

Quarterly Issues for Station-FM 90.3 WJTL
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The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Teen Depression and Suicide-A series discussing the teen suicide epidemic, including signs of depression, suicide, and intervention ideas.
- B. Ways to Pay for College-A series highlighting seven common ways people pay for college.
- C. Immigration Laws-A continuation of the series discussing various aspects of the immigration debate in the U.S.
- D. Environmental Awareness-Kids Cookie Break Broadcast, alerting listeners to the various environmentally-friendly services available in the area.
- E. Human Trafficking-An interview on the Get Up and Go Show discussing the problem of human trafficking and how one organization is making plans to reach out to survivors of human trafficking.
- F. Influence of Parents on Teens-Features discussing various ways parents have influence on their teens in positive and negative ways.

Section II Responsive Programming

A. Teen Depression and Suicide:

Youth Culture Today-Daily 1 minute feature (Monday-Friday at 12:20 p.m.)

Feature discussed the escalating rates of teen depression and suicide in our nation, citing statistic that 20% of all teens experience depression before adulthood. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teens.

Feature advised listeners to be aware of common signs and symptoms of depression. Examples include: Persistent sadness, inability to concentrate, major changes in eating and sleeping patterns, withdrawal from friends and family, drop in grades, alcohol and substance abuse, and rapid mood swings.

Feature also advised to be aware of signs of a suicidal teen, including: neglecting physical appearance, preoccupation with violence, self-destructive behavior, preoccupation with death, an emotional upswing after a period of depression.

Feature offered ideas for intervention, including:

Never write off a threat.

If suspicious, don't be afraid to ask.

Be a listener and encourager.

Ask if they have a plan. A plan shows serious intent.

Do something. Remove means-don't leave them alone.

Make yourself available.

Feature ended with a look at what resilient teens have:

Strong family nurture

Outside support from people other than family members

Positive and accepting peer group

Safe place in home and church

Involved in Extracurricular Activities.

(Feature aired April 30 to May 04.)

B. Ways to Pay for College:

Stewardship For Life-Daily 3 minute program, Monday-Friday at 1:20 p.m.

The price of education increases year after year. Amanda Rock examined seven ways people typically pay for college expenses.

1. Pay with own resources. Amanda mentioned two types of savings plans and explained their benefits-529 Plans and Coverdell.
2. Reduce College Costs-Examples of this include taking AP tests in high school, taking classes at a local college, enrolling in public service programs such as ROTC, and buying used textbooks.
3. Borrowing Money-Stafford Loans were mentioned as the cheapest option.
4. Tax Reductions-The government offers higher education tax breaks. Tax payers may have opportunities to subtract some college-related expenses from taxes owed. It's important to understand rules for these programs.

5. Choose a financially friendly college-These colleges are better for the budget. Criteria includes: Generous merit aid, high 4-year graduation rates, and low rates of graduate debt.
6. Need-Based Financial Aid-Grants, Scholarships, Loans, and Work Study. Loans must be paid back. Work Study must be earned. Only types of aid that actually cut college costs are grants and scholarships.
7. Merit-Based Aid-Based on academic performance and other talents rather than on financial need.

(Feature aired April 30-May 03.)

C. Immigration:

Law For Life-5 minute weekly program (Saturday at 3:20 p.m.) A series of two features continuing from previous quarter, examining various issues related to immigration.

In the first program, Attorney Mark Montanye explained the VISA program, which is the legal process for immigrants to enter the United States. He added that the VISA Waiver program allows individuals from 38 participating countries to come to the U.S. for certain designated purposes for no longer than 90 days without going through VISA process.

Different types of permanent VISA's were described for people wanting to enter the U.S.

Family-Based-Issued based on a close family relation here legally, who is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.

Employment-Based-Issued based on need demonstrated by an employer for more additional workers or skilled workers.

Humanitarian-Based-Issued based on those seeking to come to U.S. as refugees, seeking asylum, or seeking protection as a battered spouse or battered child.

In the second program, Attorney Montanye discussed one of the temporary non-Immigrant VISA programs, which is issued to foreigners who live in another country and intend to return to that country after completing studies. He explained the process of obtaining a Student VISA, the rules placed on applicants, and the consequences of falling out of status if there are any violations. In such a case, student would need to go through reinstatement.

(Features aired April 7 and 14).

D. Environmental Awareness:

Kids Cookie Break-a kid-friendly program Saturday mornings from 9 to Noon.

On Earth Day, April 21st, Lisa Landis visited Sahd Metal Recycling in Columbia for a Live Remote, where vendors were teaching kids about environmental awareness, promoting reducing, reusing, and recycling of resources.

On the radio, Lisa had a 4 minute conversation with Dan Sahd at 9:16 a.m., who gave an overview of the day's events and highlighted the purpose of the exhibits to raise awareness.

At 9:16 a.m., Lisa spoke with Allison of Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, who talked about their efforts to manage trash and recycling for Lancaster County. Their efforts also involve renewal energy projects with turbines at Turkey Hill to provide electricity for them. As a fun fact, Allison mentioned that the Waste Management Authority burned enough trash to make electricity that powered 30,000 homes in Lancaster County. The conversation was 2 minutes in length.

At 10:07 a.m., Lisa spoke with Drew Anderson, a meteorologist who explained that his exhibit was designed to teach kids about the dangers of pollutants to keep us from breathing in healthy air. The conversation was 3 minutes in length.

E. Human Trafficking:

Get Up And Go Show-On April 3rd, Fred McNaughton interviewed Jan Wilson, executive director from Sparrow Place to discuss the organizations plans to open a restorative home for survivors of human trafficking. She mentioned opportunities for community involvement as they search for volunteers and board members. While Jan did not go into detail about human trafficking, she highlighted an important meeting on April 19, where listeners could attend to learn more about human trafficking and how they can join efforts to stop it. There were two conversations about the efforts of Sparrow Place to reach out to survivors.

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F. Influence of Parents On Teens:

Youth Culture Today-Daily 1 minute feature (Monday-Friday at 12:20 p.m.)

Feature examined various ways that parents can have positive or negative

influence on teens.

May 10 feature-Discussed three types of parenting. Parenting by default (path of least resistance) Parenting by trial and error (Do your best with no guidelines to follow) Revolutionary Parenting (applying standards to parenting consistently-results in deepest character-building transformation in children)

May 11 feature-Teaching responsible drinking habits-Research from Australia cited as saying that in order to reduce alcohol-related harm, parents should avoid supplying alcohol to children.

May 25 feature-Growing sense of entitlement-Fed by parents who give opportunities, activities, and things without having to work for it. Feature highlighted Harris Interactive Poll finding that 90% parents do think that it is important for their children to work to pay for the things they want.

May 28 feature-Imperfect Parents and Teens-Feature examined the unrealistic expectations of perfection. Realistic parents pave the way for family closeness and building up children.

May 30 feature-Harvard Grant Study finding a connection between being required to do chores as a child and having success as a grown-up. The earlier they do chores, the better.

June 04 feature-Parents and Sideline Behavior at Sporting Events-Citing statistics that 87% of youth sports officials claim to have been verbally or physically attacked by spectators. 47% indicated they feared for safety. Parental misbehavior at sporting events is causing some student athletes to quit.

June 12 feature-Parents and Sports-Guidelines for parental behavior at sporting events. A. Winning is not everything. B. Win or Lose, scores will be forgotten. C. Games are to be played. Play is to be fun. Let them play and have fun.

June 26 feature-Parents and Careful Words-Reckless words are harmful to our communication and relationships with kids. Thinking before we speak is an investment that will pay dividends and strengthen parent/teen relationships, and pave the way for being a positive parenting influence.

June 29 feature-Asking Good Questions-Good questions open floodgate of communication for teens, starting with “How?”, “Why?”, or “What?” Asking good questions encourages teens to express themselves, gives them consideration of consequences of their own actions, and gives them opportunity to be treated as an adult rather than a child.

