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I hang with people who like me the way I am.

Since marijuana can change the way I act and think, I'm better off without it. In Illinois, I know that most* youth my age thinks it's wrong to use weed just like me! Any way they use it — it just isn't cool.

If you or a friend have questions about the risk of using weed, be sure to ask a trusted adult - parent, teacher, coach.

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Pride is the feeling I get when I've achieved something. It's even the confidence and respect I have for myself. My decision not to use weed gives me pride. Why did I decide that?

- I know my brain is still growing, and the chemicals in marijuana can harm that.
- My parents expect me to make healthy decisions.
- Most people my age also thinks it's not cool which makes this one easy!

Be proud of your decision not to use marijuana!

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I've got great things in my life! Sure, there are challenges, and I am busy working them out. I hear that weed can slow my reactions, alter my sense of time, and create memory problems. I do NOT have time for that!

Here is some of what I do in my busy life:

- Spend active time with my friends online or in-person
- Make meals with my family
- Write stories and songs
- Work on my skills finding the things that I am good at and practice!

Marijuana use will only make these harder for me. I decide not to use marijuana.

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I AM A SUCCESS STORY.

It takes work and focus, and I am on that path. Marijuana use is connected with a decrease in motivation and the ability to make sound decisions. My best self is needed for my plans to succeed.

That is why I won't use marijuana.