



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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1. **Erica Eversman**, President of the Automotive Education and Policy Institute in Akron, OH

Drivers are looking for ways to save money on auto insurance as premiums rise rapidly. Ms. Eversman explained a new offering from some insurance companies: usage-based car insurance programs, where the insured agrees to share detailed data about their driving habits with their insurer via a phone app or an in-vehicle device. She said the data does permit insurance companies to evaluate risk better and better match the price of the insurance for the risk, but at a steep cost to consumers' privacy and legal rights.

Issues covered:

**Consumer Matters
Auto Insurance
Legal Matters**

Length: 8:55

2. **Caroline Leaf, PhD**, clinical and cognitive neuroscientist, author of "*How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess*"

Increasingly, children ages 3-10 are struggling with anxiety, depression, and mental health challenges. Dr. Leaf discussed the factors behind this trend and warning signs that parents should watch for. She said if left unaddressed, childhood mental health problems often follow kids into their teens and adulthood.

Issues covered:

**Child Mental Health
Parenting**

Length: 8:15

3. **Edgar Dworsky**, Founder & Editor of ConsumerWorld.com

Grocery costs for Americans have skyrocketed in the past two years. Mr. Dworsky discussed the subtle trend of "shrinkflation," in which many manufacturers shrink their packaging, rather than raising prices. He explained what products most commonly are affected, and ways that consumers can protect themselves against the tricky practice.

Issues covered:

Consumer Matters

Length: 5:01