

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WFMA  
Third Quarter 2023 (July-September)  
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WFMA, MARION, AL for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup>. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

1. Drugs
2. Food insecurity
3. Foster care
4. Inflation
5. Human Trafficking
6. Mental Health

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description of Program</b>
Addiction	Closer Look	7/23/2023	7:00pm	28:41	<p><b>Closer Look: Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support</b></p> <p>One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don't know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. <i>"When we found PAL we're like okay, we're not alone, there's other people who've been down this road."</i> Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Food insecurity	Closer Look	7/30/2023	7:00pm	29:17	<p><b>CLOSER LOOK: "Share The Wealth Of Your Dirt" Through AmpleHarvest.org</b></p> <p>AmpleHarvest.org is nationally recognized for successfully recruiting backyard gardeners to fight food insecurity. The site lists 8,000 local pantries which accept donations of fresh fruits and veggies. The non-profit also works to involve pastors and churches nationwide through the Faith Fights Food Waste campaign and recently added a program to feed malnourished people on Native American reservations. Marya Morgan reports.</p>

Foster Care	Closer Look	8/6/2023	7:00pm	16:04	<p><b>Free Brand-New 'Threads' For Teens In Foster Care</b>  Children in foster care often arrive at a new placement with just the clothes on their backs. Cathy Hamilton founded San Antonio Threads to give brand-new clothes to older youth(12yrs-21yrs) who have no family to take them shopping. "I've had kids say things like 'old clothes have bad memories, new clothes have good memories -- thank you for the fresh start.'" Bob Dittman reports.  <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736</a></p>
Inflation	Closer Look	9/3/2023	7:00pm		<p><b>Closer Look: Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</b>  Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? Billie Wright checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.</p>
Cybersecurity	Closer Look	8/27/2023	7:00pm	28:54	<p><b>Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</b>  Spam on social media. Emails that shout 'click here!' from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. "If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn't right here - please listen to that." Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.  <a href="#">Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart   Positive Encouraging K-LOVE (klove.com)</a></p>

Human Trafficking	Closer Look	9/10/2023	7:00pm	15:26	<p><b>Closer Look: Teens Chatting On Social Media Vulnerable To Human Traffickers</b></p> <p>“Just so you know, some kids that are trafficked actually aren’t taken from their home – they still live at their house.” How does this happen? Social media chats. Expert tricksters spend months -- or even years -- lying to build friendship. Your good and smart kid may believe their online friend is their age “by the time they went to meet this person, it wasn’t who they thought they were.” Once the youth is tricked into sexually explicit activities they may be too afraid to tell you. Felipe Aguilar reports.</p> <p><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293</a></p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	9/10/2023	7:00pm	13:02	<p><b>Closer Look: Like CPR, Get Trained In Youth 'Mental First Aid'</b></p> <p>How do you approach a teen without getting a door slammed in your face? “A trusted adult is what a youth needs more than anything,” says Lori Butterworth of AIM, which strongly recommends all adults get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. She compares it to CPR. “What if we worked really hard to raise the probability that when a child or teen has a mental health crisis that there is someone there to help them and save their life?” Kindra Ponzio reports.</p> <p><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294</a></p>

Teen Pregnancy	Closer Look	9/17/2023	7:00pm	29:12	<p><b>Closer Look: Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</b></p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of <a href="http://StandUpGirl.com">StandUpGirl.com</a> says their site stands ready to help. “Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood.” Quick response is essential. “If you go google the word ‘abortion’ right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that <i>first page</i> of their google search.”</p>
Tuscaloosa’s One Place - Marion	Local News	7/9/2023	7:30pm	n/a	<p>Ron Turner talks with Ashley Cornelius, Director of Communications at Tuscaloosa’s One Place about how poverty can add extra challenges to families in terms of parenting and education. Cornelius discusses how their evidence, based five core value approach, can assist in the success of overall family health while fostering a positive environment for the educational needs of children K- 12. Cornelius talks about the importance of getting involved in your local family resource center to take advantage of free programs that are available for parents as well as students They can be contacted at (<a href="https://www.tuscaloosaoneplace.org">https://www.tuscaloosaoneplace.org</a>)</p>

