

Date 7/16/2023

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Enhanced health care benefits for area veterans

Guests Jennifer Vandermolen, Director, Pittsburgh Regional Office, VA Benefits and Healthcare, and Shelley Nulph, Public and Community Relations Manager, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Description The PACT Act, signed into law in 2022, provides enhanced benefits and cuts red tape for soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who may have been exposed to hazardous chemicals during their service. What types of benefits are available to veterans? How can they find out if they qualify? What agencies are available to help in the application process? Where can veterans go locally to get healthcare? Why should all veterans, regardless of era served, find out if they qualify for VA healthcare?

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Challenges and opportunities for people with disabilities

Guests Nancy Murray, president of Achieva of Greater Pittsburgh

Description July is Disability Pride Month. How does Achieva help people with disabilities? Who does it serve? What kinds of resources are available for disabled people in Western Pennsylvania? What challenges do they face? How has our understanding of "disability" evolved over the years? How about people coping with so-called "invisible" disabilities — certain long-term conditions, for instance — how have services evolved for them?

Date 7/30/2023 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Challenges for women entering (or re-entering) the professional world
Guests Liz Mims of Dress for Success Pittsburgh

Description How do so-called “soft skills” like appearance, behavior and demeanor challenge the ability of women to get the jobs they want in the world? What assistance does Dress for Success offer besides clothing and apparel? Where do double standards exist between the ways men and women are judged in the working world?

Date 8/6/2023 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: The new name and evolving mission of HSC Mon Valley
Guests Leah O’Reilly, Director of Programs

Description For 40 years, the Human Services Center Corp. suffered from confusion from people who weren't sure what it did. On Dec. 6, the nonprofit was renamed Human Services Center Mon Valley (HSC). How has HSC become an extensively involved provider to the community? In what ways does HSC work to fulfill its mission to improve the quality of life for children, adults, and families in the Mon Valley? What communities does HSC work in? What areas of chronic need remain in the Mon Valley? How has the new name been received?

Date 8/27/2023

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Getting your child ready for a healthy return to school

Guests Dr. Scott Dakan, family medicine physician at UPMC East and UPMC McKeesport

Description New school supplies are on every parent's back-to-school checklist, but that's not all your child needs before they head back to school. How can children start school as healthy as possible? What items should be on your child's back-to-school checklist? How do immunizations, good sleep habits, and healthy meals affect academic performances? What resources can your child's physician connect you with if they're struggling with stress, anxiety or other problems related to school?

Date 9/3/2023

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Organized labor in the digital economy

Guests Darrin Kelly, president, Allegheny Fayette Central Labor Council

Description This Labor Day weekend, we ask: Why did Pittsburgh evolve as the cradle of the organized labor movement? What were some of the struggles of organized labor in the late 19th and early 20th century? How is the labor movement adapting to the digital and gig economy? Where can people who are interested in organizing turn for help?

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Reporting the news for a worldwide audience and serving as journalist-in-

Guests Steve Herman, chief national correspondent for Voice of America

Description What is the Voice of America and how does its mission differ from those of domestic U.S. news services? How has the role of VOA evolved since its founding during World War II? When did Steve Herman, chief national correspondent, join VOA? What are some the big stories that he's covered? How does the reality of journalism differ from public perceptions? What was his role at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Law news service, JURIST? What did he learn from his residency, and what does he hope students took from the experience?