

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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Section I. Issues

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

- A. **Food Insecurity:** A lack of nutritious, accessible food continues to be a challenge to many in New Hampshire and Maine. Organizations such as Full Plates, Full Potential, Rise Against Hunger and the South Portland Food Cupboard are working to provide nutrition to those in need.
- B. **Mental Health Issues:** There is a great need for affordable mental health services for people of all ages in our listening area. Non-profits such as: The Yellow Tulip Project, Jammin' for Mental Health and the Salvation Army offer programs to residents of Maine and New Hampshire.
- C. **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 unsafe homes and incarcerated parents; leading to children being removed from their homes. Organizations such as Adoptive and Foster Families of Me. Inc. and the Maine Kinship Program provide training and support.
- D. **LGBTQ Issues:** The LGBTQ communities in Maine and New Hampshire are gearing up to celebrate Pride Month, and non-profits such as Portland Outright and the Yellow Tulip Project provide support year round. Some issues affecting this community include: homelessness, health care and discrimination.
- E. **Education:** Our students in Maine and New Hampshire are benefitting from programs provided by non-profit organizations and events such as STEM Expo, Valley Food Fight and Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services.

Section II. Responsive Programs

| Date(s) Aired | Time(s) aired | Duration (Minutes) | Program Name | Related Issue | Description of Program & Issue Discussed |
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| 4/2/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Education, Local Economy | Lisa DeFault from Valley Promotions, shared details about The Mt. Washington Valley Food Fight, a cooking competition that raised awareness for local non-profits as well as businesses. The competition also provided scholarship money to local students. |
| 4/9/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Education, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities | Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services provides quality education and therapies to typically developing students, as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Founder and Exec. Dir., Stephanie Gelinas spoke about their upcoming fundraiser. |
| 4/9/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Food Insecurity | Dwayne Hopkins, Executive Dir. of the South Portland Food Cupboard spoke about the ongoing need for nutritional services. The Cupboard fed over 12,000 people last year. We made an appeal for donors and volunteers. |
| 4/16/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Food Insecurity | Bob Young, of the Rotary Club of North Conway, spoke to us about their "Rise Against Hunger" campaign for the food insecure and other service events being held, such as highway clean-ups. |
| 4/23/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Education | Emily Calderwood, chair of the Mt. Washington Valley Youth STEM Expo spoke about the importance of education in this field, and the inspiring environment created by the Expo. Student projects featured include: agriculture, robotics, genetics and much more. |
| 4/30/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Mental Health, Education | Laurie Cavanaugh, Supervisor of Family Peer Services for Maine Behavioral Healthcare, spoke to us about the "Jamming for Mental Health" event that brings awareness and resources to our local families. |
| 4/30/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Substance Abuse Disorder, LGBTQ+ Issues | Jen Coppinger, RN and Multi-State Agency Care Coordinator for Aware Recovery Care, spoke about the shame and privacy issues associated with addiction, as well as the impact that it has on our LGBTQ+ community, where |

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| | | | | | substance abuse has become a growing problem. |
| 5/7/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Veterans Affairs | Many veterans are struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse disorder; which leads to difficulty holding a job or securing housing. Jeremy Kendall, Regional Coordinator for the Pathway of Hope and Operation Red Shield programs spoke about available support and resources for our veterans. |
| 5/14/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Mental Health, Suicide Prevention | Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34. Suzanne Fox, Co-Founder and Executive Dir. Of The Tulip Project explained how this organization is addressing this heartbreaking issue that effects so many families. |
| 5/28/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Foster Care, Adoption, Kinship Guardianship | Travis Bryant, Exec. Dir. Of Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine Inc. & The Kinship Program, spoke about the incredible need for foster parents, and the positive effects of uplifting the most vulnerable population of our youth |
| 6/4/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | LGBTQ+ Issues | Julia Smith, Youth Program Coordinator of Portland Outright, explained that this youth-led organization is addressing homelessness, health issues, racism and criminalization in the LGBTQ+ community. |
| 6/11/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Child Welfare | Nicole Avery, Exec. Dir. For Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Maine, spoke about the critical need for Big Brothers; as there is now a waiting list of 40 boys in our area. These important mentorships can be life changing to a young person. |
| 6/18/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | End of Life Issues | Daryl Cady, CEO of Hospice of Southern Maine, explained how supportive hospice is for patients as well as well as their families during a very difficult transitional time. |
| 6/25/2023 | 6a | :30 | Perspectives | Child Welfare, Food Insecurity | Anna Korsen, Policy and Program Director, explained that Full Plates Full Potential has a mission to end childhood hunger in Maine; where our kids suffer the highest rate of food insecurity in New England. |