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From: Horner Leah C \*DHS <LEAH.C.Horner@dhsosha.state.or.us>  
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 To: Rep Hayden  
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Dear Representative Hayden,

I had a feeling this question may come up and we have pulled some data for you. Below is fatality data for 4 federal fiscal years, including the most recent for which data has yet to be released in the data book. Provided is the total number of child abuse fatalities, the number of those where substance use was a factor and then went one level deeper to show how many times the substance used was cannabis. If cannabis was used with other substances then that is listed. Let me know if you need anything additional.

**FFY 2015: 27 total child abuse fatalities, in 12 substance use was a factor, in 7 of the 12 cannabis was a factor as follows:**

- Cannabis
- Cannabis
- Cannabis + alcohol
- Cannabis + medication not prescribed
- Cannabis + alcohol + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + methamphetamine + Zoloft + Wellbutrin + Gabapentin

**FFY 2016: 19 total child abuse fatalities, in 10 substance use was a factor, in 5 of the 10 cannabis was a factor as follows:**

- Cannabis
- Cannabis + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + alcohol
- Cannabis + alcohol

**FFY 2017: 30 total child abuse fatalities, in 15 substance use was a factor, in 4 of the 15 cannabis was a factor as follows:**



- Cannabis
- Cannabis
- Cannabis + alcohol
- Cannabis + oxycodone

FFY 2018: 26 total child abuse fatalities, in 15 substance use was as factor, in 8 of the 15 cannabis was a factor as follows:

- Cannabis
- Cannabis
- Cannabis
- Cannabis + alcohol
- Cannabis + alcohol + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + methamphetamine
- Cannabis + alcohol + kratom
- Cannabis + cocaine + LSD

I also saw that you were a no vote on HB 2033 about the educational requirements for DHS caseworkers today. I would be happy to discuss this with you if you have questions or concerns about our path on this.

Thank you,  
Leah

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 9:17 AM, Rep Hayden <[Rep.CedricHayden@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.CedricHayden@oregonlegislature.gov)> wrote:

Leah,

I want to circle back around to the conversations we've been having about deaths in the DHS and foster care system and hone down in on this a bit more. Specifically, I'm interested in any data you have about all deaths as it relates directly to any co-morbidity issues including but not limited to marijuana use by parents/foster parents, and then also tracking any other deaths where drugs have been a factor. As you may know, in addition to marijuana being legal, the state also reduced the sentencing for possession of other Class II controlled substances like heroin, cocaine, and meth.

If you could please get me this information, separately delineating marijuana data from other drugs, but including it all, that would be helpful.

Thanks!

Cedric

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