

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WPST-FM / WCHR-FM

January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

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

- A. **Measles/Public Health.** In this quarter, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health declared a measles outbreak for the city. By early January, a total of nine people in the region tested positive for the highly contagious virus in the region. Access to vaccinations and public awareness about the disease helped the city battle the outbreak, it was declared over in late February 2024.
- B. **Addiction/Sports Betting.** The prevalence of online gaming in New Jersey and the proximity to Atlantic City has led to troubling statistics with sports betting and gambling for New Jerseyans. In fact, a 2023 Rutgers study found that 5.6% of the state's 9.2 million residents were engaging in "high-risk gambling."
- C. **Education/Universal Pre-K.** Studies show that access to universal preschool can have drastic effects on bridging the education gap for young students — especially for reading literacy. This can be particularly true for low-income families who may not have access to other education tools. It is estimated that 14% of New Jersey's children were living below the federal poverty level in 2021, putting them at risk for falling behind in the classroom. In this quarter, New Jersey's Governor Phil Murphy expanded funding for the state's Universal Pre-K program.
- D. **Epilepsy/Public Health.** It is estimated that over 123,000 people in New Jersey are currently living with Epilepsy. A 2020 study from the state's health department, found that approximately 12,000 of those who suffer from epilepsy are children under the age of 18. Epileptics face struggles with transportation, education, healthcare and more.
- E. **Alcoholism:** In New Jersey, recent studies have found that that nearly 16% of New Jersey's adults reported binge drinking at least once month. In Pennsylvania, its estimated that 17% of Pennsylvania's adults binge drink at least one a month as well. The World Health Organization (WHO) says that no amount of alcohol is healthy to consume. Even light or moderate alcohol intake has been linked to cause seven different types of cancer, they say.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time and/or Frequency
1/7/24	Community Focus	Addiction/Alcoholism. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Maeve O’Neill, EVP of Addiction & Recovery at All Sober, about the positive benefits of Dry January — the practice of abstaining from or reducing alcohol intake in the month of January.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
1/15/24	Community Focus	Race Relations. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Dr. Alandra Washington, Vice President for Transformation and Organizational Effectiveness with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation about the eighth annual National Day of Racial Healing, with events scheduled to be held in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and nationwide on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
1/21/24	Community Focus	Measles/Public Health. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Dr. Sunanda Gaur an infectious disease expert from Rutgers University about an ongoing measles outbreak in the Philadelphia region.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
1/29/24	Community Focus	Weather Safety/Winter Weather. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Vince Perri, a home insurance and consumer claims expert about how property owners could prepare for upcoming winter storms — including snow, ice and extreme cold, which were forecast in the area.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am

2/4/24	Community Focus	Education/Universal Pre-K. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Dr. Julie A. Van Dyke the Chief Scientist and cognitive / learning expert at Cascade Reading about access to and the importance of Universal Pre-K for reading literacy and math skills. New Jersey's Governor Phil Murphy he expanded the state's program to improve literacy rates among children in NJ.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
2/11/23	Community Focus	Public Safety/Addiction. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke about the risks of Super Bowl Sunday — a day that sees a spike in sports betting & drunk driving accidents in New Jersey. Resources were shared for safe transit (Uber, local rideshares, etc) if you're drinking at a party. And tips were offered for how to avoid sports betting during the festivities including the options for self-exclusion.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
2/18/24	Community Focus	Disaster Preparedness. Chris and the Crew spoke with Tim Waldenback, Head of Content Development and co-founder of Zutobi, about Winter Driving safety tips — from driving in the snow to staying warm in a winter emergency.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
2/25/24	Community Focus	Epilepsy/Public Health. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Andrea Racioppi the Vice President for the Epilepsy Services of New Jersey about the warning signs of epilepsy and the resources that are available in our area for epileptics (including both children and adults).	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am

3/3/24	Community Focus	Scholarships. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Jennifer Finetti, the Director of Student Advocacy at ScholarshipOwl, about the struggles that students were facing with this year's FASFA process, which affected access to higher education.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
3/10/24	Community Focus	Sleep and Mental Health. Joe from Chris & the Crew spoke with Michael Dzwil, the Senior Director of Clinical Outreach for Newport Healthcare, about the connection between sleep health and mental health as Daylight Saving Time begins.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
3/17/23	Community Focus	Weather Safety/Spring Weather. Chris & the Crew spoke with Townsquare Media's Chief Meteorologist Dan Zarrow about how to stay safe during spring as weather evolved. The season often means New Jersey and Pennsylvania face the risk of thunderstorms, tornadoes, torrential rains and more.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
3/24/24	Community Focus	Public Health/Nutrition. Joe from Chris & the crew spoke with Brent Franson, the founder of Most Days, about forming health everyday habits to eat healthier. Tips included how to use artificial intelligence to develop better habits.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
3/31/24	Community Focus	Education / SAT Exam. Joe from Chris & the crew spoke with Bespoke Education's COO Dan Cozzens about the changes to the SAT testing, which for the first time ever became an all-digital test in 2024.	15:00	WPST-FM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am