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#### **Oct. 4: Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse presentation**

On October 4, Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse (MAMA) will give a presentation in Bend titled "America and Drugs - Still Crazy After All These Years". This event is part of a statewide tour to celebrate MAMA's 25 years dedicated to reducing the harm from drug use. MAMA's award winning program is based on personal responsibility and informed decision-making, with respect for human dignity.

Here in America, pharmaceutical drugs may cost 2 or 3 times as much as the same drug in Canada. Many sick and injured patients cannot get the pain medication they need. In Afghanistan, illegal heroin finances terrorists.

The tour will reach Bend on Thursday, October 4, with a presentation at 7:00pm at the Bend Community Center. MAMA's Executive Director Sandee Burbank, will be discussing America's illogical, draconian drug policy, how it threatens our families' well-being, and how America's approach to drugs can be improved to better protect us.

Ms. Burbank will be accompanied by patients registered in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP), who are eager to discuss why they and 17,000 other Oregonians have turned to medical marijuana for relief from their qualifying conditions. Medical marijuana is now mainstream and not just for the counter culture, but it is still surrounded by controversy and conflict between federal and state law. An initiative has been filed that, if it succeeds, would eliminate the OMMP.

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