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**Weekly Public Affairs Program**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, APRIL-JUNE, 2017**

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**Henry A. Spiller, MS, D.ABAT.**, Director of the Central Ohio Poison Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH

Each day in the United States, Poison Control Centers receive an average of 32 calls about children exposed to prescription opioids. Dr. Spiller explained what child is most at risk, how adults can prevent children and adolescents from gaining access to these drugs, and how to properly dispose of unused prescriptions.

**Issues covered:**  
**Poisoning Prevention**  
**Drug Abuse**

**Length: 8:22**

**Mark K. Claypool**, founder and Chief Executive Officer of ChanceLight Behavioral Health, Therapy and Education, a provider of therapy and special education programs, author of "*How Autism is Reshaping Special Education: The Unbundling of IDEA*"

Autism diagnoses have skyrocketed in recent years. Mr. Claypool discussed some of the underlying reasons for the increase. He also explained why it is important for children with autism to receive special intervention at an early age. He said support systems for parents have improved dramatically in recent years.

**Issues covered:**  
**Autism**  
**Government Policies**  
**Education**

**Length: 8:56**

**Susanna Janssen**, language expert, newspaper columnist and the author of "*Wordstruck!: The Fun and Fascination of Language*"

Roughly 20% of American citizens are fluent in a second language. Ms. Janssen talked about the less obvious benefits of learning a second language, including enhanced abilities in focus and concentration, memory, interpersonal skills and problem-solving. She also noted that several recent studies have suggested that bilingualism may be a buffer against the development of Alzheimer's disease. She said bilinguals earn on average about 20% more than those who speak a single language.

**Issues covered:**  
**Bilingualism**  
**Career**  
**Mental Health**

**Length: 5:00**