

## WLOU/WLLV

### Programs and Issues

#### 2nd Quarter 2022

**GUN VIOLENCE** – Two major national killings at a supermarket in Buffalo, NY and at a school in Ulvade, Texas has raised the issue of the need for gun control in this country. While there have not been any mass shootings in the Louisville area, data indicates that there were 57 homicides in Louisville in a four-month period with 15 in one month already in 2022. This promises to make Louisville on track to break another record this year for homicides and other parts of the state are equally as bad. A series of clients addressed the concerns as the May primary elections took place and public service announcements have been aired on gun safety in light of several young children being injured and or killed due to guns left unattended or being caught in the crossfire of adults shooting.

**MENTAL HEALTH**– A major concern in our community and our country is mental health and WLOU initiated a Mental Health Initiative in April with a special one-hour program with a counselling services in the community to discuss their services and programs and how to identify mental health problems.

Another component of this Mental Health concern was the Check-In Challenge where listeners were challenged to call and check on a family member, friend, loved on or neighbor who they had not seen or heard from in several days.

**HEALTH** - The Coronavirus Pandemic continues to plague our state and our country. The Omicron Variant which surfaced in late December has spread faster than the initial Pandemic and has had a major impact on children and young adults. The new vaccine for children under the age of 5 has been made available in Louisville and officials are watching the data to determine how many persons are taking it as we get closer to the opening of school in August. This will play a major role in masking and other requirements of students once schools reopen.

**SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM** was the topic of discussion presented by the Better Business Bureau on WLLV. It explained the three newest and most damaging scams in the Louisville area and what to do and not to do if contacted.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CORRECTIONS** – The hiring of a new Director at the Jefferson County Corrections Department is important to all because of the large number of deaths at the jail in the last six months. The new director provided information on his plan to provide raises, training and overall better conditions for the staff who are extremely overworked due to staff shortages. This will in turn improve the conditions for residents. The Judicial System announced a program to review the bail programs and home incarceration programs to help ease the over crowding in the jail.

**OVERTURNING OF ROE vs. WADE**- The Supreme Court overturning of Roe vs. Ward sparked protest in the Louisville from both pro-life and anti-abortion groups. There were many opinions and programs on the issue and its impact for women of color and lower economic basis.