

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

WRCH FM & HD1

FIRST QUARTER 2024

(January 1st through March 31st)

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WRCH PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. Face Connecticut: (Sundays, 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.)

Hosted by Morgan Cunningham *Face*

***Connecticut* provides an in-depth look at today's issues, in conversations with leaders and newsmakers from across the state.**

2. Spotlite: (Sundays, 7:00-7:30 a.m.)

Hosted by Chuck Taylor, *Spotlite* features topical issues of concern to the community and the state.

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

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