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Support an idea that when someone wants treatment - that they need it immediately. We believe the virtual immediate treatment described in this bill is something youth need. Then if the youth gets immediate triage and say no on treatment then the parents can intervene to compel their child to inpatient treatment for substances. We used to have a tool - law enforcement now with 110 it's gone. Then the other part that is imperative is that the insurances recognize cannabis as a substance that creates addictive behaviors that needs medical treatment.

My 16yo was suffering from Marijuana induced psychosis and we had to convince him to seek treatment. Had he chosen not gone to treatment when he did he likely would have turned to hard drugs.

Standards to identify whether a substance is addictive currently being used don't represent the reality of what is happening to our children. I especially with cannabis. It's also important to recognize cannabis in the standards before the child finds alternative more deadly drugs.