

WAYA Issues and Programming Report October - December 2023

The following is a list of some of the more significant community issues addressed for our listeners in Ridgeville, SC in the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which the issues appear imply any degree of priority or significance.

TOPICS COVERED	DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION
Domestic Violence	10/1/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Our listeners in Ridgeville heard our conversation with Jane Bouchre who talked with us about her years of surviving Domestic Abuse and what some of the signs are that you are in an Abusive Relationship. She talked about how many women in the Lowcountry fight to keep there relationships working with a verbally, physically, or sexually abusive partner. She discussed where abusive women can find help and shelter
Mental Health/Coping with Grief	10/8/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Our listeners in Ridgeville heard Part 1 of an interview with Marsha Earhart who lost one of her sons when he was murdered along with his girlfriend. This after previously losing another son to a car accident a few years prior. The strength of this woman's faith after dealing with these horrific losses is incredible and she shared coping methods for our listeners throughout the interview
Mental Health/Coping with Grief	10/15/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Our listeners in Ridgeville heard Part 2 of an interview with Marsha Earhart who lost one of her sons when he was murdered along with his girlfriend. This after previously losing another son to a car accident a few years prior. The strength of this woman's faith after dealing with these horrific losses is incredible and she shared coping methods for our listeners throughout the interview
PostPartum	10/22/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Our listeners in Ridgeville heard Bekah host a discussion with Joy about Joy's journey through postpartum depression. Joy shared her experiences, how support from health professionals, family members and faith have played a part in recovery and return to a better state of mind. They also shared options that listeners could apply if they are in a similar condition.
Foster Children	10/29/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Listeners in the Ridgeville area heard from Debra Collins a Director of Social Services for the Bair Foundation about the need for Foster Parents. We focused on how parents would go about becoming a Foster Parent Family, the support available to Foster Parents and the needs of the children that are typically fostered.
Mental Health/Faith/Fear	11/5/2023	6am	Community Connect	15 minutes	Listeners in the Ridgeville area heard our discussion with artist and author Laura Story who shares how to rest in God's plan when we struggle with uncertainty. Saying goodbye to normal is the beginning of taking on your future with unwavering strength. Her strength is so clearly from knowing peace is a person and not our circumstances lining up the way we hope.
Family	11/12/2023	10:40p	WayCares	15 min	Author Jackie Gibson, speaking from experience, shares the common emotions, questions, and feelings that arise when grieving a stillbirth or miscarriage. Grieving the loss of a child to stillbirth can be a lonely and agonizing experience. Sadly, this overwhelming loss is far more common than one may think, affecting around 1 in 160 births. Gibson honestly acknowledges the sorrow, the loneliness, and fears that come from suffering the loss of a child while pointing to hope.
Purpose, Calling	11/19/2023	10:40p	WayCares	14 min	Doreen Ellis is an Author, Lifestyle Writer, Mentor, and Coach who inspires women to live life on purpose. She is known for empowering women to discover their divine purpose and live a life of freedom and fulfillment. She shares tips for others to learn how to embrace their uniqueness and live authentically.

Women's health	11/26/2023	10:40p	WayCares	13 min	Dr. Dana Cohen shares about common women's health issues that are often overlooked, such as menopause, viruses, and certain types of cancers. She offered tips of topics to discuss with their doctor, partner and trusted friends.
Finances	12/3/2023	10:40p	WayCares	15 min	Paul Oster, President of Better Qualified Credit Repair shares tips to better manage holiday spending and finances to avoid common pitfalls that may damage consumer's credit score.
Suicide awareness	12/10/2023	10:40p	WayCares	14 min	Aleshia White shares her experience of losing a daughter to suicide. She further shares resources for families that have had a similar experience or with a member considering suicide.
Healthy holiday eating	12/17/2023	10:40p	Connect	15 min	Dr. Julie Gatza shares tips for helping to make better nutritional decisions, particularly through the holiday season. Tips include eating a well rounded nutritious diet, learning their body's natural rhythms of hunger, chewing food properly to aid digestion and pacing eating to realize when they're full sooner.
Health	12/31/2023	10:40p	Connect	15 min	Dr. Michael Garko shares facts about and strategies for helping prevent or lessen the effects of respiratory illnesses such as Colds, Influenza, RSV and others common in the Fall and Winter months.