

## Background

### Open-Air Marijuana Market

**Definition:** a location in an outdoor area with easy access in and out of the location for the sole purpose of purchasing marijuana

### Impact on Community Safety:

these markets represent a chronic disorder disrupting the quality of life and contributing to an environment marked by disorder and increased stress for those living in the community.

### Health Impact:

Can impact levels of physical activity for residents due to concerns of safety arising from the open-air market.

### Impact on Social Support & Social Capital:

Low-income communities exhibit less social cohesion; individuals with less social support are most likely to experience illness and premature death.

## Two Tiered Strategy Address Open-Air Marijuana Markets

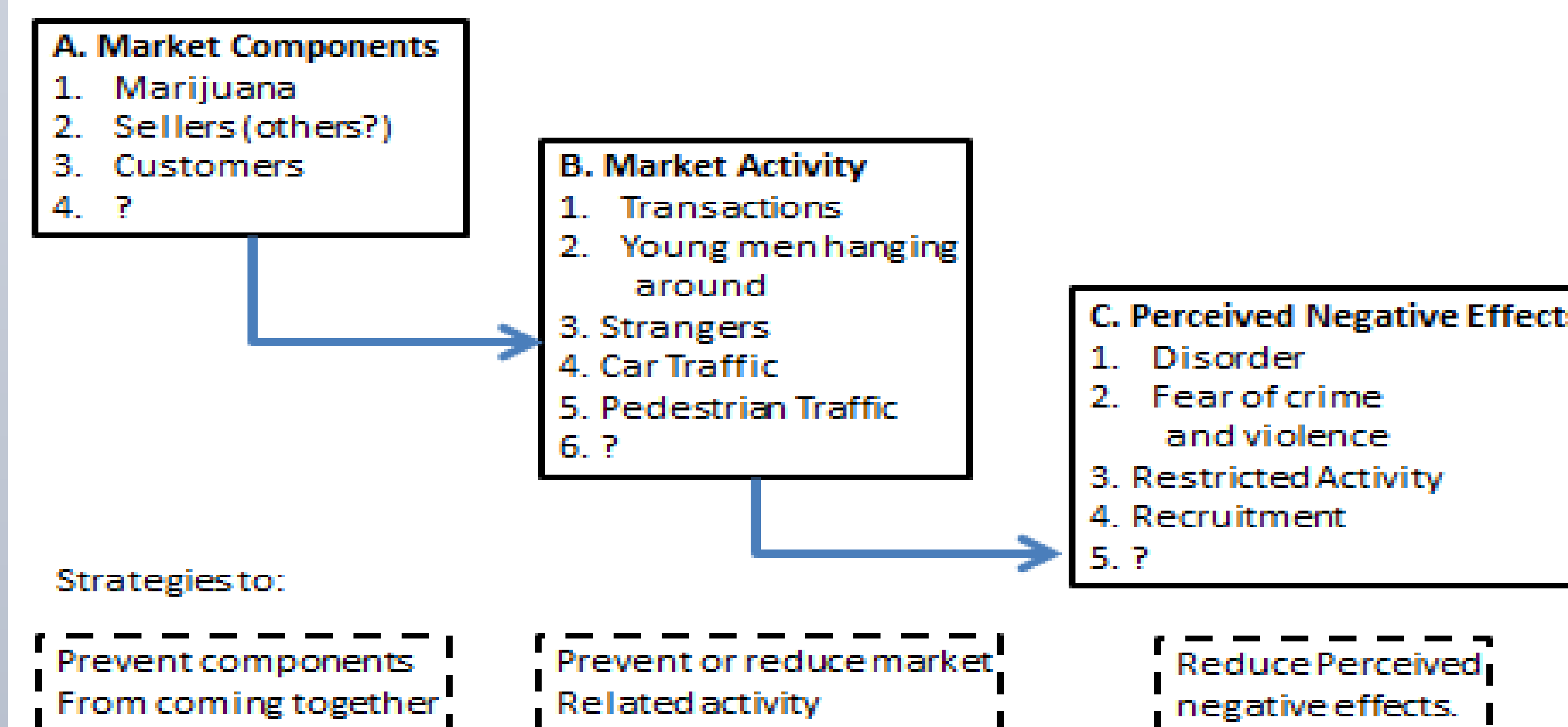
### 1. Restorative Practices Strategy:

- Restorative practices involve a circle process that is voluntary and supportive
- The focus of the circle is on addressing the impact of the behavior on community members who will participate in the circles
- During the pre-circle, dealers will be asked to invite people to the circle who will support them during the circle and in carrying out the agreement that is developed during the circle
- Representatives from community agencies will participate in the circle to offer guidance about local resources available to help the dealer get connected to education, training, and job placement opportunities
- Two trained facilitators will meet ahead of time with each person who will participate in the circle to let them know what the process is about

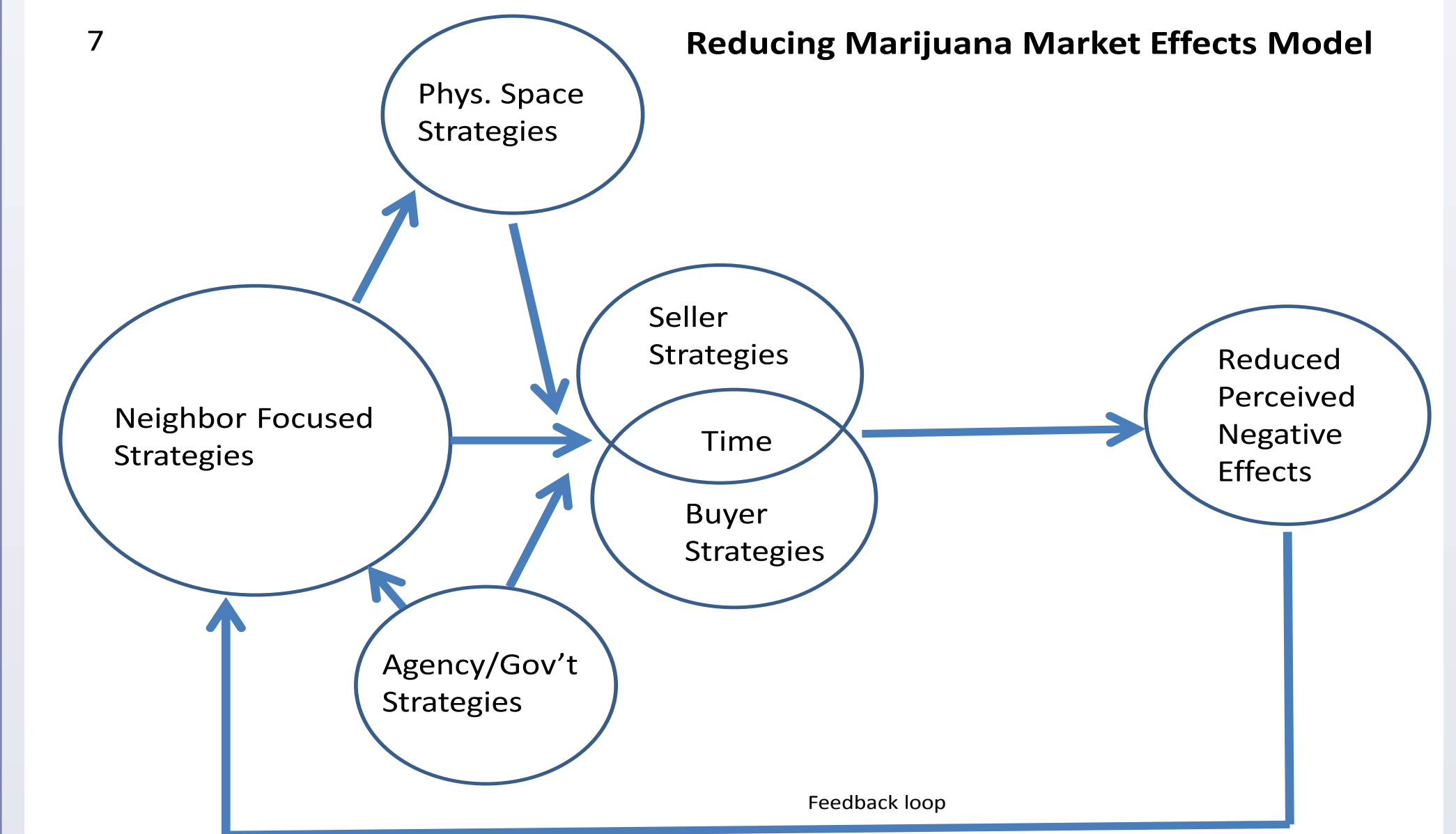
### 2. Stay-Away Order:

- Not all dealers will be receptive to restorative practices and the community must be protected from those that continue overt marijuana sales.
- Stay-away orders have been used in numbers of cities both to address drug markets and gang activity.
- Dealers are ordered by a court to stay away from the area where the offense occurred and can be immediately arrested and held in contempt to court if found in the area.
- Current issue with utilizing stay-away order: the quasi-legal status of marijuana

## Neighborhood Marijuana Market Dynamics



## Research Questions



### Market Components:

- Who are the sellers?
- Who are the customers?
- What is sold? In what quantities?
- How much is spent?
- How much income results for sellers?

### Market Activity:

- When is the market active?
- How is it accessed- routes in cars or on foot?
- How do transactions occur?
- How/where is the money kept?

### Perceived Negative Effects:

- Who has these perceptions and how strong are they?
- Is the disorder measurable?
- How much fear/ fear of what?
- How realistic is the fear- what do objective data show?
- What and when are neighborhood activities curtailed?
- How much concern over recruitment? Is it realistic?

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