

THE HARMFULNESS OF MARIJUANA USE AND THE PUBLIC POLICY APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES

In this three-week, online course, participants will study material drawn from a wide range of freely accessible resources including Dr. Gordon's website on drug abuse prevention, the Parents Opposed to Pot website, and the website of the National Families for Action and their weekly mailer, *The Marijuana Report*.

Topics to be addressed include:

- The need to defend the brain while nurturing mental and physical well-being: fostering a mental and public health approach to addressing the challenges of drug use and addiction.
- An extraordinary look at the addiction cycle: the lessons and insights from a videotaped exchange between Dr. Nora Volkow and the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala in the fall of 2013.
- Comprehensive coordinated strategies aimed at stopping the use of marijuana and other psychoactive and addictive substances in the US: proposed comprehensive and coordinated public health oriented strategies involving all sectors of society, including government, the justice system and educational institutions.

August 7, 2017 - August 28, 2017
September 11, 2017 - October 1, 2017
November 6, 2017 - November 26, 2017

Course registration fee is \$300.
Participants will be eligible for CEU credits.

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Dr. Gordon has been involved in the drug abuse prevention and drug policy fields for many decades. She is the author of a Guide to Ideas on Drug Abuse Policies and Programs and major contributor to a White Paper on the Drug Problem prepared for the Domestic Affairs Council Staff of the White House. Dr. Gordon later served as a full-time consultant in the Office of the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and as the full-time staff person to the Federal Drug Abuse Prevention Coordinating Committee. She was the major contributor to the War on Drugs policy paper in George H.W. Bush's campaign for President. Dr. Gordon has developed this course in an effort to help more fully inform policy makers and others in roles of public responsibility concerning the harmful effects of marijuana and the substantial negative impacts its use has on society.