

## Community Issues

Radio Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Issue: Suicide Prevention

Program: Forum

Air Date: 7-1-18

Time: 8:00am

Durations: 30 minutes

Description: Vince Brancaccio is the CEO / Executive Director of HelpNetwork. Cathy Grazinski is Assistant Director and has been with the agency for 41 years. Vince and Cathy provide counseling for individuals in crisis and want listeners to know they can find help with their issues by calling to 2-1-1. They also talk about possible warning signs that indicate someone might be in crisis and considering suicide and how to respond to individuals that express that they are considering suicide.



### Suicide and Crisis Intervention/Prevention

24/7/365, Help Network's hotline is for individuals contemplating suicide, or concerned friends or family members seeking help for a loved one. We also are a back-up call center for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline serving multiple states including Ohio.

Help Network is also a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline for individuals experiencing any type of crisis.

### 211 Information and Referral

A comprehensive, up-to-date database of community resources available 24 hours a day, offering centralized information and referral for individuals seeking various services in the community — whether via programs offered by Help Network of Northeast Ohio or referral to other agencies. Individuals can also access the comprehensive database of community resources through our website, [HelpNetworkNEO.org](http://HelpNetworkNEO.org).

### Deaf and Hearing-Impaired

Help Network of Northeast Ohio is able to assist deaf and hearing-impaired individuals via the TDD with all services listed and to contact interpreter services after hours.

### Warm Line

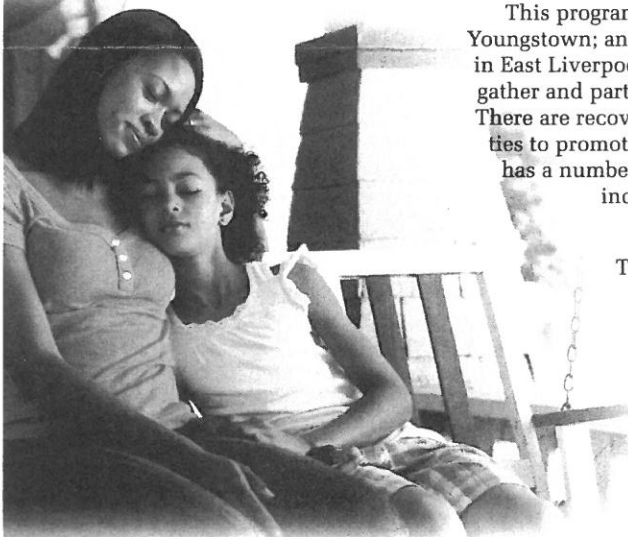
A Peer-to-Peer service that specializes in helping individuals who are struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues or know of someone who just needs someone to talk to. Services available Monday-Friday 4–8 pm and Saturdays 1 pm–3 pm at **1-866-303 PEER (7337)**.

### Senior Line

Information and referral and support services are available to the 55+ population of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.



## PROGRAMS



### Peer Resource and Recovery Programs –Youngstown and East Liverpool

This program is offered at The Community Center, 1344 Fifth Avenue in Youngstown; and the Peer Resource and Recovery Center, 509 Market Street in East Liverpool. Here, individuals with severe and persistent mental illness gather and participate in programming to assist in coping with their illness. There are recovery groups along with social, recreational and fitness activities to promote overall wellness and fellowship. In addition, this program has a number of peer specialists who have specific training to work with individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues.

### Intensive Guardianship Program

This program is for individuals who are in need of a Guardian to oversee them. It can only be accessed through referrals from the Mental Health & Recovery or Developmental Disabilities providers for consideration. This service is provided for individuals from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.

### Payeeship Programs

The Payeeship Program provides support to individuals who are unable to manage their income. These individuals are referred by the Mental Health & Recovery or Developmental Disabilities providers for consideration. This service is provided for individuals from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.

### Victims Assistance

The agency offers immediate crisis intervention, community resources and emergency linkage to rape counselors and domestic violence professionals/shelters. A Victims Advocate provides community support, advocacy and reassurance to victims of crime following a traumatic experience.

### Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Services

A confidential, neutral and independent third-party mediation and dispute resolution service. Mediation services offer an effective and economical alternative to traditional dispute resolution options like courts and law enforcement. MVDRS is the sole regional provider of comprehensive mediation services to resolve disputes including civil actions, landlord/tenant, consumer, workplace, neighborhood and family.

### Housing Opportunities Program

This program provides rental assistance for up to two years to Mahoning County residents who are receiving services through agencies connected with the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Help Network also offers permanent and supportive housing vouchers through this program. Participants in both of these programs must be involved with the Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery system. Help Network is also in a partnership with two other social services providers in the Commons at Madison, a permanent and supportive housing project designed for individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

### Homeless Outreach Program

The PATH (Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) is a SAMHSA grant funded program that provides outreach in both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties to individuals who are experiencing homelessness — attempting to link them with resources and stable housing.



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### Community Issues

Quarter: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year: 2018

Issue: Animal Welfare

Program: Forum

Air Date: 7-8-18

Time: 8am

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: West Side Cats is a no kill shelter in Mahoning County that takes in a high percentage of special needs cats. Dave Childers is a WSCats volunteer and organizes a fundraising motorcycle run and family festival to help raise funds for the shelter. Dave speaks to the motorcycle run, the bike show and the Chinese Auction. Mary Roller joins us to talk about the shelter relocation which will begin in July. West Side Cats was able to purchase a one level building and Mary encouraged listeners to volunteer for the shelter in any capacity they are able.

Radio Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Issue: White Barn Healing

Program: Forum

Air Date: 7-22-18

Time: 8am

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: Annette Bragg is with White Barn Healing Arts Center in Ravenna – an organization that helps those in need deal with issues like trauma, stress anger. Annette talks about helping those fighting addictions and those with terminal illness through meditation and reiki.

Radio Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Issue: Mahoning County Jr Fair Board

Program: Forum

Air Date: July 29

Time: 8 am

Duration: 30 minutes

Description: Kathleen Moser, along with members of the Mahoning County Junior Fair Board, talk about events at this year's Canfield Fair and the work they do throughout the year to get ready. They also talk about the leadership skills they learn in being a member of the board and mentoring others who want to be involved in 4-H programs

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 8-5-18

Air Time: 7 a.m.

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: Addiction

Description: “(In) Dependent” is a play written by recent Kent State University graduates Emelia Sherin and Zach Manthey. It follows the life of an two addicts, humanizing addiction and showing the audience that anyone can become an addict. The play will be shown at the Youngstown Playhouse August 9-11 and proceeds will benefit the playhouse and the HelpNetwork of NE Ohio. Director, Sarah Jane Demetruk, talks about the play content and notes that the story evolved from interviews with doctors, nurses, current and recovering addicts and their friends and families. Vince Brancaccio joins this Forum as well to discuss the assistance provided by HelpNetwork of Northeast Ohio. HelpNetwork can be reached by simply dialing 2-1-1 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

# (IN)DEPENDENT





“(In)Dependent” was created in April 2017 after months of primary and secondary research, consisting of 50 interviews of Northeastern Ohio doctors, nurses, paramedics, educators, current and recovering addicts, as well as their friends and families. These stories and people make up the entirety of the show, by taking their stories and personalities and sewing them into a plot and character cast. Intensive academic study of the neuroscience, psychology, chemistry, politics, economics, and sociology behind the heroin epidemic also played a significant role in the creative writing process of this artistic activism piece. This research was conducted to view all perspectives of the heroin epidemic and how it affects everyone, directly and indirectly, along with personifying the drug to show the devastating and personal effects it has on society.

The impact of the East Liverpool photo of a grandmother and her boyfriend overdosed in a car in September 2016 was broad-sweeping and shone a national light on the silent struggle of so many addicts. We, the writers, were inspired by the 2016 media blitz of the heroin epidemic to reach out to key publics in a different medium that is underappreciated, but more effective: theatre. Theatre is where all emotions can carelessly be unveiled and felt through the atmosphere as an exchange through the characters to the audience. The art is used to confront this societal issue and display it in a more humanized setting by displaying an array of viewpoints and discussing the problem, rather than sweeping it under the rug. The focus of this play is to get the audience comfortable with the uncomfortable and come face-to-face with the uncanniness and stigma of addiction and the heroin epidemic.

(In)Dependent follows the life of Ryan, a recovering addict, as he struggles to maintain his relationships with friends and family, while the sultry temptress/tempter, Heroin, skulks in the shadows, clinging to his every weakness. He attends narcotics anonymous (NA) meetings and crosses paths with Emily, a recovering addict, that dynamically impact his life. Throughout his eventful journey to recovery, he tries his best to settle back into society.

Within the play, we humanize addicts and prove that anyone can be an addict by making the casting physicality vague and personalities flexible. The show becomes complete in its entirety by the actors bringing the characters to life through their interpretation. The play is also to be set in the year and location of wherever it is being performed to show that addiction and the epidemic can happen anywhere. So the play may be comfortably viewed by anyone, we do not display any physical drug content or gestures. We refuse to display anything that could possibly trigger anyone that is currently using or in recovery. **\*If you are uncomfortable with the curse words throughout the dialogue in the script, then we give you permission to change the words or omit them from the reading.**

Lastly, this script is more than a play; it is a way to assist the community. Wherever it is performed, we ask of the director and/or facility, at which it is performed, to collect material and monetary donations to give to a local rehabilitation center. These items will go toward assisting recovering addicts with their programs and living arrangements.

We thank you for reaching out to us and the interest you have in reading our script! The cast list is represented within the copy of the scenes we have sent you. Let us know if you would like for us to accentuate on each character. Below, we have placed a collection of statements from recovering addicts and viewers along with links that will lead you to articles written about “(In)Dependent” in its development and performance. We have also added production shots from its first production performed at Akron Civic Theatre in Akron, OH on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

**STATEMENTS (via email – we can send you screenshots of the emails if you'd like):**

“Hey Emelia, I loved your play. I found it extraordinarily moving. You've done great work here. And it's very important that people see this, particularly in the community. It's something that should be performed at every school and university in the area. You've created a truly emotional and timely piece of art. Thank you so much for sharing it with me.”

-Chris Columbus, *1492 Productions, Director, Writer, Producer*

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“I wanted to tell you what an impressive, powerful, amazing job you did with your play/project! I am so glad I got to see it and that so many of our staff and clients could attend as well. Your passion and talent were evident throughout every step of the production, both on stage and off. I can't say enough, how well I think you presented such a difficult topic – you did it with thoroughness and humanity, and you should be proud of the way it turned out. And, all of your cast was excellent too. Thank you for including Oriana House in this...I'm not even sure where to begin when it comes to thanking you. Being on the receiving end of the tangible gifts that came from your play *(In)Dependent: The Heroin Project* was an honor and a blessing. An honor, because after immersing yourself so deeply into the humanity of the opiate epidemic seizing our families and communities, you identified and sought out Oriana House, Inc. to be a partner with you in your efforts. A blessing, because through your efforts and the kindness and dedication of so many people, the men and women in our residential programs received personal care products that they otherwise might not have had; and 16 of them, along with several of our staff, were fortunate enough to attend the Friday night production. And we received a check for \$430 from The Akron Civic Theatre, which will be used to purchase support, reward, and curriculum materials for our substance abuse treatment patients. The depictions in the production of heroin and all the people impacted by it were intricate and very moving. As I've shared with you, our clients found the play to be very relatable, realistic, and impactful. Personally, I was very moved and affected as well. Everything about the characters, dialogue, set, and on-stage interaction added to the impact of the production. And as far as putting human faces and real emotions to the headlines and news stories inundating the media, you definitely hit the mark.

Thank you for all that you have already and are still investing into this crisis. Never doubt that you are making a difference.”

-Linda Weyandt, *Public Relations Specialist of Oriana House, Inc.*

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Anonymous addicts, Oriana House, Inc.:

“The play was pretty accurate, and I could relate to a lot of it. A few of the situations that happened, I saw myself in real life. Overall it was well done.”

“I enjoyed the opportunity to attend the play. I could relate to it on many levels. I believe it was well done. The only thing I would have changed was the seating, but other than that it was well done.”

“I thought it was very well-written and realistic. I liked how it covered both spectrums of heroin addiction. It showed hope and the dire consequences of this disease. It was very entertaining and some

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Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 8-12-18

Air Time: 7:00 am

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: ACE children

Description: Doctor Ron Dwinells with One Health Ohio talks about an effort to raise money to support interventions for children suffering from ACE (adverse childhood experience). The goal is help children who are abused emotionally and physically and live in dysfunctional families to get help before they get worse. Many times those early problems lead to drug addiction. That is happening with a VIRTUAL Mountain Climb fundraising event August 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. To do that you can go the Butterflies and Hope Foundation website and register.

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 8-19-18

Air Time: 7:00AM

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: School Driving Safety

Description: Michele Francisco is the Safety Council Program Manager with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene. She talks about school safety as students head back to the classrooms. She says incidences of accidents involving distracted pedestrians have been on the rise in recent years. She reviews driver safety, especially distracted driving. Urges listeners to visit [besafeohio.com](http://besafeohio.com) for more information

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 8-26-18

Air Time: 7:00 AM

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: MC Junior Fair Board

Description: Kathy Moser is an advisor with the Mahoning County Junior Fair Board. She, along with several members, talk about the year-long planning for this year's Canfield Fair and all the responsibilities associated with it. Members say being a part of 4-H and the Junior Fair Board teaches them leadership skills. They also mentor others who want to be part of 4-H.

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 9-2-18

Air Time: 7am

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: Mental Health Awareness

Description: Doug Datish is a former OSU and NFL player who currently operates a mental health treatment facility in Linesville, OH. Doug is chairing a fundraiser to create awareness about mental health and raise money to fund the Ross Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund which was established in memory of Ross Griffin. Ross took his own life in February of 2018 at the age of 22. The event is September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sloas Air Field in Warren. The Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund is a component of the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern Ohio. [Rossgriffinmemorialbash.com](http://Rossgriffinmemorialbash.com)

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 9-9-2018

Air Time: 7:00am

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: White Barn Healing

Description: Description: Annette Bragg is the director of White Barn Healing Arts Center which promotes wellness, peace and healing for body, mind and spirit through natural approaches. The center has non-profit status – allowing it to incorporate services into programs for those in need who would not otherwise be able to afford them. It helps those who are dealing with trauma, loss, depression, drug addiction, etc.....

## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 9-16-18

Air Time: 7am

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: Support for Veterans – Honoring U.S Military

John Ely serves as Director for Veterans Outreach, a support organization that provides any type of assistance a veteran of the U.S. military requires. VO is headquartered in Liberty, Ohio and has branches in several states including Kentucky where a new facility is being planned to provide housing, treatment, recreation and employment for veterans. John discussed progress to date for “Heroes Passage”. He also talks about the “Ohio Flags of Honor”, a traveling memorial honoring service men and women from Ohio who died in the war on terrorism. Veterans Outreach is hosting the exhibit at Boardman Park Sept 21-23.



## Community Issues

Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 9-23-2018

Air Time: 7:00 am

Duration: 30 minutes

Program: Forum

Issue: American Heart Association

Description: Tracy Behnke is the executive director of the American Heart Association (Youngstown). They are having their annual Mahoning Valley Heart Walk September 29<sup>th</sup> at YSU's WATTS center. And are encouraging people to get their teams together to take that first step in exercising. The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's premiere event for raising funds to save lives from this country's #1 and #5 killers – heart disease and stroke.

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Station: WYFM

Quarter: 3rd

Year: 2018

Air Date: 9-30-18

Air Time: 7am

Duration: 30 min

Program: Forum

Issue: Animal Welfare

### Description:

Diane Less is the co-founder of Angels for Animals shelter and wellness center. Diane discussed the importance of spaying and neutering pets as the primary way to control the animal population. Saturday, 10/6, Angels is hosting dinner with entertainment provided by an Elvis impersonator. This is one of many fundraisers the shelter hosts to raise operating funds. On Sunday, 10/7, Angels is hosting a low cost microchip and vaccine clinic from 12n-3p at the shelter, 4750 South Range Rd, Canfield. [Angelsforanimals.org](http://Angelsforanimals.org)