

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Foster Care/Adoption:** There is a huge need in both Maine and New Hampshire for foster parents and permanent families for children. The opioid crisis has resulted in many unsafe homes and incarcerated parents; leading to children being removed from their homes. Organizations such as Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine Inc. provide training and support for foster and kinship families.
- B. **Child Welfare:** The children of New Hampshire and Maine depend upon non-profit organizations for advocacy, education, housing, healthcare and so much more. Organizations such as: Healthy Smiles 4 ME., Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine, Biddeford Lead Program and Full Plates Full Potential help to address these needs.
- C. **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 women and children escaping domestic violence. Non-profit organizations such as Tedford Housing and N.H. Coalition of Recovery Residences are providing much needed housing.
- 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 Tin Mt. Conservation provide important education, research and outreach.
- E. **Education/Employment:** Non-profit organizations such as: Give IT Get IT and Girls at Work provide skills, education and technology that lead to better jobs and better overall outcomes for residents of Maine and New Hampshire.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Time(s) aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Related Issue	Description of Program & Issue Discussed
7/12/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Food Insecurity, Hunger, Nutrition	Anna Korsen, Policy and Program Dir. of Full Plates Full Potential, discussed their “Hot Lunch Summer” campaign that is feeding kids over summer break who would normally receive free meals at school.
7/09/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Healthcare, End of Life Care, Care Givers	Daryl Katie, Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of Southern Maine, discussed end of life services and care that address the needs of not only the patient, but their family as well.
7/16/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Substance Use Disorder, Substance Housing	Executive Director of Milestone Recovery, Tim Doherty, explained their medically monitored withdrawal treatments, emergency shelter and housing navigator services.
7/23/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Employment	Elaine Hamel, founder of Girls at Work, shared the theory of change that is incorporated into her programs, they begin by teaching girls employable skills that serve as a template for the rest of their lives.
7/30/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Animal Welfare	Stephanie Kelley, Executive Director of Animal Welfare Society of Southern Maine, told us about the exciting expansion that has been done at the shelter, it now has its own veterinary center providing low-cost care.
8/6/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Welfare, Homelessness, Public Assistance	Andrew Lardie, Interim ex. Dir. Of Tedford Housing, explained that this non-profit provides emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and home heating assistance for those in need of help.
8/13/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Substance Use Disorder, Employment, Self-Care	Kim Bock, Executive Director of N.H. Coalition of Recovery Houses, spoke about the importance of recovery houses for people transitioning from substance use disorder treatment into employment and independent living.
8/20/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Conservation, Environment	Dawson Winch, Executive Director of Tin Mt. Conservation Center, talked about year-round nature programs, annual bird count and their trout restoration program as well as their community science program.
8/27/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health Care, Hospice	Cindy Robbins and Heather Printup, co-chairs of “Autumn Night Out” to benefit Androscoggin Home Health Care, talked about their important fundraiser to support an organization that has been providing home healthcare and hospice care management for 20 years.

9/3/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Adoption and Fostering, Child Welfare	Travis Bryant, Executive Director for Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and The Kinship Program, spoke about the need for foster and adoptive families and individuals in Maine. AAFM offers support through education, mental and behavioral health programs, aging and disability services, peer-to-peer mentoring and much more.
9/10/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health, Child Welfare	Gail Wilkerson, Ex. Dir. Of the Biddeford Lead Program, explained that lead-based paint can affect a child's behavior, language, and I.Q. This organization is addressing lead-based paint in older buildings to prevent residents' exposure to chips and dust.
9/17/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Employment, Technology	Jim Darroch, Development Specialist for Give IT Get IT, spoke about how the program provides computers to those without, as well as training them to use the computers with a specific employment goal in mind.
9/24/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Health Care, Nutrition, Financial Assistance	Cindy Leavitt, Ex. Dir. Of Healthy Smiles 4 ME, explained that dental decay can cause malnutrition in children and interfere with their ability to succeed in school. This organization provides low-cost and no-cost dental care to children that desperately need it.