

Issues/Programs List

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Program Information 9/29

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
7/7	Barbara Mahler – Coal Tar; Sonya Lunder – Sunscreens; Mark Thompson - Economy	Personal Health, Consumer Matters, Government
7/14	Donald Edmondson – Stroke; Kathryn Zickuhr – Reading; Guillermon Payet-Farming	Health, Literacy, Agriculture
7/21	Karen Smith - Retirement, Paul Pronovost – Infection Reduction; Paul Tough – Anti-Poverty	Senior Citizens, County Health, Poverty
7/28	Jon Miller – Generation X; Paul Offit – Alternative Medicine; Meghan Busse – Car Repair	Career, Consumer Matters, Women's Issues
8/4	David Linden-Addiction; Andrew Papachristos–Murders; Steve Chaouki – Foreclosures	Crime, Addiction, Economy
8/11	Sonya Madison – Drunk driving; Janet Champ – Women's age; Jeff Strohl–College	Drunk Driving, Education; Aging
8/18	Lori Gottlieb – Parenting; William Hanson – Medicine Technology; Philip Reed-Pollution	Parenting, Health, Environment
8/25	Eric Brende – Technology; Kathy Boutis – Parent talk; Sage Myers – Rural living	Crime, Parenting, Consumer Matters
9/1	John Santa – Healthcare; Bernard Biermann – Drug abuse, Jonathan Levav – Decisions	Mental Health, Personal Health, Youth at Risk
9/8	Armon Neel – Prescription drugs; Jack Canfield – Fears; Catherine Steiner-Adair – family losing	Personal Health, Parenting, Education
9/15	Lori Gottlieb- Parenting; William Hanson– Medicine Technology; Philip Reed-Pollution	Youth at Risk, Techology, Evironment
9/22	David Gumpert – Food; Noel Janis-Norton – Parent talk; Virginia Reichert – Smoking	Food Safety, Children's Issues, Addiction
9/29	Emily Rogalski-SuperAgers, Amanda Ripley-Education; Dana Gunders-Food packaging	Senior Citizens, Government, Food Safety

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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2013

Show # 2013-27

Date aired: 7/7 Time Aired: _____

Barbara J. Mahler, Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey

Ms. Mahler recently authored a USGS report that noted that many common driveway sealants are made of coal tar, which contains dangerous carcinogens. USGS research found that many homes with black driveways have surprisingly large doses of carcinogens in their household dust. She talked about the potential health consequences and explained how consumers can determine if a driveway sealant contains coal tar.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Consumer Matters
Environment

Length: 8:14

Sonya Lunder, expert in environmental health, Senior Analyst at Environmental Working Group

Ms. Lunder said her organization tested 600 beach and sport sunscreens and only about 20% met their standards for safety and effectiveness. She explained what consumers need to know when choosing a sunscreen product. She also noted that high-SPF products often give a false sense of security, and that sunscreens might actually increase the risk of the deadliest form of skin cancer for some people. She also explained why European consumers have better choices in sunscreens than Americans.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Consumer Matters
Government Regulation

Length: 8:51

Mark Thompson and Brian Tracy, experts in entrepreneurship, authors of "Now, Build a Great Business!: 7 Ways to Maximize Your Profits in Any Market"

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Tracey explained why tough economic times can actually be a good time to start a business. They talked about the importance of a business plan and how to find great potential employees.

Issues covered:
Employment
Workplace

Length: 4:59

Show # 2013-28

Date aired: 7/14 Time Aired: _____

Donald Edmondson, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York

Dr. Edmondson's research has discovered that nearly one in four people who suffer a stroke also experiences symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder afterwards. He discussed other life-threatening illnesses that can also result in PTSD. He said the younger a person is who experiences a life-threatening event, the more likely they are to experience PTSD. He also talked about the potential treatments for the disorder.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:31

Personal Health
Mental Health
Senior Citizens

Kathryn Zickuhr, Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Ms. Zickuhr led a surprising study that found that Americans ages 16 to 29 are actually more likely than older Americans to have read a printed book in the past year and are more likely than their elders to use a library. She discussed the rapidly changing landscape of technology and literacy, and how libraries have adapted.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:44

Literacy
Youth Concerns
Technology

Guillermo Payet, Founder and President of LocalHarvest.org, a non-profit organization that maintains a nationwide directory of small farms, farmers markets and other local food sources

Mr. Payet explained Community Supported Agriculture, where small farmers sell shares of their annual harvest to local families. The families then receive weekly deliveries of vegetables or fruit. He talked about the positive social and environmental impact of the "buy local" movement

Issues covered:

Length: 5:02

Agriculture
Environment
Consumer Matters

Show # 2013-29

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Karen E. Smith, Senior Research Associate with the Income and Benefits Policy Center at the Urban Institute

Ms. Smith co-authored a study for the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, which found that the Great Recession may have permanently reduced future retirees' incomes by an average of \$2,300 a year. She explained the reasons behind this finding, who will be most affected, and how Americans can try to mitigate the damage to their retirement savings.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:13

Senior Citizens
Retirement Planning
Economy

Peter J. Pronovost, MD, PhD, intensive care specialist physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Medical Director for the Center for Innovation in Quality Patient Care, author of "*Safe Patients, Smart Hospitals*"

31,000 Americans die each year as a result of bloodstream infections that occur during hospitalization. Dr. Pronovost is on a state-by-state crusade to prevent these deaths with a simple infection-reduction checklist for hospital personnel. This free program has virtually eliminated infections in participating hospitals.

Issues covered:
Community Health

Length: 10:03

Paul Tough, editor at the New York Times Magazine, nationally-recognized writer on poverty, education and the achievement gap

Mr. Tough discussed a groundbreaking anti-poverty initiative called the Harlem Children's Zone. The creator of the program theorized that in order for poor kids to compete with their middle-class peers, everything in their lives—their schools, neighborhoods, parenting practices—all must be changed at once

Issues covered:
Poverty
Education
Minority Concerns
Parenting

Length: 5:04

Show # 2013-30

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Jon D. Miller, PhD, Research Scientist, Director of the International Center for the Advancement of Scientific Literacy at the University of Michigan

Dr. Smith's research found that 48 percent of Generation X (ages 37-48) are enrolled in continuing education courses or other job training. He explained why technology and the changing job market have made it necessary for midcareer professionals to pursue lifelong learning opportunities. He believes this is the new norm, particularly in technical fields, such as medicine, auto mechanics or information technology, and that workers will routinely return to school to stay up to date with changing technology and trends.

Issues covered:
Education
Career

Length: 7:26

Paul Offit, MD, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, author of book called "*Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*"

From visits to acupuncturists, chiropractors and naturopaths to the use of vitamins and supplements, half of the US population uses some form of alternative medicine. Dr. Offit said he believes that alternative medicine can be dangerous because it is an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks. He explained why alternative medicine's popularity has grown so rapidly. He said he thinks some alternative treatments do work as a result of the placebo effect, enabled by the healing powers of the human mind

Issues covered:
Community Health
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:41

Meghan Busse, PhD, Associate Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

Dr. Busse was the co-author of a study that found women frequently are quoted higher prices for car repairs than men. The research also found that consumers (of any gender) who do their homework about the cost of repairs usually pay less. She offered advice on how to avoid being ripped off.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Consumer Matters

Length: 4:50

Show # 2013-31

Date aired: 8/4 Time Aired: _____

Andrew Papachristos, PhD, Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholar at Harvard University, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Dr. Papachristos is an expert in Social Network Analysis and he used this emerging field of science to analyze the rate of random murders in big cities. He found that the vast majority of homicides are anything but random. Homicide victims and their killers tend to be criminally active and more than two-thirds know each other.

Issues covered:
Crime
Urban Issues

Length: 7:27

David J. Linden, PhD, expert in addiction, Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, author of "*The Compass of Pleasure*"

Dr. Linden said whether it involves eating, taking drugs, engaging in sex, gambling or doing good deeds, the pursuit of pleasure is a hardwired, central drive of humans and many other animals. He outlined recent neurobiological research that explains the reasons behind many forms of addiction and pleasure, and why they are interconnected.

Issues covered:
Substance Abuse
Addiction
Mental Health

Length: 9:43

Steve Chaouki, Group Vice President of TransUnion's Financial Services Business unit

Since the start of the Great Recession, more than 4.4 million Americans have lost their homes to foreclosure. Mr. Chaouki's organization studied the differences between two groups who defaulted: those who struggled to keep paying their mortgage along with other debts like car loans and credit cards, and others who walked away from their mortgage while they kept up their other payments. He shared the surprising results of the study and what consumers can learn from it.

Issues covered:
Economy
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:07

Show # 2013-32 2/11
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Sonya Madison, Workplace Attorney and Legal Analyst, based in Atlanta

Ms. Madison said a drunk driving conviction can severely damage a person's chances of finding or even keeping a job. She noted that most large employers typically conduct background checks on potential employees today. She explained why negatives such as a DUI conviction often will remove the applicant from consideration for a job opening.

Issues covered:
Drunk Driving
Employment

Length: 7:47

Jeff Strohl, PhD, Director of Research at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

Dr. Strohl co-authored a recent study that determined that although more Hispanics and African-Americans are going to college, their access to the most selective schools isn't keeping pace. He said there are major income differences between those with a top education compared to graduates of other schools. He explained the reasons behind this problem, and why it is so difficult to address.

Issues covered:
Minority Concerns
Education

Length: 9:21

Janet Champ, co-author of "*Ripe: The Truth About Growing Older and the Beauty of Getting on With Your Life*"

Ms. Champ talked about challenges and myths faced by women as they age. She said many women feel discarded and undervalued as they reach their forties. She believes that this phase of life is rich in often underappreciated beauty and that women who adapt to these changes can offer much to society.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Aging
Senior Citizens

Length: 4:39

Show # 2013-33 8/18
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Lori Gottlieb, PhD, psychotherapist who focuses on marriage and family therapy, author, contributor to the magazine and website, "The Atlantic"

Dr. Gottlieb believes that many modern parents are too obsessed with the happiness of their children and will do nearly anything to spare their kids from even mild discomfort, anxiety or disappointment. She said this form of parenting often dooms children to unhappy adulthoods. She explained how parents can recognize this trend in their family and change it.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Youth at Risk

Length: 9:11

William Hanson, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, Surgery and Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, author of "*The Edge Of Medicine The Technology That Will Change Our Lives The Edge Of Medicine*"

Rapid improvements in technology are revolutionizing the medical profession. Dr. Hanson talked about hi-tech advancements such as diagnostic smartphone apps and telemedicine that have recently become commonplace tools for doctors. He explained how these new trends can benefit patients and what other breakthroughs may be on the horizon.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Technology**

Length: 8:10

Philip Reed, Senior Consumer Advice Editor at Edmunds.com

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Issues covered:

**Environment
Consumer Matters**

Length: 5:03

Show # 2013-34

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Eric Brende, author of "*Better OFF: Flipping the Switch on Technology*"

Mr. Brende believes that today's technology has some downsides. He and his wife left the fast-paced life of high technology at MIT to conduct an experiment: spending a year living in the country with an Amish group. He believes the goal should be a balanced life, and suggested that if Americans decreased their dependency on technology (automobiles, televisions, computers), many social problems could be alleviated.

Issues covered:

**Consumer Matters
Environmental Issues
Media Issues**

Length: 8:47

Kathy Boutis, MD, Emergency Staff Physician, Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto, Associate Scientist, Child Health Evaluative Sciences Program at Sickkids Research Institute

Dr. Boutis conducted a survey that found that less than half of parents understood that radiation from a computed tomography (CT) scan is tied to an increased risk of cancer for their child. She said a CT scan can expose a child to roughly 60 to 80 times the amount of radiation from a standard X-ray. She explained the long-term health concerns and what parents need to know to make wise decisions.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Parenting**

Length: 8:25

Sage R. Myers, MD, MSCE, Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Attending Physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Contrary to what many believe, living in the city is far less risky than in the country, according to a study Dr. Myers recently completed. She said that although homicides in cities still outpace those in rural areas, the risk of dying from some form of accident or injury is 20 percent greater in rural counties. She explained how this research can be used for future planning of trauma centers and other improvements to the medical system.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Crime
Government

Length: 4:55

Show # 2013-35

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John Santa, MD, Director of the Health Ratings Center for Consumer Reports

Heart health has become a highly profitable business. Dr. Santa talked about the growing wave of cardiac tests and treatments that are being marketed to aging baby boomers. He said the most dubious tests often result in costly, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous treatments. He also explained how health consumers can get accurate information on the proficiency and competence of heart doctors.

Issues covered:

Personal Health
Senior Citizens
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:32

Jonathan Levav, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business

Wise decision-making is perhaps the greatest factor that determines success or failure in life and business. Professor Levav talked about his study of "decision fatigue." He explained the surprising influences on decisions, and how individuals can improve decision-making by recognizing and controlling those variables.

Issues covered:

Workplace Matters
Mental Health

Length: 8:40

Bernard Biermann, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, Medical Director of the Child/Adolescent Inpatient Unit at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Biermann completed a study that found that parents severely underestimate their teens' use of drugs and alcohol. While just ten percent of parents thought their kids drank alcohol in the past year, 52 percent of teens admitted to doing so. He talked about the possible reasons in the huge disparity, and offered advice for parents on how to recognize the signs of alcohol and drug use in their teenager.

Issues covered:

Substance Abuse
Parenting
Youth at Risk

Length: 5:07

Show # 2013-36

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Armon B. Neel Jr., PharmD., consulting pharmacist, author of "*Are Your Prescriptions Killing You?: How to Prevent Dangerous Interactions, Avoid Deadly Side Effects, and Be Healthier with Fewer Drugs*"

Mr. Neel said that patients and doctors often don't recognize when prescription drugs may be interacting dangerously with one another. He discussed the financial costs to our nation's healthcare system, and explained how patients can reduce the number of medications they're taking

Issues covered:

Length: 7:17

Personal Health
Senior Citizens
Consumer Matters

Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD., clinical psychologist, school consultant, author of "*The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*"

The digital world is here to stay, but what are families losing? Dr. Steiner-Adair believes that today's parents often pay more attention to their smartphones than their children. She discussed the emotional impact felt by kids, and outlined how parents can set boundaries on the use of hi-tech devices for both themselves and their children.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:00

Parenting
Youth at Risk

Jack Canfield, co-creator of the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, author of "*The Success Principles*" series

Mr. Canfield talked about the keys to success and how to overcome self-defeating beliefs, fears and habits. He also offered principles on building good teams and better relationships at the office, and how to set goals to improve your life and finances.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:51

Workplace Issues
Education
Personal Finance

Program # 2011-37

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Issues covered:
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:03

Show # 2013-38

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David Gumpert, food rights advocate, author of "*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Food Rights*"

Mr. Gumpert believes that Americans should have the right to privately obtain foods directly from farmers, neighbors, and local producers, in the same way that previous generations did. He said government regulations are making it increasingly difficult for consumers who wish to get raw milk, custom-slaughtered beef and pastured eggs outside the government regulatory system. He outlined the potential health concerns about mass-produced, processed food sold at supermarkets.

Issues covered:
Food Safety
Government Regulation

Length: 8:29

Noël Janis-Norton, learning and behavior specialist, founder and director of The New Learning Centre in London, author of "*Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting: Five Strategies That End the Daily Battles and Get Kids to Listen the First Time*"

Ms. Norton offered advice to parents who are tired of nagging, pleading or yelling just to get their kids to do simple tasks. She offered examples of how parents should use positive reinforcement to encourage children to cooperate. She also offered tips on how to make homework a more positive and pleasant task each day.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Children's Issues

Length: 8:40

Virginia Reichert, former director of the Center for Tobacco Control at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System

Ms. Reichert talked about a study she conducted that discovered many smokers incorrectly believe that nicotine causes cancer. This misperception makes them less like to use nicotine patches or gum to help them stop smoking. She explained how comprehensive programs can greatly increase the success rate of smokers who want to quit.

Issues covered:
Addiction
Community Health

Length: 4:58

Show # 2013-39
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Emily Rogalski, PhD, Neuroscientist, Research Associate Professor in Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Rogalski is in the early stages of a study of "SuperAgers" — men and women who are in their 80s and 90s, but with brains and memories that seem far younger. She explained what has been learned so far from these exceptional seniors, and what she hopes to discover as the study progresses. She said the research may eventually find ways to help protect others from memory loss.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 8:01

Amanda Ripley, investigative journalist author of "*The Smartest Kids in the World - and How They Got That Way*"

Over the past fifty years, math and science skills have remained largely flat in the US, while soaring in Canada, Finland and many other developed countries. Ms. Ripley explained why some new "education superpower" countries have rapidly improved test scores, and how their policies differ from the US. She said teachers' college programs in the US should become much more selective, only accepting top students.

Issues covered:
Education
Government

Length: 9:10

Dana Gunders, Project Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council's Food and Agriculture program in San Francisco

Ms. Gunders recently co-lead a study with Harvard researchers that concluded that dates printed on packaged foods often confuse consumers, leading many to throw out food before it actually goes bad. She said the dates are intended to indicate freshness rather than whether a product is unsafe to eat. She would like to see new government regulations that would standardize food labeling and make it less confusing for consumers.

Issues covered:
Food Safety
Consumer Matters
Government Regulations

Length: 4:55

Issues/Programs List

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3rd Qtr 2013

Program Information - Kentucky

Time	Duration	Title	Issue	Station
5:30A	5 minutes	"Community news" - Elder voting rights	voting rights	WZZL
	5 minutes	Immigration reform Study	Immigration	
		living in the rural areas	government	
		Cost fighting in Kentucky	farm bill	
		full + fair farm bill	farm bill	
		Stopping the Pipeline	pipeline - Gas	
		weatherizing home	Utility Bills	
		Asian Longhorn Beetle	saving the forest	
		Struggling w/ Messy Rooms	Parenting	
		Lawmakers on Pipeline	gas pipeline	
		Cuts in Education	Education	
		Letting kids be kids	parenting	
		Overload - Mental Health	Health	

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July 2, 2013

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VA Restores Voting Rights for Ex-Felons; KY Still Waiting

Frankfort, KY - Kentucky is now one of three states with the toughest path for an ex-felon to regain his or her right to vote. The list of states where voting rights can only be restored through an individual petition dwindled when Virginia's governor recently expanded voting rights to nonviolent ex-offenders. Comments from Tram Nguyen (NWIN, almost nu-WIN), associate director, Virginia New Majority; and Megan Naseman (NAWS-mun), Berea resident and member of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth. Image available of voter registration form.

Intro: Ex-felons in Virginia have gotten the call Governor Bob McDonnell has expanded voting rights to nonviolent offenders who have served their time. That leaves Kentucky as one of three states, along with Iowa and Florida, where an individual petition is the only way ex-felons can have their voting rights restored. Megan Naseman with Kentuckians For the Commonwealth, a citizens group that pushes for restoration of voting rights, says it would improve recidivism.

Cut 33250 :15 *"Statistics show that when people have their right to vote back, they're less likely to be engaged in more crime. I mean, it makes sense, if you have a voice you can use that voice."*

Second Cut: In Virginia, an estimated 100-thousand ex-felons are now eligible to vote after the policy change made by the governor. The challenge will be finding and registering them, says Tram Nguyen, who is with the voting rights group Virginia New Majority.

Cut 34250 :12 *"The problem is that, especially for folks that have been released and served their time years ago, it's going to be really hard to identify where they are now - if they are still in the state, if they've left the state."*

Third Cut: In Kentucky, efforts failed again this year to pass legislation to automatically restore voting rights. The only way a former felon can regain that civil right remains through a cumbersome application process to the governor for an executive pardon. Naseman says it's a barrier that needs to come down.

Cut 35250 :14 *"I've seen people go through that process. I wish it was easier, but I have seen people get their life on track and just really blossom and become pillars in the community."*

Fig 2: In Kentucky, the governor cannot change the law. Instead, it would require the Legislature to put the issue to the voters in the form of a constitutional amendment, something lawmakers have refused to do.

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LEAD Ex-felons in Virginia have gotten the call Governor Bob McDonnell has expanded voting rights to nonviolent offenders who have served their time. That leaves Kentucky as one of three states with the toughest path to restoring voting rights. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 36250 :48 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Naseman at 859-868-8203; Nguyen at 240-205-6543.

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Study Examines the Value of Immigration Reform

Berea, KY – A new study says immigration reform could boost revenue in Kentucky by more than 23 million dollars (\$23.2) a year. The analysis by the Institute On Taxation and Economic Policy also finds that undocumented immigrants in the state currently pay nearly 59 million dollars annually (\$58.8) in state and local taxes. Comments from Anna Baumann (BOW-mun), research and policy associate, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy.

Intro: A new study shows that Kentucky would get a boost in revenue if the state's estimated 80-thousand undocumented immigrants were allowed to work legally. The analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy claims Kentucky could gain more than 23 million dollars a year. Anna Baumann, an analyst with the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, says Kentucky's spike in revenue would come mostly from income taxes.

Cut 44250 :06 *"With immigration reform there would be a legal pathway for full compliance."*

Tag: The study says undocumented immigrants currently pay nearly 59 million dollars annually in state and local taxes, including more than 15 million (\$15.3) in income taxes. Baumann says at least half of undocumented immigrants already pay income tax through either a false Social Security number or an individual tax identification number.

Second Cut: Baumann underscores the fact that immigrants living in Kentucky without legal status already pay sales and property taxes.

Cut 45250 :10 *"They're contributing to the economy and not just through taxes but through the money they spend on things like groceries, you know, cars."*

Tag: The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy estimates the revenue gain for all states from immigration reform would be two billion dollars a year. Those immigrants are, according to the analysis, already paying ten-point-six billion dollars a year in state and local taxes.

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Cut 46250 :37 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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Rural Areas Feel Ignored

Frankfort, KY - A new poll shows a majority of rural Americans feel they are being ignored by the federal government. Comments from Chuck Hassebrook with the Center for Rural Affairs. Image available of rural farmland.

Intro: A poll commissioned by the Center for Rural Affairs shows rural residents believe the federal government is ignoring their communities' needs. Rural Affairs Executive Director Chuck Hassebrook says rural communities want and need economic help from the government.

Cut 55250 :13 *"They believe strongly that their communities are worth fighting for, and their way of life is worth fighting for, but that Washington is not paying attention. And in all honesty you can see it in the current farm bill debate. □ □"*

Tag: Nearly 9 in 10 that were polled believed rural and small-town life is worth fighting for. The U-S House passed its version of the Farm Bill last week by an eight vote margin.

Second Cut: Hassebrook says the poll makes an important statement about the values of rural America.

Cut 56250 :21 *"We surveyed 800 people across close to 20 states, so it's a good-sized sample and, I think, important findings that inform the entire nation about what rural people have to say about what's important for their communities."*

Tag 1: Other findings from the poll show that three-fourths agree that too much of federal farm subsidies go to the largest farms, hurting smaller family farms. Three fourths support tax credits and investment in new transmission lines for development of wind, solar and other renewable electric generation in rural areas. Eight in ten support grants and loans to revitalize small towns through upgrades to water and sewer systems and investments in roads and bridges.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: A new poll shows many in rural American feel ignored. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 57250 :42 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Chuck Hassebrook is available at 402-687-2100. The entire poll is at:
<http://www.cfra.org/news/130625/rural-poll-released-today>

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Farm Bill May Mean Federal Cockfighting Crackdown in KY

Frankfort, KY - While cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states, Kentucky is one of only ten where participation is only a misdemeanor. Current versions of the proposed Farm Bill in both the U.S. House and Senate fortify the federal law against animal fighting, known as the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act. Comments from Wayne Pacelle (pa-SELL-ee), president and CEO, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Image available: Photo of cockfighting rooster.

Intro: Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states, a felony in 40 of them – but not Kentucky, where it remains a misdemeanor. The head of the Humane Society of the United States calls Kentucky's cockfighting law "anemic." Wayne Pacelle says he hopes the Farm Bill, which is still being debated on Capitol Hill, will up the ante against the blood sport.

Cut 66250 :20 *"The federal provision in the Farm Bill, in the House bill and the Senate bill, to crack down on spectators and people bringing children to dogfights and cockfights, really is going to do very, very important work in Kentucky, given the prevalence of this activity."*

Tag: Pacelle calls Kentucky is "a hub in the nation" for cockfighting. He says the Farm Bill, as currently proposed, would close a loophole in the law by allowing for the arrest of "the whole cast of characters" at a cockfight, including spectators. Bringing a child to an animal fight would also become a felony.

Second Cut: He says the crackdown would help in other ways, too. For example, while cockfighting is a felony in North Carolina, Pacelle says many people there raise the roosters for fighting and then travel to states like Kentucky.

Cut 67250 :10 *"So, that sort of interstate movement of animals for fighting is exactly why the federal government is seeking to crack down on the activity."*

Third Cut: But, this is far from a done deal. The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Frank Lucas of Oklahoma, is opposed to the feds going any further on the animal fighting issue. Meanwhile, the Senate's ag chairs support the idea. The Humane Society's "top dog" says he's optimistic.

Cut 68250 :09 *"We feel good about our chances. Both bills have tremendous bipartisan support, in the House and Senate."*

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LEAD: Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states, a felony in 40 of them – but not Kentucky, where it remains a misdemeanor. And as Greg Stotemyer explains, the Commonwealth may be in for a crackdown – courtesy of Congress.
Cut 69250 :50 *Outcue...Greg Stotemyer reporting.*

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Coalition Calls for 'Full and Fair' Farm Bill

Frankfort, Ky. - A coalition of several hundred food and farm organizations is calling on Congress to pass a "full and fair" Farm Bill. The current bill expires on September 30th. The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, along with the Rural Coalition, National Family Farm Coalition and Community Food and Justice have organized a joint statement requesting "real farm policy reform, equity for all parts of agriculture and strong nutrition assistance measures." Comments from Ferd Hoefner (FERD, not Fred, HEFF-ner), policy director, NSAC; and Diane Conners, Senior Policy Specialist, Michigan Land Use Institute. Image available of farm truck.

Intro: Time is running out for lawmakers in Washington to pass a national Farm Bill before the current bill expires at the end of September. The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition - or N-SAC - has rounded up hundreds of signatures from groups representing farm, food and conservation interests, urging legislators to act quickly and fairly to get the bill passed. N-SAC policy director Ferd Hoefner is asking the House and Senate to work together to pass a bill that includes funding for farm, food and nutrition programs, commodity and crop insurance reforms and conservation and rural economic development programs.

Cut 75250 :16 "Whether that's creating jobs in rural communities or making sure that minority farmers get treated fairly by the Department of Agriculture or that beginning farmers can get access to credit so they can into agriculture and start as new farmers."

Tag: The groups also want provisions removed from the bill they say would weaken protections for consumers and small farmers. The U-S House and Senate are expected to start their summer recess at the end of this week.

Second Cut: Diane Conners, a land use policy specialist, says small and young farmers rely on programs offered in the Farm Bill.

Cut 76250 :13 "Things like micro loans, and training and marketing plans, because a lot of the local food economy is built on a different kind of relationship than selling into the commodity markets."

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Cut 77250 :47 Outcue...Greg Stotemyer reporting.

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<http://sustainableagriculture.net/>

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Opponents Trying to Stop Proposed Pipeline

Frankfort, KY – Opponents of a proposed natural gas liquids pipeline in Kentucky are asking the governor to let lawmakers address the situation during a special legislative session set to begin August 19th. Comments from Cindy Foster from Scott County; and Brad Slutskin (SLUT-skun) from Woodford County. Image available of petition being delivered to governor's office.

Intro: The governor has called lawmakers into special session August 19th to deal with redistricting. Opponents of a proposed pipeline, which would carry natural gas liquids through Kentucky, want issues related to that project added to the legislative agenda – something only the governor can do. The pipeline linking the Northeast with the Gulf Coast would cut through the heart of Kentucky. Cindy Foster was among more than 100 people who delivered a petition to the governor Wednesday demanding immediate action. She says her house in rural Scott County is less than 200 feet from a possible route for the pipeline.

Cut 86250 :08 *"And, when I researched and found out what this pipeline was about then I was very concerned and actually pretty scared."*

Tag: Governor Steve Beshear said it would be "premature" and "costly" to add the pipeline issue to the special session. He said lawmakers can take any necessary action when they meet in regular session in January.

Second Cut: But, pipeline opponents are worried that one of the two companies behind the project, Oklahoma-based energy company Williams, will have survey work done and begin acquiring and clearing easements before lawmakers return to Frankfort. Attorney Brad Slutskin lives along the Kentucky River in Woodford County, about a half mile from a potential pipeline route. He says time is of the essence because of the threat of eminent domain, the legal term for condemnation.

Cut 87250 :15 *"And this company has made no secret that it believes it has the power of eminent domain. They're using kind of a cute interpretation of Kentucky's eminent domain statutes to make the argument."*

Third Cut: Slutskin says most of the landowners do not have the money needed to fight possible condemnation in court. He says it's urgent for lawmakers to take action to clarify that the power of eminent domain would not cover a natural gas liquid pipeline

Cut 88250 :06 *"And what it would amount to is basically tightening some definitions in the existing statutes."*

Tag: Pipeline opponents also worry that no state agency is assigned regulatory oversight of these types of pipelines.

Fourth Cut: Foster says she has deep safety concerns about a natural gas liquids pipeline, noting that a spill from a Williams pipeline in Colorado contaminated a creek with cancer-causing benzene.

Cut 89250 :06 *"Parachute Creek, Colorado proves that they have leaks and that they're not ready for that."*

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Cut 90250 :51 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Foster at 859-351-9867; Slutskin at 859-873-1001. □ □ Link to Williams pipeline proposal: <http://bit.ly/16voUZW>

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Getting Ahead of Winter

West Liberty, KY - The winter months are a long way away but Kentucky's network of Community Action Agencies (Community Action Kentucky) already is reminding folks they can get help weatherizing their homes. The free program helps low-income families save money on their utility bills. Comments from Wallace Rose, weatherization director at Gateway Community Action Agency; and Rosetta Halsey (HALL-sec), weatherization recipient from Menifee County. Image available of electric meter.

Intro: The calendar reads August, but someone wants you to think winter. Community Action Kentucky provides weatherization help to low-income families across the state. Wallace Rose, the weatherization director for five northeast Kentucky counties, says weatherizing your home can actually lower your utility bill year round. □□□□□□

Cut 15250 :15 *"The main thing we're going to look for in weatherization is the home's insulation needs and also looking at air infiltration. It will make the home certainly warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer."*

Tag: The weatherization service is free for homeowners or renters who meet income guidelines. Priority is given to higher-risk residents including the elderly, disabled and families with children.

Second Cut: Rose says workers do a lot of things to weatherize a home, from caulking and sealing windows, walls and foundations to insulating attics floors and sidewalls. It's all based on an energy audit of the home.

Cut 16250 :11 *"Everything has to have a savings-to-investment ratio. In other words, it has to be able to pay for itself in a 15- to 20-year period of time in terms of energy savings."*

Tag 1: Rose stresses that Community Action Kentucky's weatherization program is an energy-conservation program, not a home-repair program.

Third Cut: Rosetta Halsey had her home in Menifee County weatherized. She says it made "all the difference in the world."

Cut 17250 :08 *"Absolutely, and, you know, they caught things that I never dreamed was causing the problem, you know, like one thing was my furnace."*

Tag 2: Halsey says the weatherization team discovered her heating element was not working, causing the furnace to kick on more than needed. She says her heating bill has dropped by at least 20 percent. Rose says there's normally a six-month wait to get on the weatherization list, but in his five county Gateway region there's no wait right now. To apply for the program you can contact Community Action Kentucky at 800-456-3452.

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LEAD: The calendar reads August, but someone wants you to think winter. Greg Stotelmyer explains
Cut 18250 :45 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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Asian Longhorn Beetle on Kentucky's Doorstep

Frankfort, KY – August is Tree Check Month, and officials are encouraging Kentuckians to look for signs of the Asian Longhorn Beetle. The invasive species that can wipe out trees is a problem just across the border in southern Ohio. Comments from Rhonda Santos, public information officer, Asian Longhorn Beetle Eradication Program. Photo available of a beetle.

Intro: Some of Ohio's trees are under attack, and the invasion is on Kentucky's doorstep. August is a peak time for the Asian Longhorn beetle, an invasive pest with no known natural predators. It's found in five states, including southern parts of Ohio just across the river from Kentucky. Rhonda Santos, with the Asian Longhorn Beetle Eradication Program, says the first appearance of the beetle in Ohio came in Clermont County, just east of Cincinnati, in 2011.

Cut 23250 :11 *"It is a killer of trees. It attacks 13 different types of trees, all the species within. There's a lot of industries at stake that could be impacted if our trees were missing and gone because of this insect."*

Tag: She says the beetle poses a threat to hardwood forests and Ohio's five-billion-dollar nursery industry, which employs nearly 240-thousand people. Some southwest parts of the Buckeye state are currently under quarantine.

Second Cut: The Asian Longhorn beetle prefers hardwood trees, particularly maple. Santos says the beetles bore round holes about three-eighths of an inch in diameter into trunks and branches, creating long tunnels to lay their eggs. This eventually weakens and kills the trees.

Cut 24250 :10 *"These trees become problematic for communities that have infestations; branches will fall off; storm damage certainly can take down trees. So, their structure is weakened."*

Tag: The beetle was successfully eradicated in Illinois and parts of New Jersey, and it is currently being controlled in New York and Massachusetts.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)

LEAD: Some of Ohio's trees are under attack and the invasion is on Kentucky's doorstep. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 25250 :41 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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No Need for Parent/Child Power Struggle Over Messy Rooms

Lexington, KY – It's a common struggle in families, getting kids to clean their rooms. Some parents turn to bribes and others to discipline, but experts say both of those options do more harm than good - and instead parents should offer help and guidance. Comments from Kelly Bartlett, parent educator. Photo available of "a messy room."

Intro: If getting your children to clean their rooms is a constant battle, take solace in knowing you are not alone. Parent educator Kelly Bartlett says it's a common struggle in families, and while parents should have expectations, they also need to realize kids' skills and priorities are much different.

Cut 29250 :17 "I do think it's something that parents can teach kids. So yes it's worth it to try to work with kids and teach them good organization habits and cleanliness. but it's not worth having it become the center of a power struggle between parents and kids because that's just going to drive your relationship apart and cause difficulties other places."

Tag: Bartlett says for young children especially, an order to "clean your room" can be overwhelming, so showing them how to break it down into smaller tasks - like picking up dirty clothes or making the bed - can be very helpful.

Second Cut: Bartlett cautions against offering rewards or bribes. She says parents should instead provide help and guidance, and teach kids the positives that come along with organization and cleanliness.

Cut 30250 :16 "And I think that's more rewarding then just saying 'I'll pay you to do this' or 'you'll get a sticker' or 'you'll get some prize if you can keep your room clean,' because eventually that reward it's not going to be there for them, no one is going to pay them or reward them in the future to keep their room clean."

Third Cut: While rewards are not suggested, Bartlett says threats of discipline aren't any better.

Cut 31250 :13 "Because then kids start to see keeping a clean house as really 'unfun' and unpleasant and they associate it with being punished and again. not that sense of satisfaction that we're going for."

Tag: More tips and techniques for working with your kids to keep their rooms clean can be found online at www.attachmentparenting.org.

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LEAD: If getting your children to clean their rooms is a constant battle, take solace in knowing you are not alone
Greg Stotelmyer has the story.

Cut 32250 :35 Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.

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Lawmakers Tap into Pipeline Controversy

Frankfort, KY - The two companies (Williams and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners) who are attempting to build a natural gas liquids pipeline through Kentucky defended the controversial project before lawmakers on the General Assembly's Natural Resources and Environment Committee on Thursday. Their claim that they have the power to condemn a landowner's property for the pipeline right of way was disputed by others who provided testimony. Comments from Jim Scheel, Williams senior vice-president; Sen. Robin Webb, D-Grayson; and Tom FitzGerald, Kentucky Resources Council. Images available of map of pipeline's proposed path and Senator Webb in committee hearing.

Intro: The two companies who are partnering together to move natural gas liquids through new and repurposed pipelines in Kentucky defended their controversial project before state lawmakers Thursday. The developers of the "Bluegrass Pipeline" (Williams and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners) claim they have the power of eminent domain, if needed, to acquire right of way from landowners. Environmental advocate Tom FitzGerald (Kentucky Resources Council) disagrees.

Cut 45250 :21 *"Negotiations under the threat of condemnation are inherently unfair. And, I don't know that regardless of the economic benefits that may accrue to the Commonwealth, directly or indirectly, that we want to see, nonregulated, nonutilities exercising the power to condemn the property of other landowners in the Commonwealth."*

Tag: Kentucky's Energy and Environmental Secretary, Len Peters, told lawmakers on the Natural Resources and Environment Committee that it's the opinion of his legal counsel that the companies do not have the power to condemn someone's land.

Second Cut: The plan is to build 180 miles of new pipeline in Kentucky and repurpose another 160 miles to help transport natural gas liquids from the northeast to "demand centers" on the Gulf Coast. The man heading the project, Jim Scheel, says the Bluegrass Pipeline would "create a conduit" to help unlock some of America's vast reserves.

Cut 46250 :18 *"The pipeline, right now, will de-bottleneck a system of moving those liquids. Without the pipeline the liquids will still move, but they might move by rail or by truck - and we feel that this is, and we know this is, the safest and the most economic way to get the products to market."*

Third Cut: During the committee meeting, Senator Robin Webb (D-Grayson), who represents six northeast Kentucky counties, chastised the companies for how they have dealt with landowners in the pipeline's potential path.

Cut 47250 :22 *"I'm not impressed with your answer along those lines, and it's sort of an insult to me when I hear that you have maybe worked with your landowners as you should and you're asking. It appears to me that you're entering and if you're not run off, then that's acceptance. So I'd just like a little clarification."*

Tag 2: The company acknowledges that it has made "missteps" with landowners. Its timeline is to begin construction of the pipeline in the summer of 2015. But, opponents of the project want lawmakers to pass laws to improve government oversight and clarify the eminent-domain statute.

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LEAD: The two companies who are partnering together to move natural-gas liquids through new and repurposed pipelines in Kentucky defended their controversial project before state lawmakers Thursday. Greg Stotelmyer reports.

Cut 48250 :45 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach FitzGerald at 502-875-2428; Webb at 502-564-8100, ext. 676; Bluegrass Pipeline officials at 888-336-3252.

□□ **Link to company information on pipeline project:** <http://bluegrasspipeline.com/>

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Report: Deep Cuts to Education Hurting Students and the Economy

Deep cuts to education continue in Kentucky even as the nation pulls out of the recession, according to a new report released Thursday. The state-by-state report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities finds that after adjusting for inflation Kentucky has had the 14th-largest percentage reduction in core funding for schools (K-12) since 2008. Comments from Michael Leachman, Director of State Fiscal Research with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Jason Bailey, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy; and Stephanie Winkler, Kentucky Education Association President. Image available of school bus.

Intro: Deep cuts to school funding "undermine" Kentucky's ability to educate its kids, threatening the state's future. That's what an economic policy analyst gleans from a new state-by-state report on school funding. The report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities ranks Kentucky 14th worst in the depth of education cuts since the start of the recession. Jason Bailey, with the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, says cuts could have a long-term impact on the state's ability to prepare an educated workforce. □□

Cut 55250 :16 *"And, Kentucky has always lagged behind in that area. We've made some progress in the past 20 years, but we've hit a wall. And the wall has been we don't have the resources to make the expansions in investment and education that we need."*

Tag: The report shows that after adjusting for inflation Kentucky has cut its per-pupil core funding for K-through-12 schools by almost ten percent (9.9 percent) since 2008. That's 477 dollars per child.

Second Cut: Stephanie Winkler, who heads the state's largest teachers group, the Kentucky Education Association, says the cuts have had a negative impact on instruction and schools are struggling to keep up with technology.

Cut 56250 :16 *"We're way far behind in using technology in ways that can save money. We shouldn't be buying tons and tons of textbooks because we should be moving to providing kids tablets - those textbooks, you know, digitally - so that we don't have to recur those costs any more. □□"*

Tag 1: The report found that even as revenues began to recover, Kentucky cut funding from last year to this year, the fifth biggest cut in core education spending. The report says that nationwide, 15 states have cut funding in the current year.

Third Cut: Michael Leachman, co-author of the report, says the deep cuts should "concern all of us."

Cut 57250 :14 *"So these spending cuts are just making it more difficult for states to implement the kinds of basic, promising education reforms that we know work and, in fact, at least in some states they are going backwards."*

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Cut 58250 :44 *Outcue...Greg Stotemyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Bailey at 859-986-2373; Leachman through Shannon Spillane at 202-408-1080; Winkler through Charles Main at 1-800-231-4532, ext 315. □□ Link to report: <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=4011>

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Letting Kids Be Kids - The Benefits of Roughhousing

Frankfort, KY - At times it can seem little more than controlled chaos, but when it comes to roughhousing, be it peer-to-peer or parent-and-child, there can be numerous benefits. Comments from Larry Cohen, licensed psychologist and author of "The Art of Roughhousing." Image available: photo of dad and daughter playing.

Intro: It's an order that has passed through the lips of many a parent – "Quit that horsin' around!" But a better option may be to loosen the reins a bit. Larry Cohen is a licensed psychologist who encourages roughhousing. He says physical engagement between children gets them some of the physical activity they need and can also help with mental and emotional development.

Cut 63250 :17 *"There's been some research that children who do more roughhousing at home and with their peers. they do better in school. They have more emotional intelligence, which is basically knowing your own emotions, understanding them and being able to read and understand other people's emotions."*

Tag: Cohen says for children, especially those who are shy, roughhousing and wrestling around can be one way to help build inner confidence.

Second Cut: Roughhousing can also help build bonds between parent and child, Cohen says

Cut 64250 :16 *"We kind of think of roughhousing sometimes as a free-for-all, but you actually have to tune in to each other and that's great for building a connection. And I think in our society now we are just pushing children so hard to achieve and perform, and they don't get enough time to just roll around on the floor."*

Third Cut: When it comes to the issue of roughhousing and safety, Cohen says he prefers supervision and knowledge, rather than too many rules. It's an approach that really set in when Cohen's daughter was younger and climbing around at a playground .. and he kept telling her to be careful, over and over.

Cut 65250 :17 *"And my friend said 'You know, Larry, she's gonna recover more easily from a broken arm than from being timid and fearful her whole life.' Yes, there's a risk that a child could get hurt, but a loss of an adventurous spirit, a loss of excitement, a loss of confidence is worse than a broken arm."*

Tag 2: More information is available online at www.attachmentparenting.org.

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LEAD: It's an order that has passed through the lips of many a parent – "Knock off that horsin' around!" But a better option may be to loosen the reins a bit. Greg Stotelmyer explains.
Cut 66250 :37 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reports.*

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Demand Overload for Mental Health Services

Frankfort, KY - Behavioral health advocates are concerned that the demand for mental health services will be greater than what providers and prescribers can meet under the new health care law. The Affordable Care Act requires every health insurance plan to offer coverage for mental health care, including substance abuse treatment. Comments from Sheila Schuster, director of the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition; and Governor Steve Beshear. Image available of "kynect".

Intro: Mental health advocates in Kentucky predict there will be a shortage of help available to meet the demand for treatment of mental health issues under the new health care law (Affordable Care Act). Those services, including treatment for substance abuse, must be included in any health insurance plan sold in Kentucky. That's a good thing, according to Sheila Schuster, who heads the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition. On the downside, she says there aren't enough providers or prescribers for mental health care.

Cut 71250 :13 *"We have some shortages, there's no doubt about it and most of those shortages are in the rural areas, although there are pockets of them even in the urban areas. One of the shortages is among psychiatrists."*

Tag: Enrollment for insurance through Kentucky's health benefits marketplace, known as "kynect", begins October first. The insurance takes effect January first. Currently 640-thousand people, about 15 percent of the state's population, are uninsured

Second Cut: Governor Steve Beshear says the list of ten essential benefits covered under the new health care law is "more robust than previously required."

Cut 72250 :11 *"We're particularly thrilled with the mental health care requirement because this is one area where Kentucky has long been lacking, especially in the area of substance abuse treatment."*

Third Cut: While mental health advocates applaud the fact that those services are on the must-cover list, with things such as a visit to a doctor's office, hospital, lab or e-r, access is the rub. For example, Schuster fears it will be "quite difficult" to get people with substance use disorders into treatment.

Cut 73250 :10 *"I think that we're going to have to be very creative about removing barriers. I think we need to make use of what we call the 12 step programs."*

Fourth Cut: Schuster says the new law requires full parity between how insurance plans handle behavioral health and physical health cases. She says treatment of mental health has been saddled by "artificial limits."

Cut 74250 :07 *"I used to say to people, 'you know you'd never buy a policy that said, oh if you get cancer you only get five chemo treatments.'"*

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LEAD: Behavioral health advocates are concerned that the demand for mental health services will be greater than what providers and prescribers can meet under the new health care law. Greg Stotelmyer has more on the demand-supply problem as Kentucky prepares to implement the Affordable Care Act
Cut 75250 :39 *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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