



## The Right Approach U.S.

National Families in Action advocates for safe, effective medicines that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This includes medicines developed from the cannabis plant that are FDA approved or in FDA clinical trials.

### How can legislators help families whose children have epilepsy?

- ➔ Follow the Epidiolex® model established by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal.
- ➔ Set up a statewide expanded access program with a research university and FDA that enables children with epilepsy to obtain Epidiolex®.
- ➔ Provide funding for the program.
- ➔ Epidiolex® is a medicine developed from the cannabis plant that is being tested in FDA clinical trials.
- ➔ It contains less than 0.02% THC, which makes users “high.” Higher levels of THC put children at risk.
- ➔ Children not taking part in clinical trials can obtain Epidiolex® through expanded access.
- ➔ An estimated 5,500 children under age 20 suffer from Dravet syndrome and 18,500 children under age 18 suffer from Lennox-Gastaut syndrome in the U.S., an average of less than 500 children per state.
- ➔ All that’s needed is adequate state funding to provide Epidiolex® to these children.
- ➔ No new laws are required; nothing has to be legalized.
- ➔ FDA-approved medicines scientifically developed from the cannabis plant are smarter, safer, and not legalized pot.
- ➔ *Marijuana is not medical.*