

# Issues Programs List

## Quarterly Issues Programs List

WOKQ, WPKM, WSHK, WSAK

January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

### Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **HIV/AIDS:** Maine has one of the highest rates of viral load suppression in the United States and one in seven people living with HIV are unaware of their status. There is a need for comprehensive services and organizations such as the Frannie Peabody Center are providing them.
- B. **Child Abuse/Child Welfare:** The children of New Hampshire and Maine depend upon non-profit programs for advocacy, counseling, education, housing, healthcare and so much more. Organizations such as the Granite State Children's Alliance are helping to fill those needs.
- C. **Community Development:** Residents of Maine and New Hampshire with intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorder and mental illness face many challenges and there is a need for services and awareness. The Pathstone Corporation and Preble Street are providing important programs that are making our communities healthier and safer.
- D. **Environment:** Maine and New Hampshire need to protect their natural resources which are important to the health and economy of our states. Many pollutants and poor practices threaten the health of our land, air and water. Non-profits such as Maine Coast Heritage Trust provide important education, research and outreach.
- E. **Transitional Housing:** Housing prices in Maine and New Hampshire are higher than they have ever been, creating a crisis, especially for individuals coming out of treatment for substance abuse disorder and for veterans transitioning back to civilian life. Non-profit organizations such as Preble Street and the McAuley Residence are providing much needed housing.
- F. **Veteran's Affairs:** Many former service members need support finding housing, mental health care, treatment for substance abuse disorder, adaptive equipment and more. Organizations such as the Wounded Heroes Project and Checking for Charity are providing services and financial resources.

### Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Time(s) aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Related Issue	Description of Program & Issue Discussed
1/1/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	HIV/AIDS	Katie Rutherford, Executive Director of the Frannie Peabody Center, discussed grant funding that has recently expanded their HIV testing and outreach capacity. They now offer free HIV self-test kits through their website.
1/8/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Homelessness	Mickey Cockerell, Co-Founder and CEO of Catie's Closet, explained that students who have, or are currently experiencing abuse, homelessness, or trauma, have difficulty

					accessing basic needs; like feminine products, socks, underwear and clothes for school. Catie's Closet provides all these things at no cost, which improves school attendance and self- esteem.
1/15/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Environment, Conservation	Kate Stookey, President/CEO of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, shared that their organization works on identifying and lessening the impact of climate change along our coast. MCHT also manages hundreds of Maine preserves, trails, islands, and acres.
1/22/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Community Development/Employment	Elizabeth Grant, Regional Administrator for Pathstone Corporation, explained that they offer individualized career counseling and training to farmworkers and their dependents that are either unemployed or underemployed.
1/29/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Food Insecurity, Health and Welfare, Community Development	Mark Swann, Executive Director of Preble Street, spoke of the expansion of their food security hub and discussed the new homeless shelter that is under construction.
2/5/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare	Joy Barrett, Chief Executive Officer Granite State Children's Alliance, discussed the need for justice, healing, equity and advocacy for victims of child abuse. Her organization is collaborating with community partners to address these issues.
2/12/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Substance Use Disorder	Melissa Skahan, Vice President of Mission Integration for McAuley Residence, a program of Northern Light Mercy Hospital, shared information about organization's comprehensive transitional housing program for women.
2/19/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Veteran's Issues, Housing	Pam Payeur, Founder and Executive Director of the Wounded Heroes Project, explained that after 13 years, the program is still needed to help veterans find housing, mental healthcare, and resources.
2/26/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Elder Care, Nutrition, Mental Health	Megan Walton, CEO of Southern Maine Agency on Aging, covered the many programs offered by SMAA, that include adult day programs, fitness and balance programs and caregiver respite, among others.
3/5/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Vision Loss, Education, Mental Health	Dr. Randy Pierce, President, and CEO of Future in Sight, spoke about the surprising number of people in Maine and New Hampshire that live with partial or total

					blindness and the services and technologies offered by FIS.
3/12/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Veteran's Affairs, Cancer Treatment and Research, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Mike Norton, a professional fire fighter and committee member of Checking for Charity, spoke about their upcoming fundraiser that supports several local charities.
3/19/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health, Education	Ashley Deeb, Heart Ambassador for the American Heart Association, shared that women have an increased risk of heart attack and stroke during childbirth and that a woman's risk also rises during menopause. She also discussed warning signs and prevention.
3/26/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Financial Hardship, Grief	Katie Barnfield, Founder and President of Aubrielle's Hope, explained that many families struggle to pay for funeral costs after losing a young child. This non-profit helps to cover these costs.