

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. Organ Donors-A Public Service Announcement raising awareness of the value of becoming an organ donor.
- B. Substance Abuse-A series raising awareness of youth culture trends regarding abuse of drugs and alcohol.
- C. Managing Student Debt-Cost-cutting ideas for bringing student debt to a manageable level.
- D. Protection From Abuse-A program examining the legal steps for seeking protection from abuse.
- E. Redesigning Humans-A look at the technological advances affecting human development.
- F. Responsible Use of Cell Phones-A series examining the effect of cell phone use on teens.
- G. Employment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities-An interview with representatives of Occupational Development Center on their endeavor to provide employment for adults with developmental disabilities.

Section II Responsive Programming

A. Organ Donors:

30 second Public Service Announcement for MatchingDonors.com, a social networking site that matches organ donors with people in desperate need of organ transplants. The PSA cites a statistic that 22 Americans die each day waiting for organ transplants, most of them for kidneys. The PSA appealed for donors of organs, and also donors of cars, boats, and real estate to support the cause. The PSA also encouraged those who are considering becoming a living organ donor or those in need of an organ transplant to connect with the site.

PSA aired two times a day from January 25 to February 3 (various times of the day).

B. Substance Abuse:

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

Feature cited research to report trends among youth related to substance abuse. The Monitoring the Future Survey found American teens are drinking, smoking, and doing fewer drugs than teens forty years ago. Survey cited anti-smoking efforts and “kids on social media and video games” as factors for the reduction in substance abuse. (Feature aired January 17.)

More specific research reported on:

Fentanyl Abuse-A growing number of young people are abusing this prescription painkiller, and many are overdosing this drug, which is 50 times more potent than heroin. (Feature aired February 27)

E-Cigarettes-Recent study from Journal of Pediatrics reports the number of poisonings related to E-Cigarettes children 5 and under increased 15 times between 2012 and 2015. (Feature aired February 28)

Binge Drinking-Practice of consuming several alcoholic drinks in a row. New study found bingeing in the early to mid-teen years can alter how the brain deals with stress into adulthood. Binge drinking changes the effects of the stress hormone cortisol. (Feature aired March 01)

Alcohol and Marijuana Mix-New research from Rand Corporation found teens in Middle school and High School who used both marijuana and alcohol are more likely to have poor academic performance and poor mental health. (Feature aired March 02)

Drink Spiking- When someone secretly adds alcohol or drugs to another person's drinks. New research reports drink spiking is prevalent in the college campus party culture. Women are more likely to have drinks spiked than men. (Feature aired March 03)

C. Managing Student Debt:

Stewardship For Life-Daily 3 minute program (Monday through Friday at 1:20 p.m.) With student loan debt topping \$1.2 trillion and 13.6% borrowers defaulting or in danger of defaulting, feature offered tips for managing student loan, and steps for those concerned about getting behind in student loan debt.

Tips for Managing Student Loan Debt include:

- 1) Get organized-Become aware of terms of loan.
- 2) Consider consolidating loans-May decrease amount owed each month.
- 3) Set Up Automatic Payments-Saves time, stress, and in some cases, money.
- 4) Pay Down Principle-Paying off more than what is owed reduces interest rate.

Steps for those concerned about getting behind in student loan debt.

- 1) Communicate-Stay in touch with lender. Defaulting is a serious matter.
- 2) Contact loan servicer and ask for deferment. Certain conditions apply.
- 3) Ask for forbearance if denied a deferment. Forbearance grants permission for borrower to stop or reduce loan payment for set period of time.

- 4) Ask for cancellation of debt under certain conditions such as death or permanent disability of borrower.
- 5) Learn about eligibility for income-driven repayment plans. These plans set monthly payment at an affordable rate based on income and family size.
- 6) Research which plan is best for personal situation.

(Feature aired January 09-12)

D. Protection From Abuse:

Law For Life-5 minute weekly feature. (Saturday at 3:20 p.m. on March 25th) Attorney Michael Zappitella discussed the legal process for filing a Protection From Abuse order. He explained what it is, how to begin, and what happens when a temporary PFA (Protection From Abuse) claim is filed. He also discussed what happens if the alleged abuser violates a PFA, and the limitations of a PFA.

What is a PFA? A law that prohibits members of the family from abusing members of the same family.

How do I begin filing a PFA? A person applies first for a temporary PFA order with the court before a hearing is held. It is recommended to meet with an attorney before filing for a temporary PFA.

What happens when a temporary order is served? The temporary order is served on alleged abuser, along with copy of petition, and the alleged abuser is sometimes escorted from residence with sheriff's deputy. The alleged abuser is prohibited from any contact with person who applied for temporary PFA. A permanent PFA is considered at hearing.

What happens if someone violates a PFA? They could be arrested or sentenced to probation and be mandated to pay restitution for any damages incurred.

PFA's cannot guarantee protection if someone is determined to attack another person. An article from the news was cited as an example of how attacks can happen even if a PFA has been filed.

This program was designed for listeners who want to help friends who are facing abuse or listeners themselves who are dealing with abuse on the home front.

E. Redesigning Humans:

Probe-3 minute daily program Monday through Friday at 11:20 a.m. (January 23-27)

Feature discussed the ethical implications of genetic technology, asking the question, “Is it the next step in human discovery or the end of humanity as we know it?” Ray Bohlin discussed points of view from those who embrace genetic engineering and those who have reservations about genetic engineering.

Feature pointed out that transhumanists (those who welcome genetic engineering with open arms) relish the possibilities of double and triple average life expectancy, designer babies, and elimination of genetic disease. Feature mentioned that in vitro fertilization might become the natural way for having babies once more procedures become available to design our own babies. Research reveals expressed interest from a substantial segment of the population to use genetic engineering to prevent disease and improve physical and mental capacities inherited by our children.

Ethics concerns were raised about genetic engineering, including the use of animal models. (Whatever we have done in animals, we eventually do in humans) Efforts to redesign humans challenge our dignity and identity as human beings, turning embryos into subjects for research and human beings into commodities.

Feature stresses that there is an effort underway to embrace genetic technology and in Ray Bohlin’s opinion, it might surprise some people how far along those efforts have progressed toward redesigning humans.

F. Responsible Use of Cell Phones:

Youth Culture Today-Daily 1-minute feature (Monday-Friday at 12:20 p.m.)
Feature for parents to train their teens how to use cell phones in a safe and responsible manner.

Topics include:

Teen Distracted Driving-Feature cited research that females were twice as likely as males to use electronic devices while driving. Parents were urged to talk to teens about privileges and responsibilities of driving. (Aired on February 21)

Places to Be Phone Free-Feature proposed three places that should be phone free.

- 1) The Family Table for eating meals-Attention should be focused on each other.
- 2) Bedrooms-phones disrupt sleep.
- 3) Car-Attention should be focused on driving.

(Aired on March 06)

Phones and the Decline of Sociability-Feature told a mom's story of riding the bus on a first grader field trip. The Mom observed that 90% of the children had cell phones and it left the bus silent. Those who did not have cell phones spent their time looking over the shoulders of those who did have cell phones to see what was on the screen. This was cited as an example of how constant use of cell phones threaten children's ability to interact socially. (Aired on March 07)

Texting and Conversation-Feature suggested that millennials have affinity for using phones to text rather than to talk. Question was raised if desire for convenience was jeopardizing ability to converse. (Aired on March 08)

Smartphone Addiction-Feature cited survey data about smartphone addiction. 80% teens check phones hourly and 72% felt the need to respond immediately to texts and social networking messages. 77% parents report feeling that their children get distracted by devices and don't pay attention when they are together. (Aired on March 10)

G. Employment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities:

The Get Up and Go Show-Morning music and talk program. Host Fred McNaughton interviewed Ken Mueller and Greg Richards of the Occupational Development Center, who work with adults with developmental disabilities to provide in house work for folks and mobile work crews in the community. Greg Richards also noted that the facility is working with transitional students from high schools to help them find competitive employment in the community. Opportunities were made available for businesses in the area to connect with the Occupational Development Center to work with them in providing job opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

There were two conversations on the morning of February 28th. The first one (7:20 a.m.) was 3 minutes in length, and the second one (7:50 a.m.) was 3 ½ minutes in length.