeller
Jason David
Vicki Lynn

Whole Plant Access for Autism
Jayden's Juice, Support Groups
Caregiver & Parent

5:50 - 6:00 PM
Eastern Time

Closing Remarks

Steph Sherer

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Speaker Biographies



As the Executive Director, Debbie manages all day-to-day aspects of the organization, including ASA's Patient Focused Certification (PFC) and Cannabis Care Certification (CCC) programs. She has served as a writer, editor, and reviewer on many ASA publications including the Cannabis and Cannabis Resin Critical Review Document that was sent to the United Nations. Debbie first entered into the medical cannabis field by helping a company write their State license applications for cultivating and manufacturing medical cannabis. She worked in conjunction with horticulturists, physicians, and patient advocates and learned a great deal about the industry. Her previous work experience was in the Behavioral and Public Health fields working on projects in tobacco regulation and substance abuse prevention and treatment. She holds a Master's degree in Psychology.



Dr. Dustin Sulak is an integrative osteopathic physician and leader in the emerging field of cannabinoid medicine. His clinical practice focuses on treating refractory conditions in adults and children. Dr. Sulak received undergraduate degrees in nutrition science and biology from Indiana University, a doctorate of osteopathy from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed an osteopathic internship at Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Sulak is the founder of Integr8 Health, a medical practice in Maine providing specialty cannabis and integrative care to thousands of patients, and Healer.com, a medical cannabis education resource.



Bonni Goldstein, M.D. is the Medical Director of Canna-Centers Wellness and Education, a California-based medical practice specializing in the use of cannabis for serious and chronic medical conditions. After years of working in the specialty of Pediatric Emergency medicine, she developed an interest in the science of medical cannabis after witnessing its beneficial effects in an ill friend. Since then she has evaluated thousands of patients for use of medical cannabis. She has a special interest in treating children with intractable epilepsy, autism, cancer and other conditions. Dr. Goldstein's book Cannabis is Medicine (Little, Brown Spark) will be published September 2020.

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Vicki Lynn is a Sonoma County Resident (Currently on “wild-fire hiatus” back in her hometown of Huntsville, AL). She is a 20+ year caregiver to her epileptic daughter whose onset was at age five after the MMR booster shot. She moved from Alabama to California in 2015 in search of the holy grail of seizure control. While cannabis has been a literal lifesaver for her daughter, like all herbs, roots, and natural medicines, there are no silver bullets. “Good Health, including seizure control, can come from a combination of cannabis, healthy diet, best practices for stress management, a good neurology team, and sometimes just good old-fashioned prayer.”



Erica Daniels is the author of *Cooking with Leo: An Allergen-Free Autism Family Cookbook*; Founder of Hope Grows for Autism, a nonprofit aimed at improving the lives of families affected by autism through research, education and advocacy; CEO of Autism Advisors LLC, a research & advisory firm which LLC provides strategic consultation and solutions to healthcare professionals, product manufacturers, and universities to empower them in making data-backed business & healthcare decisions involving autism. **Erica Daniels** is the mother of a child with autism who is determined to give her son and family the highest quality of life possible.



Sebastien Cotte became actively involved in the field of medical cannabis in 2013 while seeking alternative treatments for his son Jagger’s, rare terminal Mitochondrial disease. In 2014, with his wife Annett, they became medical refugees in Colorado to access cannabis oil for Jagger. They lived in Colorado for 13 months before moving back to Georgia. Sebastien received a bachelor’s degree in international business from the University of Indianapolis and has over 20 years of business experience at several Fortune 500 companies. Sebastien completed a Medical Marijuana certification program offered by Americans for Safe Access. He serves as an ambassador for the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation and is one of the co-founder of Georgia’s Hope, the leadership parent group that successfully helped pass HB1/Haleigh’s Hope Act and several others medical cannabis laws in Georgia. Sebastien is the national business/education director and a board member for the Flowering Hope Foundation (a 501c3 non for profit that provides education and patient support for Haleigh’s Hope-Cannatol products). He is on the board of directors of American Medical Refugees, a group helping families that had to relocate to access medical cannabis, the Georgia action group leader for Americans with Safe Access and the VP of the “Talk to the 6630507 hand” campaign which aims at de-scheduling cannabis. Sebastien also represent his son Jagger in the groundbreaking federal cannabis lawsuit currently waiting for a hearing at the US Supreme Court.

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Rylie Maedler is heading the charge of her research and development company Rylie's Sunshine with her mother, Janie Maedler by her side – dedicated to creating safe and affordable cannabis oils for kids living with debilitating illnesses.

In January of 2015, Rylie's Smile Foundation was formed. The 501c3 provides health education, technology devices and advocates for more treatment options for sick children all while supporting the research of less toxic therapies on a global scale.

Since its formation, Rylie and the 501C3 have been responsible for the passing of four current laws and are actively working on two more that have greatly improved safe access to pediatrics.

Rylie's non-profit work led to the establishment of Rylie's Sunshine in July of 2017. Rylie's Sunshine cultivates, harvests and produces full spectrum products that are reliable, safe, natural and clinically tested. Her company partnered with Front Range BioSciences in order to ensure plant health is of the best quality for consumers and patients while advancing research for farmers in the MidAtlantic Region



Leading ASA's policy work as the Interim Policy Director is Dustin McDonald, a freelance policy, government relations and public affairs expert with over 20 years of experience in advocacy. Prior to this work, Dustin spent nearly three and a half years at Weedmaps where he built and managed a 20-person international policy and government relations team, and guided associated federal, state, local and international government engagements on cannabis policy issues. Dustin joined Weedmaps in 2016 after serving for three and a half years as the Director of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Federal Liaison Center, where he led advocacy on municipal finance issues for a coalition of state, county and city government associations. At GFOA Dustin also served as lead staff on the GFOA's Committee on Governmental Debt Management, working with committee members to develop best practices that promote sound financial practices for state and local governments.

Prior to his work with GFOA Dustin spent 10 years providing direct federal advocacy services to local governments and local government agencies from across the U.S., working as a member of Holland & Knight's Public Policy and Regulation Group, as well as the government relations practice of MARC Associates. In this role, Dustin led successful advocacy campaigns on a diverse group of issues, including municipal finance and tax reform, multi-modal transportation and related infrastructure, housing and economic development, water and wastewater infrastructure improvements, telecommunications reform, public safety and manufacturing.

Before entering the private sector, Dustin served as staff in the Washington, DC office of a member of the California congressional delegation.

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Joe Rogoway is the founder and Managing Partner of Rogoway Law Group. Since 2004, Joe has dedicated his professional energies to cannabis policy reform and the representation of individuals and businesses in the cannabis industry. This path has taken Joe from Americans for Safe Access, through the Mendocino and Sonoma County Public Defenders offices, and on to private practice with the establishment of Rogoway Law Group in 2011. Joe has been a co-author and co-proponent of several state ballot initiatives to legalize cannabis and has worked with several municipalities on implementing sensible local cannabis regulations. Joe is licensed in California and Washington D.C. and has argued cases in multiple California Superior Court jurisdictions, various administrative tribunals, the Court of Appeal, and in Federal court. Joe has participated in several mediations and arbitrations and has conducted dozens of administrative, bench, and jury trials. Joe co-founded the Oaksterdam School of Law, Cannabis Law Institute, and is the lead instructor for Long Beach City College's cannabis course.



Joan Edelstein, DrPH, MSN, RN, PHN has extensive experience as a clinician and professor (emeritus) in maternal/child and community health. She worked for the Alameda County Public Health Department in a jointly funded position with the Oakland Unified School District as Health Services Coordinator, successfully implementing model policies to support student and staff health. She is an instructor in the School Nurse Credential Program at California State University, Sacramento where she teaches policy, seminar, and clinical practicum. She is a member of the American Cannabis Nurses Association.



I am Maureen Surin from Schaumburg Illinois. My 14 year old daughter Ashley successfully beat Leukemia at age 2, but was left with debilitating seizures. After almost a decade of seizures , trialing up and down many seizure meds, many side effects, a concussion & brain surgery...my husband and I knew we had to take a new path to save our daughter. We found two naturopaths that said Ashley needed a low carb diet and to consume medical cannabis. That was the answer to our prayers. We were able to drop all three neuro meds. Ashley has her life back! She'll be three years seizure free in January. It's miraculous. We sued federally in 2018 to get medical cannabis into Illinois schools, and we WON. Our journey took our family to testify and share our story with many at our state capital. We witnessed Ashley's Law signed into public act on August 1,2018. We also witnessed a few amendments signed into public act in August 2019. Our advocacy journey continues. There is more work to be done in state and federally.
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Jana is a California Real Estate Broker. She lives in Northern California with her husband and 4 children. Her two daughters have Individual Education Plans (IEPs) at school and it has become her passion to advocate for them by spreading awareness and providing education about acceptance and rights. Her youngest daughter was denied a public education because she uses cannabis to treat her seizures. A judge ruled in her daughter's favor in 2018 to allow her to attend a California public school with her cannabis. Jana frequently attends trainings on how to advocate and offers help to other families who need support with navigating the IEP process. She is Treasurer of the Sonoma

CAC (Community Advisory Committee) and on the board of the non-profit Common Ground Society, which offers education and supports for inclusion for students with disabilities at school and in the community. She is also involved with the local chapter of Decoding Dyslexia. She is on the Board of Directors at North Bay Credit Union.



Rhonda is the mother of 2 children, one of which is on the autism spectrum. Born and raised in California, she graduated with her BS in Biochemistry and worked as Quality Control Manager at a local environmental chemistry laboratory. After her daughter was diagnosed with autism, Rhonda decided to leave her position as QCM and work part-time in order to support her child. When it came time to consider medicating her child, she knew that pharmaceuticals with their side effects were not going to be an option. In January 2016, she got a recommendation for cannabis use from a doctor for her daughter and was amazed by the results. Once she began to discuss using cannabis with other families, it became

obvious that her background in science was an asset to helping others understand how this type of treatment can help their children. From there Whole Plant Access for Autism (WPA4A) was formed as a local support group. As WPA4A began to grow outside the local California area and began to require more time and monetary support, the 501(c)(3) was formed to better serve the community.



Jason David, the founder of The Jayden's Company has spent the last eight years building educational and business alliances in the cannabis industry on behalf of his son Jayden. Jason's industry involvement began after his son was diagnosed at the age of two, with a rare and severe form of epilepsy, Dravet syndrome, that caused thousands of seizures per month. When Jayden began suffering from painful withdrawals after being weaned from the 22 pills he took each day, Jason left his job to care for his son and advocate for other children and families. It was then that he began treating Jayden's epilepsy with Jayden's

Juice, a whole cannabis plant CBD-based tincture that has alleviated the vast majority of Jayden's symptoms. The Jayden's Company's mission is to enable all people to thrive and live healthier, happier lives. Since 2011, The Jayden's Company has opened two dispensaries Jayden's Journey in Modesto and Ceres, California. The products have been an aid in helping to alleviate a wide range of symptoms in patients ranging in age from two months to 99 years. The Jayden's Company also partners with the Tactical Patients Group, California's largest veterans program, which uses Jayden's products as an additional aid in the treatment of PTSD, opioid addiction, anxiety, and in the fight against veteran suicides. Jason has been invited to speak at meetings for epilepsy, Dravet syndrome, autism, and rare gene disorders across the US. He has also appeared on CNN and the front page of the Los Angeles Times, and he was featured on the Discovery Channel's Weed Wars in 2011.

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Resource List

ASA	americansforsafeaccess.org
Dr. Bonni Goldstein	www.bonnigoldsteinmd.com
Dr. Dustin Sulak	healer.com
Canna Centers	www.canna-centers.com
Hope Grows for Autism	hopegrowsforautism.org/
Georgia's Hope	georgiashope.com
Whole Plant Access for Autism	www.wpa4a.org
Jayden's Juice	https://thejaydensjuice.com/
Rylie's Sunshine	www.ryliessunshine.com/
Mothers Advocating Medical Marijuana for Autism	mammausa.org
Patients Out of Time	www.patientsoutoftime.org
Project CBD	www.projectcbd.org
Purple Day, Epilepsy Awareness	www.purpleday.org
Realm of Caring	https://realmofcaring.org/
Rogoway Law Group	www.rogowaylaw.com
ASA's Cannabis Care Certification	www.cannabiscarecertification.org
Maureen Surin/Medical Cannabis Advocacy & Colorado Hemp-Based CBD Sales	MaureenSurin@gmail.com

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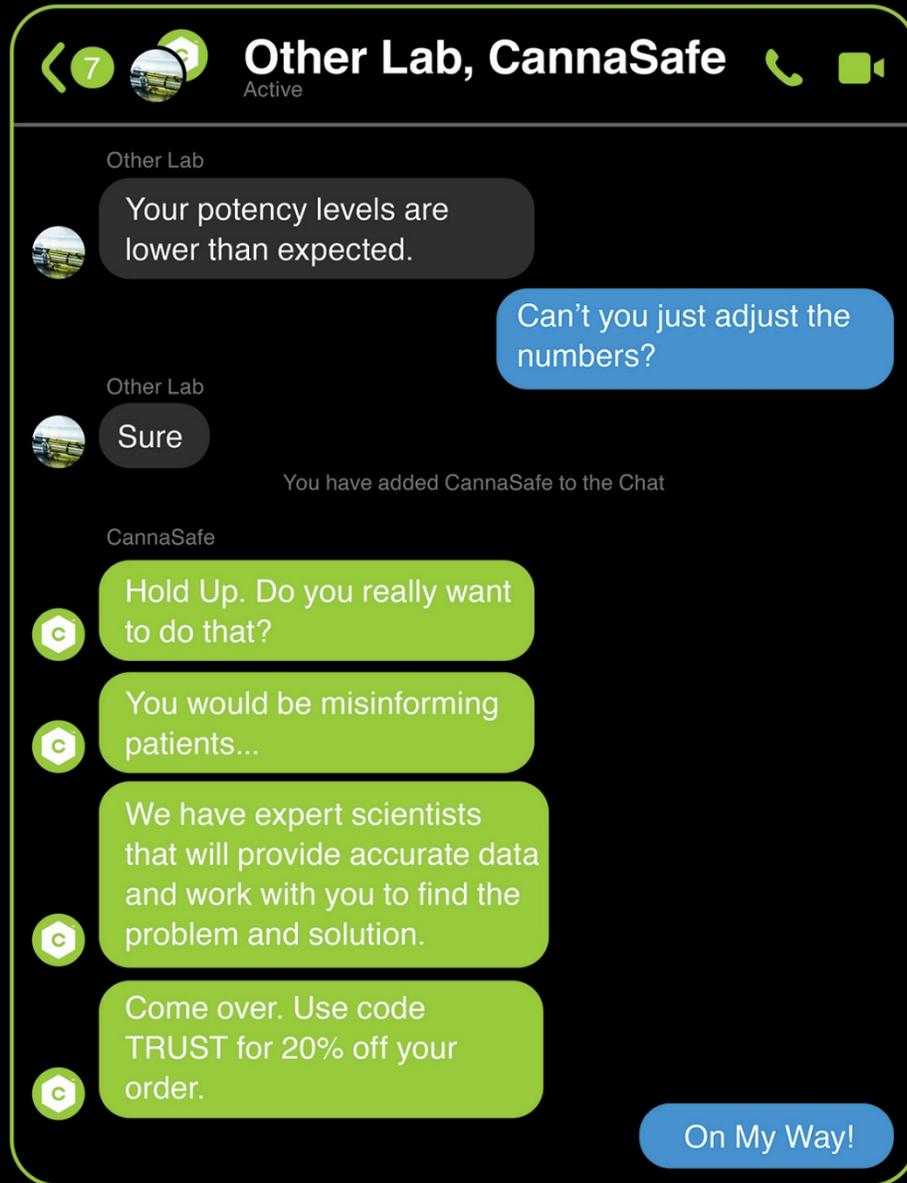


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The mission of Americans for Safe Access (ASA) is to ensure safe and legal access to cannabis (marijuana) for therapeutic use and research.

ASA was founded in 2002, by medical cannabis patient Steph Sherer, as a vehicle for patients to advocate for the acceptance of cannabis as medicine. With over 100,000 active members in all 50 states, ASA is the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research. ASA works to overcome political, social and legal barriers by creating policies that improve access to medical cannabis for patients and researchers through legislation, education, litigation, research, grassroots empowerment, advocacy and services for patients, governments, medical professionals, and medical cannabis providers.

ASA and our members have moved public policy forward by light years by incorporating strategies across many disciplines. ASA has brought together policy experts, public health experts, attorneys, lobbyists, scientists, industry associations and medical professionals to create the campaigns,

projects and programs that have broken down political, social, academic, and legal barriers across the US.

Ensuring safe and legal access to cannabis means:

- International, federal and state laws and regulations recognized cannabis as a legal medicine. Medical professionals recommend medical cannabis options as a frontline treatment option or an adjunct therapy.
- Patients and their caregivers have the information they need to make educated choices about medical cannabis therapies.
- Patients and medical professionals can incorporate a diverse group of products and delivery methods to create required personalized treatment regimen.
- Patients can trust labels on products and that medicines are free of pesticides and contaminants.
- Medical cannabis treatments are covered by insurance.

www.SafeAccessNow.org