



Citizens for a Safe Healthy Texas are grateful to announce that:

[Americans Against the Legalization of Marijuana \(AALM\)](#) is sponsoring an educational campaign of [rolling ads](#) to bring awareness to marijuana harms, including impaired driving deaths, suicide, mental illness, and child deaths. The Rolling Ads have also been featured in 3 other states and currently, are rolling through the Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin areas of Texas.

**Last Monday, June 21, 2021, representatives from the [Coalition for a Drug-Free Texas](#) and [Citizens for a Safe and Healthy Texas](#) met in McKinney to give Texas children a voice and help raise awareness that marijuana harms more than just the people who use it.**

**Texas is one of several states that collects data on substance use in cases of child abuse and neglect.**

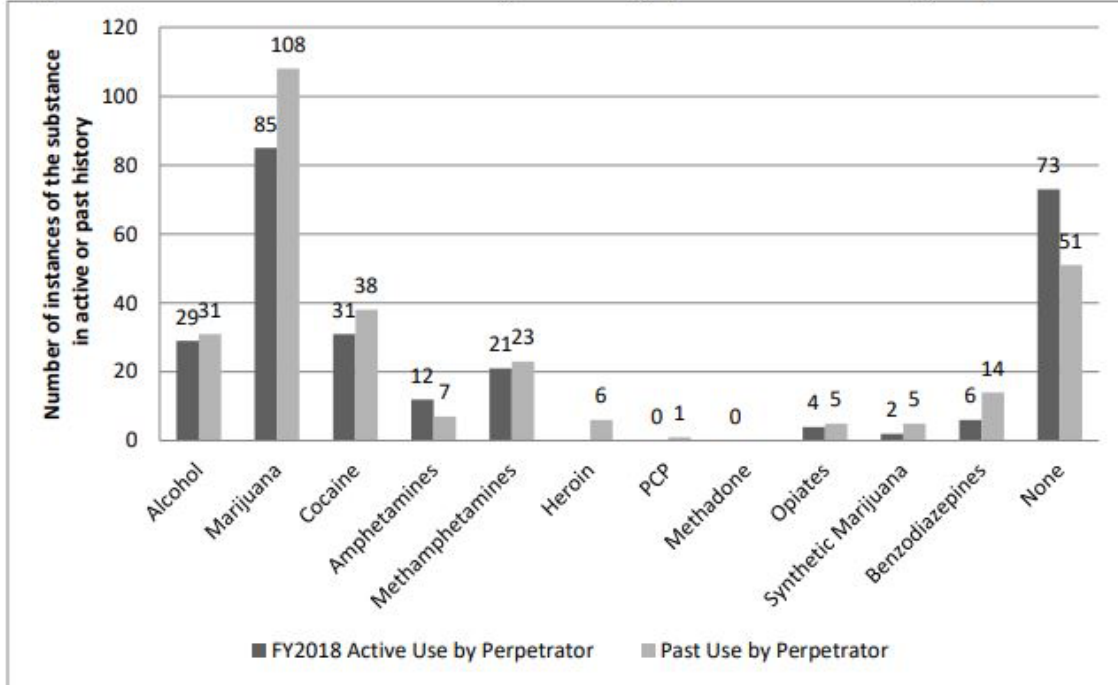
[From the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services:](#)

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For FY2018, 138 of the 211 child fatalities caused by abuse or neglect involved a parent or caregiver actively using a substance and/or under the influence of at least one substance that affected the ability to care for the child. In the tables and chart below, the substance abuse is described by type and if it was reported. Marijuana was the substance most identified as actively being used by the perpetrator (85 cases) in child abuse and neglect-related fatalities. In 21 child fatalities, methamphetamines and amphetamines were being actively used by the caregiver.

**Figure 11. Confirmed Child Abuse or Neglect Fatality by Substance Abuse by Perpetrator**





Please share these pictures and campaign.

If you see the rolling ads around your town, send us a picture and let us know where via social media or at [info@safehealthytexas.org](mailto:info@safehealthytexas.org)

To keep these rolling ads going throughout Texas, we invite you to donate to AALM today!!



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