

Issues/Programs List

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 Title of Program: Info Track
 Time of Airing: See Below
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Program Information

Date	Guest/Topic	Issue
10/6	Shawn Achor-Happiness Advantage; Ralph Sacco-Strokes; Sarah Welch – Health	Workplace/Strokes/Mental Health
10/13	Anthony Carnevale-Educated Generation; Vicki Bogan-529 Savings Plan; Jay Harvey-Children	Education/Government/Personal Health
10/20	Ayal Aizer-Cancer; Susan Porter-Bully Nation; Edward Kubany-Trauma	Cancer/Bullying/Domestic Violence
10/27	Richard Arum-Education; Michael Pravica-Auto Safety; J.Todd Lawrence-Parenting	Education/Science/Parenting
11/3	Ann Dowsett-Drink; Kathryn Edin-Doing the Best; David Roth-Aging	Substance Abuse/Poverty/Family
11/10	Brian Reich-Connected Society; Karen Pierce-Autism; Joshua Rosenbloom-Heart	Volunteerism/Autism/Personal health
11/17	Brad Bushman-Mass Communication; Stewart Friedman-Work; ChrisVolkmann - Family	Media/Career/Youth at Risk
11/24	David Payne-Education & Economy; Patti Feuereisen-Survivors; Samira Beckwith-Hope	Education/Sexual Abuse/End of Life Issues
12/1	Lisa Jones-Child Crimes; Chris Conover-Health Policy; Jessica Miller-Negotiation	Crimes/Senior Citizens/Consumer Matters
12/8	Charles Moore-Pollution; Sebastian Young-Crime; Laura Andreessen-Giving	Environment/Crime/Volunteerism
12/15	Marjorie Treu-Managers; Shawn Bushway-Crime; Daniel Byrd-Equality	Unemployment/Crime/Racism
12/22	Michelle Garcia-Victims; John Izzo-Responsibilities; Ron Shevlin-Research	Stalking/Parenting/Technology
12/29	Gary Small-Alzheimers; Maribeth Kuzmeski-Relationship; Richard Lichenstein-Headphones	Personal Health/Family/Traffic Safety

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2013

Show # 2013-40

Date aired: 10/14 Time Aired: _____

Shawn Achor, former Professor of Psychology at Harvard University, CEO of Aspirant, a Cambridge-based consulting firm, author of "*The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work*"

Conventional wisdom is that happiness is a result of success, but Dr. Achor said his research in psychology and neuroscience has proven that the opposite is true: happy people become successful. He explains how employees and managers can reprogram their brains to become more positive in order to gain a competitive edge at work.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Mental Health

Length: 8:27

Ralph Sacco, MD, immediate past-president of the American Heart Association, neurologist at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami

The incidence of strokes among Americans age 45 and younger is rising dramatically. Dr. Sacco explained the likely reasons for this trend and why he is so concerned about it. He talked about the types of disabilities that stroke victims face and the likelihood of recovery. He also suggested steps to prevent a stroke.

Issues covered:
Strokes
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 8:44

Sarah Welch, organizational expert, co-author of "*Pretty Neat: The Buttoned-Up Way to Get Organized and Let Go of Perfection*"

Ms. Welch said nearly everyone believes that they need to be more organized, but that media images have made it more intimidating than ever. She said that people need to stop holding themselves to impossibly high standards, and focus instead on defining their own, realistic organizational goals. She outlined the steps to get started.

Issues covered:
Personal Productivity
Workplace Matters
Mental Health

Length: 5:04

Show # 2013-41

Date aired: 10/18 Time Aired: _____

Anthony Carnevale, PhD, Director and Research Professor of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

Americans in their 20s and early 30s are the most educated generation ever, but it's taking a lot longer for them to launch their careers. Dr. Carnevale explained how structural economic shifts and two recessions have turned this into the "lost decade" for Millennials, particularly men. He said the new demands for advanced skills in today's job market mean that young adults need more education and training--something that today's universities are failing to deliver.

Issues covered:
Unemployment
Education

Length: 8:18

Vicki Bogan, PhD, economist, Associate Professor at the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University

Dr. Bogan conducted a study of 529 savings plans, which are special tax-favored savings accounts intended to help families save for future college costs. Her study found that fees in these plans are surprisingly high, and the more valuable the state tax break, the higher the fees in a state's plan. She said the complexity of 529 plans often discourages parents from utilizing them. She explained how parents can learn to make wise decisions on saving for college.

Issues covered:
Education
Personal Finance
Parenting Issues
Government

Length: 8:56

Jay M. Harvey, MD, pediatrician in Trinity, FL

Choosing a pediatrician is one the toughest challenges faced by a new parent. Dr. Harvey explained how parents can make wise choices when selecting a pediatrician for their child, and what basic step parents can take to improve their children's health.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Parenting Issues

Length: 4:48

Show # 2013-42

Date aired: 10/20 Time Aired: _____

Ayal A. Aizer, MD, MHS, Chief Resident of the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Aizer talked about his study that found that cancer patients who are married are more likely to survive the disease than non-married cancer patients. He discussed the possible reasons behind this trend. He believes that the social support of a spouse is very important in health outcomes. He said patients who are married are also 50% more likely to receive recommended treatments for curable forms of cancer.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Cancer

Length: 7:21

Marriage

Susan Eva Porter, PhD, school administrator and counselor, author of "*Bully Nation: Why America's Approach to Childhood Aggression is Bad for Everyone*"

Dr. Porter said she believes that today's children are no more aggressive or violent than previous generations, but our nation's sensitivity to bullying has increased dramatically. She said recent legislation targeting bullying has been largely ineffective, and does not help youngsters in the long run. She said labeling a child as a bully or victim also does more harm than good. She also said it's difficult to understand the size of the problem because national bullying statistics are very inconsistent.

Issues covered:
Bullying
Children's Issues

Length: 9:50

Edward S. Kubany, PhD, clinical psychologist, author of "*Healing the Trauma of Domestic Violence*"

Dr. Kubany discussed how victims of abuse can begin to recover and take back their lives. He explained where abuse typically begins in a relationship and how women can identify potential abusive men before becoming involved with them. He said most abused women also experience post-traumatic stress disorder.

Issues covered:
Domestic Violence
Women's Issues
Mental Health

Length: 4:37

Show # 2013-43

Date aired: 10/27 Time Aired: _____

Richard Arum, PhD, Professor in the Dept. of Sociology with a joint appointment in the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University, Director of the Education Research Program of the Social Science Research Council, author of "*Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses*"

Dr. Arum believes that the nation's higher-education system is effectively broken. His study of thousands of students found that while many leave college with degrees, a large percentage of them show little to no improvement in critical thinking or complex reasoning skills. He explained the reasons behind this disturbing trend and how it could be corrected.

Issues covered:
Education
Unemployment

Length: 10:01

Michael Pravica, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Nevada, expert in the physics of auto safety and crashes

Prof. Pravica discussed the role of physics in the understanding and investigation of car crashes. He talked about some of the most common misconceptions about speed. He also explained why he thinks that drivers should have an understanding of basic physics in order to drive more safely.

Issues covered:
Auto Safety
Science

Length: 7:10

J. Todd Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., orthopedic surgeon at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, expert in sports-related injuries

Dr. Lawrence was the lead investigator of a study that found that sports-related knee injuries in children increased more than 400% over the past 12 years. He explained which sports are the most dangerous, and what types of injuries are most common. He also offered advice to parents and student athletes on how to prevent knee injuries.

Issues covered:
Children's Health
Parenting

Length: 4:46

Show # 2013-44

Date aired: ~~10/22~~ 11/3 Time Aired: _____

Ann Dowsett Johnston, award-winning journalist, author of *"Drink: The Intimate Relationship Between Women And Alcohol"*

Ms. Johnston said women have closed the gender gap in the past decade, not only in their professional and educational lives, but also in terms of alcohol abuse. She noted that corporations have developed marketing strategies and products targeted exclusively to women. She expressed particular concern that alcohol manufacturers are now using social media to target teenage girls for marketing messages.

Issues covered:
Substance Abuse
Women's Issues

Length: 9:27

Kathryn Edin, PhD, Professor of Public Policy and Management at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, co-author of *"Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner City"*

Dr. Edin studied fatherhood among inner city men who are sometimes called "deadbeat dads." She said the term does not accurately describe today's urban fathers, many of whom take pride in being involved in the lives of some of their children. She explained how economic and cultural changes have transformed the meaning of fatherhood among the urban poor.

Issues covered:
Inner City Issues
Parenting
Poverty

Length: 7:36

David L. Roth, Ph.D., Director of the Johns Hopkins University Center on Aging and Health

Dr. Roth's research found that caregivers assisting chronically ill or disabled family members had an 18 percent lower death rate than similar people who were non-caregivers. He talked about the possible reasons behind this surprising finding.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Personal Health
Family

Length: 4:49

Show # 2013-45

Date aired: 11/10 Time Aired: _____

Brian Reich, expert in new media and social networking, SVP and Global Editor for Edelman, author of *"Shift & Reset: Strategies for Addressing Serious Issues In A Connected Society"*

Mr. Reich believes that our connected society can be more effectively used to address the nation's critical challenges. He explained how non-profit organizations and volunteer groups should take advantage of rapidly changing technologies and new methods of communication to overcome the huge barriers facing the cause/philanthropy community.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:25

Volunteerism
Philanthropy
Community Improvement

Karen Pierce, PhD, neuroscientist, Co-Director of Functional Brain Imaging at the University of California San Diego Autism Center of Excellence, Assistant Research Neuroscientist in the Department of Neurosciences

1 in 100 children in the US have some form of autism. Dr. Pierce tested a simple checklist that can reliably diagnose autism in children by age 1. She explained the most common signs of the disorder and discussed recent advancements in treating it. She also offered optimistic advice for a parent whose child is diagnosed with autism.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:50

Autism
Children's Issues

Joshua Rosenbloom, student at Harvard Medical School

Mr. Rosenbloom led a study that examined whether alcohol can be good for the heart. His research found that women who survived a heart attack had a 35% lower chance of dying if they drank wine, beer or hard liquor in moderation.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:27

Personal Health

Show # 2013-46

Date aired: 11/11 Time Aired: _____

Brad J. Bushman, PhD, Professor of Communication and Psychology, Margaret Hall and Robert Randal Rinehart Chair of Mass Communication at Ohio State University

Dr. Bushman's research found that gun violence in movies rated PG-13 has more than tripled since PG-13 was introduced in 1985. In fact, he found that today's PG-13 films depict more violence than R-rated movies. Dr. Bushman explained why parents should be concerned. He said the patchwork of different rating systems for TV, movies and video games is confusing for parents and should be standardized.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:01

Parenting
Media

Stewart D. Friedman, PhD, Professor at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Founding Director of the Wharton Leadership Program and Wharton's Work/Life Integration Project, author of *"Baby Bust: New Choices for Men and Women in Work and Family"*

Dr. Friedman studied two classes of Wharton School of Business students, and found stunning results: the rate of graduates who plan to have children has dropped by nearly half over the past 20 years. He outlined the reasons for this disturbing trend and explained why this could be a huge problem for our society. He also offered some potential solutions.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:04

Parenting
Career
Education

Chris & Toren Volkmann, co- authors of *"Our Drink: Detoxing the Perfect Family"*

Chris and Toren offered their perspective on college drinking, as a mother and son who personally suffered the effects. They discussed warning signs of excessive drinking that both parents and college students should be aware of, and talked about the changing attitudes on college campuses.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:36

Substance Abuse
Youth at Risk
Parenting Issues

Show # 2013-47

Date aired: 11/24 ~~11/17~~ Time Aired: _____

David Payne, Staff Economist at The Kiplinger Letter, overseeing Kiplinger forecasts for the US and world economies

More than 11 million Americans are unable to find work, yet there are 3.9 million job openings. Mr. Payne explained why many employers say they are having trouble filling positions. He said the majority of unemployed persons do not have the high-tech skills needed for most of the unfilled jobs. He said community colleges are an excellent resource for job hunters to gain skills to improve their prospects.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:01

Unemployment
Education

Patti Feuereisen, PhD, psychologist who specializes in therapy for survivors of sexual abuse

Dr. Feuereisen said that one in four girls will experience some form of sexual abuse by the age of sixteen. Many women never share their stories, but she believes that the healing process cannot begin until women talk about their experiences.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:38

Sexual Abuse
Women's Issues
Mental Health

Samira Beckwith, end of lifecare expert, President/CEO of HOPE Healthcare Services

Talking with a dying loved one is a difficult task. Ms. Beckwith offered suggestions on how to open a conversation with a terminally-ill patient. She said some doctors avoid having difficult conversations with their dying patients and will order needless treatments rather than tell their patients that they've exhausted all the treatment options

Issues covered:
End of Life Issues
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 4:36

Show # 2013-48

Date aired: ~~4/11~~ 12/11 Time Aired: _____

Lisa M. Jones, PhD, Research Associate Professor of Psychology at the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire

Dr. Jones co-authored a recent study that found that teen sexting of sexually-oriented photos online or via cell phone may be far less common than people think. She summarized the findings and offered advice for concerned parents. She also discussed a second study she co-authored that examined how law enforcement agencies handle sexting investigations.

Issues covered:
Crime
Youth at Risk
Parenting

Length: 7:18

Christopher J. Conover, Research Scholar at Duke University's Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research and an Adjunct Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute

Mr. Conover said both Social Security and Medicare are fiscally unsustainable in part because life expectancy has increased substantially since these programs began. He outlined what he believes are the most effective changes to restore the system to long-term viability.

Issues covered:
Senior Citizens
Retirement Planning

Length: 9:57

Jessica Miller, commercial real estate advisor, Principal with NegotiationPlus.com, co-author of "A Woman's Guide to Successful Negotiating, Second Edition"

Ms. Miller talked about the most common mistakes made by women in negotiations and the reasons behind those difficulties. She offered tips for women in scenarios such as bargaining for a car, and negotiating a divorce settlement.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Workplace Matters
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:04

Show # 2013-49

Date aired: 12/8 Time Aired: _____

Captain Charles Moore, environmental researcher, internationally-recognized pollution expert, founder of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, author of *"Plastic Ocean: How a Sea Captain's Chance Discovery Launched a Determined Quest to Save the Oceans"*

Capt. Moore shared his story of accidentally discovering a 1000 square mile mass of plastic scraps in the Pacific Ocean in 1997. He explained where this "plastic soup" is originating and why it collects in that one location. He said little can be done to remove it, but he outlined steps that cities can take to keep plastic out of the environment.

Issues covered:
Environment
Consumer Matters

Length: 7:18

Sebastian K. Young, inspirational entrepreneur, author of *"I Had Every Excuse to Fail But I Chose None"*

When he was a youngster, Mr. Young's mother was brutally murdered. He talked about the challenges he faced as a result, and how he chose to forgive the killer in order to move forward in life. He explained how the wisdom his grandparents shared with him helped in making wise choices and in becoming a determined leader.

Issues covered:
Youth at Risk
Crime
Minority Concerns

Length: 9:57

Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, Founder and former Chairman of SV2 (Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund), a venture philanthropy fund, Professor of Strategic Philanthropy at Stanford Graduate School of Business, author of *"Giving 2.0: Transform Your Giving and Our World Second Edition"*

The United States is the world's most generous nation. Ms. Arrillaga-Andreessen shared statistics that illustrate the charitable efforts of individual Americans. She suggested ways to maximize the impact of online contributions and offered advice to parents on how to raise a more giving family

Issues covered:
Charitable Donations
Volunteerism

Length: 5:04

Show # 2013-50

Date aired: 12/15 Time Aired: _____

Marjorie Treu, Career Coach and Management Consultant, author of *"78 Mistakes New Managers Make; What You Need to Know to Avoid Career Suicide"*

Ms. Treu offered suggestions for employees who may be concerned about potential layoffs. She outlined possible warning signs and how employees should react to them. She discussed the most common mistakes that may affect job security. She outlined other ways to successfully adapt to a changing job market.

Issues covered:
Unemployment
Workplace Matters

Length: 9:42

Shawn Bushway, PhD, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at the State University of New York, Albany

Dr. Bushway was the co-author of a study that found that by age 23, almost a third of Americans have been arrested for a crime. He talked about the reasons behind this trend and how changes in policing may have affected it. He also discussed the possible employment ramifications, as many young people are unable to pass a background check for certain jobs.

Issues covered:
Crime
Youth At Risk

Length: 7:28

Daniel Byrd, PhD, Research Director at the Greenlining Institute

Dr. Byrd led a 3-year study that found that black and white Americans are still miles apart regarding their perceptions of equality or inequality among racial groups. He outlined the results of his research, and discussed possible ways to increase awareness of racism.

Issues covered:
Racism
Minority Concerns

Length: 4:59

Show # 2013-51

Date aired: ^{12/27}~~12/11~~ Time Aired: _____

Michelle Garcia, Director of the Stalking Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime

Nearly 3.5 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States. Ms. Garcia talked about the most common stalker scenarios, and why the crime is so difficult to define. She also explained why new developments such as GPS and social networking sites have made it much easier for stalkers to target their victims.

Issues covered:
Stalking
Crime
Women's Issues

Length: 9:43

John Izzo, PhD, business consultant, author of "*Stepping Up: How Taking Responsibility Changes Everything*"

Mr. Izzo said that almost every problem, from personal and business challenges to social issues, can be solved if Americans looked to themselves to create change rather than expecting others to do it. He offered advice to employees who are afraid to speak up at work and how to encourage children to step up and improve problems they see in their community.

Issues covered:
Workplace Matters
Community Involvement
Parenting

Length: 7:33

Ron Shevlin, Senior Analyst with Aite Group, an independent research and advisory firm serving the financial services industry

Social media sites like Twitter and Facebook have empowered consumers in many new ways. Mr. Shevlin explained how these new tools have made it much easier to complain about a problem or to

influence corporate policies. He offered advice for the best ways for consumers to use social media to interact with companies.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Technology

Length: 4:55

Show # 2013-52

Date aired: ~~12/18~~ ^{12/19}

Time Aired: _____

Gary Small, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Founding Director of the UCLA Memory Clinic and Director of the UCLA Center on Aging, author of *"The Alzheimer's Prevention Program: Keep Your Brain Healthy for the Rest of Your Life"*

About 5 million Americans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and that number is expected to triple in the next few decades. Dr. Small talked about the most common risk factors, and the simple steps that can be taken to prevent or delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 8:17

Maribeth Kuzmeski, MBA, CSP, business consultant, author of *"The Engaging Child: Raising Children to Speak, Write, and Have Relationship Skills Beyond Technology"*

Today's young people are more "connected" than any other generation in history, but many have difficulties with face-to-face social connections. Ms. Kuzmeski explained why many teens can barely carry on a basic conversation and have trouble articulating what they want or need. She outlined steps that parents can take to encourage the growth of communication and social skills in their children.

Issues covered:
Parenting
Family
Mental Health

Length: 8:53

Richard Lichenstein MD, Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine

Wearing earphones while walking, biking or driving can be much riskier than most people think. Dr. Lichenstein recently conducted a study that found that headphone-related deaths have tripled in the past several years. He explained who is most likely to become a victim and the reasons that this behavior is so dangerous.

Issues covered:
Traffic Safety
Personal Health

Length: 4:55

Issues/Programs List

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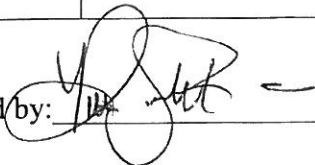
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September 30, 2013

"Kynectors" to Help with Health Insurance

Hopkinsville, KY - As open enrollment begins in Kentucky (October 1) for insurance coverage under the new health-care law "kynectors" are in place to assist consumers. The state has contracted with several organizations and agencies to provide "in-person assistants" to help people navigate the marketplace. Comments from Roy Brunner, deputy director, Pennyrite Allied Community Services; and Florence Tandy, executive director, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission. Image available of calculator.

Intro: The build-up is over. Enrollment begins tomorrow (Tuesday Oct. 1) for insurance coverage under the new health-care law (Affordable Care Act). The state has contracted with organizations and agencies to provide so called "kynectors" to help folks navigate their options. Community Action Kentucky is helping consumers in four regions of the state. Roy Brunner with Pennyrite Allied Community Services in west Kentucky says the trained helpers have dual roles. In addition to outreach and education, they will also be able to help consumers enroll for insurance.

Cut 76250 :12 *"We are definitely mobile. If we have to go to an individual, we can do that. We can take appointments. Basically, we are armed with a laptop, cell phone and an automobile. and we'll go all over our nine-county area."*

Tag: As well as helping individuals and small businesses, the trained helpers will be stationed at places such as libraries, health departments and community action offices.

Second Cut: It's a "natural fit" for Community Action Kentucky, according to Florence Tandy. Tandy, who heads the agency's offices in northern Kentucky, says access to good health care has been an ongoing struggle.

Cut 77250 :07 *"We see it every day with the people that we work with. Access to health care is an important, basic human need."*

Tag 1: Tandy has 15 "kynectors" ready to assist people in her six-county region.

Third Cut: Down in west Kentucky, Brunner says he's seen a range of opinions on the new health-care law, from anger to excitement, and there are plenty of misconceptions.

Cut 78250 :06 *"We have a lot of people that are confused about what's going to be available, what they're going to be required to do come January one."*

Tag 2: That's when the insurance takes effect. In addition to helping you pick a plan and enroll, the "kynectors" will be able to tell you if you qualify for a tax credit or Medicaid.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: As open enrollment begins in Kentucky tomorrow (October 1) for insurance coverage under the new health-care law, "kynectors" are in place to assist consumers. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 79250 :46 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Tandy at 859-581-6607; Brunner at 270-886-6341. □ □ Link to Kentucky's health benefits marketplace: kynect.ky.gov

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Quilts 'Plus' Stories 'Equal' Tourism

West Liberty, KY - A two-day tour through three eastern Kentucky counties is aimed at jump-starting tourism in the economically-strapped region. The East Kentucky Foothills Eco-Agritourism, Corp. (FEAT), is banking on the region's Appalachian history to draw visitors. Comments from Gayle Clevenger, director of FEAT. Image available of trees in autumn. □ □ □

Intro: The idea is to use the "fabric" of the region to draw tourists to an economically-strapped part of east Kentucky. So today and tomorrow (Thursday and Friday), a nonprofit eco-agritourism organization, known as FEAT, is conducting a tour through Carter, Elliott and Morgan counties. FEAT director Gayle Clevenger says the foothills region has plenty of culture and heritage to offer visitors, and they are demonstrating that, in part, through textile art.

Cut 11250 :05 *"We're concentrating on Appalachian history through quilts and antiques and storytelling."*

The tour will include freshly-prepared meals, along with stops at vintage shops, artists' studios and a cultural center.

Second Cut: The long-range goal of FEAT, short for East Kentucky Foothills Eco-Agritourism, is to transform the region into a tourist destination. □ □

Cut 12250 :09 *"Spread the word that we have things to see. we have culture to show. we have entertainment and artisits that do quality work."*

Tag: FEAT serves five counties - including Menifee and Wolfe - home to the Red River Gorge, which is world-renowned for its natural sandstone arches and rock climbing. Clevenger says the gorge is a big asset to the organization's push for adventure tourism.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: A two-day tour through three eastern Kentucky counties is aimed at jump-starting tourism in the economically strapped region. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 13250 :39 *Outcue... Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Clevenger at 606-738-5565. Tour schedule:
<http://www.ekfeat.com/2013-Bus-Tours.html>

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Seeking Smart Strategies for Spending Coal Tax Dollars

Berea, KY - The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) is calling for "democracy, transparency and accountability" in the spending of coal severance tax dollars. They issued a report suggesting that as coal jobs decline, the need for a "more strategic" approach to spending the coal tax revenue has never been greater. Comments from Justin Maxson, MACED president. Image available of coal.

Intro: A nonprofit organization which promotes sustainable development in eastern Kentucky is calling for community participation, accountability and transparency in how money generated by the coal severance tax is spent. The tax is the largest pool of public dollars for economic development in the coal fields - 298 million dollars last fiscal year alone. A new report from MACED, the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, calls for a "more coordinated" strategy for spending that money. Justin Maxson is MACED'S president.

Cut 19250 :16 *"A lot of good people have spent a lot of time and a lot of money trying to do economic development in Appalachia Kentucky, we just haven't had the results that we want. Part of the problem, in my mind, is we spent too much time investing in projects instead of in a system."*

Tag: MACED proposes that 25 percent of the coal tax dollars be allocated to a diversification fund -overseen by a transparent, independent board that would lean on public input (Appalachian Planning and Development Fund).

Second Cut: The MACED report notes that thousands of coal jobs have been lost recently, signaling a "likely permanent decline" of the region's primary industry. Maxson says that makes well-planned economic diversification even more critical.

Cut 20250 :13 *"Given that we've been in the midst of an economic catastrophe, as we've lost probably more than six-thousand coal jobs over the last 18 months, we really have to be more strategic about spending that money."*

Tag: Maxson says some of the coal severance tax money has been spent on "worthwhile" projects that "have made a difference." But, the MACED report also notes that coal tax dollars have been used for "legislative earmarks; to shore up county budgets; and to build industrial parks, many of which have sat empty."

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)**LEAD:** The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) is calling for "democracy, transparency and accountability" in the spending of coal severance tax dollars. Greg Stotelmyer has more.**Cut 21250 :47** *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.***Note to Editors:** Reach Maxson at 859-986-2373 Link to report:<http://www.maced.org/files/Appalachian%20Planning%20and%20Development%20Fund%20Brief.pdf>

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Report Shows KY With Lowest Child-Care Eligibility Rate

Louisville, KY - A new report from the National Women's Law Center shows Kentucky now has the lowest eligibility rate in the nation for obtaining child-care assistance. The report ("Pivot Point: State Child-Care Assistance Policies 2013") also finds that Kentucky is one of just two states where there's a freeze on new applications. Comments from Terry Brooks, executive director, Kentucky Youth Advocates; and Michelle Sanborn, president, Children's Alliance. Image available of children.

Intro: A new report finds it's now tougher to qualify for child-care assistance in Kentucky than anywhere else in the country. In a budget-cutting move, Kentucky shifted its eligibility limit in July from 150 percent of the federal poverty rate to 100 percent. According to a report from the National Women's Law Center that dropped the state's income limit to the lowest in the nation Terry Brooks with Kentucky Youth Advocates says lawmakers should not only restore but increase funding for child care.

Cut 29250 :12 *"What all the national data suggests is that, really, child-care supports should be expanded to 200 percent of the poverty level. That really is what it takes for families to make ends meet."*

Tag: According to the report, Kentucky's income limit is now 18-thousand-530 dollars a year for a family of three, well below the second lowest limit - which is in Nebraska, at about 23-thousand dollars (\$22,908). And it goes against the trend, where, according to the report, nearly half of the states increased their limits this year.

Second Cut: Governor Steve Beshear said he cut 87 million dollars in child-care funding after exhausting all available options. Before the change, a family of three could make close to 28-thousand dollars (\$27,804) and still qualify for the state's help. Michelle Sanborn, president of Children's Alliance, fears the cuts are pushing more children into foster care, which will cost taxpayers much more in the long run.

Cut 30250 :11 *"It is a little bit of money to help those families keep their child-care assistance. However, if a child comes into out-of-home care or the foster care system, it's a lot more expensive."*

Tag 1: In addition to the lower eligibility limit, no new low-income working families have been added to the child-care assistance program since April. The National Women's Law Center says Kentucky is one of only two states with a freeze on new applications.

Third Cut: Brooks says parents are having to quit their jobs to care for their kids.

Cut 31250 :17 *"The idea that we have Kentuckians being added to the rolls of unemployment, not because they want to but because they have to in order to provide child care for their children, that's simply a condition that no one can tolerate for the Commonwealth."*

Tag 2: Nationwide, the report finds that 24 states have lost ground in key child-care policies this year, while 27 states are better off. But, only three states meet the federally recommended benchmark for paying child care providers, and long waiting lists prevent low-income families in many states from gaining access to affordable, good-quality care.

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LEAD: A new report finds it's now tougher to qualify for child-care assistance in Kentucky than anywhere else in the country. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 32250 :49 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Link to report: <http://www.nwlc.org/resource/pivot-point-state-child-care-assistance-policies-2013> □ Reach Brooks at 502-895-8167; Sanborn at 502-320-6484.

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Links to Healthy Help, County by County

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The effort to link community groups that work together on health issues is growing rapidly in Kentucky. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky's new directory shows the number of coalitions addressing the state's many health problems has ballooned from 150 to 208 in a year's time. Comments from Susan Zepeda, president/CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky; and Rick Skinner, Williamstown Mayor and chairman of Fitness for Life Around Grant County (FFLAG). Image available of directory cover. □□□□ □□□□

Intro: You know the proverb, "It takes a village." When it comes to making Kentucky a healthier place, more community groups are joining forces to tackle the myriad of challenges. A statewide directory of local groups working on health issues has grown from 150 to 208 in a year's time. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky compiles that data. Susan Zepeda is the foundation's president and CEO.

Cut 33250 :10 *"Whatever it is that's brought them together, it's that shared concern and that desire to make their community better that's really the driving force."*

Tag: Zepeda says the foundation is using the directory to "lift up" the work of the various health coalitions and to foster collaboration between the groups.

Second Cut: Williamstown mayor Rick Skinner chairs Fitness for Life Around Grant County, known as FFLAG. He says sharing ideas with other groups improves FFLAG's mission of helping people live healthier lives.

Cut 34250 :10 *"Talking among the different coalitions and what works and what doesn't work and success stories and what they're doing, it makes it so much easier than trying to reinvent the wheel."*

Tag 1: The directory shows that there is now at least one community health group in all 120 counties, something that wasn't the case last year.

Third Cut: Zepea says the health coalitions are working on a variety of issues.

Cut 35250 :14 *"They may be concerned about obesity and healthy food and physical activity. They may be concerned about asthma and air quality. Maybe concerned about smoking and not wanting young people to get started smoking."*

Tag 2: You can access the directory by going to the foundation's web site at healthydash.ky.gov and clicking on the newsroom link.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: The effort to link community groups that work on health issues together is growing rapidly in Kentucky. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 36250 :44 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting*

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Lawmakers Told: 'No Need to Kill'

Louisville, KY - The Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is sending lawmakers a booklet of personal stories from family members of murder victims who oppose capital punishment. The booklet, "No Need to Kill," is part of the ongoing attempt to convince the Legislature to make life without parole the maximum sentence in Kentucky. Comments from Eugene Thompson, son of a murder victim. Images available of Kentucky's death row chamber and of Thompson.

Intru: A booklet filled with personal stories, titled "No Need to Kill," will soon be in the mailboxes of Kentucky's 138 lawmakers. The booklet opposing the death penalty begins with this simple message - "People tend to think that the family members of a murder victim want revenge. The following stories tell otherwise." One of those personal accounts is from Eugene Thompson, whose father Charles was murdered in Louisville in 1987. He says of execution ...

Cut 44250 :05 *"I don't think it serves any purpose whatsoever, I really, I really don't."*

Tag: Noting some people on death row may be innocent, Thompson wants lawmakers to make life without parole the maximum sentence. Reverend Patrick Delahanty, executive director of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, says the booklet makes it clear that while a victim's family wants "justice, accountability and harsh punishment," they don't always want death.

Second Cut: Thompson says he was opposed to the death penalty before the fatal beating of his father by Sherman Noble. After the murder, Thompson says he wanted revenge - but then he eventually, in his words, "let it go."

Cut 45250 :07 *"An internal 'come to Jesus' situation came to be because it was making me ill."*

Tag 1: Thompson says the prosecutor sought the death penalty over his objections. Noble was convicted and sentenced to death, but died in prison (2007) before the execution.

Third Cut: Thompson says he saw what the nearly two-decade-long legal battle did to his family and the defendant's family, especially the killer's mom.

Cut 46250 :08 *"And I'd seen his mom, over 17 years, and saw what it had done to her, physically and mentally. And it hurt me."*

Tag 2: Six states have abolished the death penalty in the past six years, but Kentucky remains one of 32 states where execution remains legal.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses second soundbite(s)
LEAD: A booklet filled with personal stories, titled "No Need to Kill," will soon be in the mailboxes of Kentucky's 138 lawmakers. As Greg Stotelmyer explains, it's part of an ongoing attempt to make life without parole the maximum sentence in Kentucky.
Cut 47250 :41 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

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Heat On, Help on the Way

Frankfort, KY - With the first snow of the season arriving this week, thoughts of heating your home escalate. Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program), the federal program which helps low-income families with their energy bills. The application window has now opened. Comments from Mike Moynahan (MAWN-uh-hau), Community Action Kentucky energy program coordinator. Image available of snow on a tree.

Intro: The leaves are falling and so is the temperature. It's even snowed in Kentucky this week. Yes, it's that time of the year to think about applying for help if you struggle to pay your heating bills. Community Action Kentucky, which administers the federal assistance program, is now taking applications for the coming winter. Program coordinator Mike Moynahan says the one-time subsidy comes in the form of a voucher made payable directly to the utility.

Cut 51250 :05 *"And, so we have accountability there, and we know that the payments are being used for heat."*

Tag: The program, known as LIHEAP, provides eligible households about 150 dollars a year to help with their energy bills. For a family of four to be eligible, annual income has to be below 31-thousand dollars a year (\$30,624). For a single person it's just under 15-thousand dollars (\$14,940)

Second Cut: Moynahan says Community Action Kentucky helped 102-thousand low income families last year. He expects a similar number this winter.

Cut 52250 :13 *"And, with the overwhelming majority, about 75 percent of those, being families with elderly, or folks with disabilities and young children in those households. And, those are the families that we're trying to target with this assistance."*

Tag: The application deadline is December 19th. (For more information on the program call Community Action Kentucky at 800-456-3452.)

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LEAD: With the first snow of the season arriving this week thoughts of heating your home escalate. Greg Stotelmyer has more on a federal program which helps low-income residents pay their utility bills.
Cut 53250 :32 *Outcue...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Moynahan at 502-875-5863.

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Advocates: Clean Air Means Healthy Kids for KY

Jeffersontown, KY - Advocates for a comprehensive statewide smoke-free law in Kentucky are pinpointing smoking's impact on children as a main reason for lawmakers to support the idea. A new Blueprint for Kentucky's Children policy brief from Kentucky Youth Advocates claims a statewide ban would reduce kids' exposure to harmful secondhand smoke, as well as reducing smoking among women during pregnancy. Comments from Rep. Susan Westrom (WESS-tram), D-Lexington; and Terry Brooks, executive director, Kentucky Youth Advocates. Images available: Photos of cigarettes in ashtray; and of Rep. Westrom.

Intro: Saying she has "learned from the lessons of the last few years," State Representative Susan Westrom will try again during the next legislative session to get a statewide smoke-free law passed. It will be the fourth time Westrom has filed a bill to ban smoking in Kentucky workplaces and public places, to replace the current patchwork of local ordinances in 39 communities. According to Westrom, the impact smoking has on children is a "critical point" in her decision to keep pushing.

Cut 62250 :17 *"The implications of secondhand smoke on children can begin with inner ear infections, bronchitis, asthma - it's even been linked to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. And once you start a child out at an early age with asthma, that's something that's going to follow them for a lifetime."*

Tag: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about three out of every ten Kentucky adults smoke (28.3 percent), the highest rate in the nation.

Second Cut: The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services says nearly one in four Kentucky babies born in 2011 (23 percent) were to mothers who smoked during pregnancy. Terry Brooks, who heads Kentucky Youth Advocates, is convinced a comprehensive ban would help lessen the problem.

Cut 63250 :18 *"Just imagine if a single action could cut down on intellectual and physical disabilities, cerebral palsy, sudden death syndrome and premature death. I mean, that sounds like almost too good of a deal, and yet that's the case in Kentucky."*

Tag 2: Brooks notes that smoking during pregnancy contributes to low birth-weight, which leads to other health problems for infants. A new policy brief by his organization supports the statewide smoke-free law. Opponents of the idea believe the local anti-smoking ordinances are sufficient.

Third Cut: Representative Westrom says she's optimistic, and thinks 2014 is the year such a law can pass in the General Assembly.

Cut 64250 :06 *"I really do. We've taken our show on the road this year. We have been to every corner of the state."*

Tag 3: Currently, 24 states have comprehensive, statewide smoke-free laws.

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LEAD: Saying she has "learned from the lessons of the last few years," State Representative Susan Westrom says she will try again in the next legislative session to get a statewide smoke-free law passed. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 65250 :39 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Contact Westrom at 502-564-8100, ext. 740; Brooks at 502-895-8167, ext. 113. See the policy brief, "Clearing the Air for All Kentucky Children," at <http://bit.ly/1eihSMZ>.

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New Online Lung Cancer Screening Tool Can Save Lives

Louisville, KY - The American Lung Association recommends low-dose screening for early detection of lung cancer and has launched an online tool to help in risk assessment. Comments from Dr. Elizabeth Gore, radiation oncologist. Image available: photo of Dr. Gore.

Intro: This has been Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and lung cancer is the number-one cancer killer in America. The American Lung Association has launched a new online screening tool to help people determine if they should get a low-dose screening for the disease. Dr. Elizabeth Gore is a radiation oncologist, who says low-dose screening can save lives.

Cut 78250 :16 *"They're quick, simple, sensitive scans to pick up lung nodules or early cancer in patients who are at high risk for lung cancer. So, you're getting a relatively low dose of radiation, different than you would from a diagnostic scan, but it serves the purpose of screening for nodules."*

Tag: The online screening is at 'LungCancerScreeningSavesLives.org.'

Second Cut: The online assessment tool takes visitors through a series of questions that help determine if they meet guidelines for the low-dose screening. Anyone can take the assessment, but Dr. Gore says certain people should make it a point to do it.

Cut 79250 :10 *"People who are at high risk for lung cancer, including people who have at least a 30-pack-per-year history of smoking; they're older than 50."*

Tag 2: Medical experts believe by screening at-risk individuals, as many as three-thousand to four-thousand deaths could be prevented each year. Dr. Gore says the earlier the cancer is detected, the better the chance of saving a person's life.

Third Cut: She's convinced the new online tool will literally be a life-saver.

Cut 80250 :19 *"I think it's very valuable. It gets people online, it gets them to assess the risk of lung cancer and determine whether they should have a CT scan or see their physician. (:09) Also for people who are smokers, it's a terrific starting point to access some of the other tools to help them quit smoking and generally improve their overall health."*

Tag 3: The American Lung Association also has a toll-free "Lung HelpLine" to answer questions about lung health or C-T screenings, at 800-LUNG-USA.

OPTIONAL REPORTER WRAP: uses first soundbite(s)
LEAD: November has been Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and lung cancer is the number-one cancer killer in America. Greg Stotelmyer reports.
Cut 81250 :38 *Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Dr. Gore is at 414-719-8623; the tool is at www.lungcancerscreeningsaveslives.org

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Strategies for Economic Success in Eastern Kentucky

Pikeville, KY - An upcoming summit on the future of eastern Kentucky will include a discussion of the region's economic future beyond its traditional bedrock - coal. The SOAR conference, short for "Shaping Our Appalachian Region," is Monday (Dec. 9) in Pikeville. Comments from (Mr.) Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg. Image available: Photo of coal.

Intro: The search for a collaborative vision into eastern Kentucky's future is being fueled by SOAR, short for "Shaping Our Appalachian Region." SOAR launches Monday with a summit in Pikeville. Dee Davis, who heads the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg, says diversification beyond coal has to be a cornerstone of any economic strategy in the region.

Cut 11250 :08 "Coal's been a friend, but it's not our future. We know that if we're going to turn our economy around we've got to do something different."

Tag: Nearly six-thousand coal jobs have been lost in the region over the past two years, fueling the push for diversification that will be a major topic of the summit.

Second Cut: Davis, who heads an organization that advocates for rural communities across the country, says small towns that do well are places where people want to live. And he points out that nowadays, people "carry the economy in their laptops."

Cut 12250 :14 "We have to make sure they're wired; you have to have accessible, affordable broadband. We've got to have good schools, better schools than we've got now. We have to have health care that people can rely on."

Tag 2: SOAR is the brainchild of Governor Steve Beshear and Congressman Hal Rogers, who want the bipartisan effort to lead to a collaborative vision for the future of the Appalachian region.

Third Cut: Davis says leadership is crucial for SOAR to work, adding that the state's leaders must "step up and take responsibility" for where the region is now and where it needs to go.

Cut 13250 :16 "In the short term, we've got to deal with the realities. Our congressional district is last in the country in wealth; we're last in health. We have to turn these things around, but I believe that the assets are there."

Tag 2: If the people of Appalachia put their minds to it, Davis says, they can turn things around. More than 15-hundred are registered to attend the all-day summit on Monday.

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LEAD: As a summit on the future of eastern and southern Kentucky nears, there are hopes for what it could mean for the region's economic future beyond its traditional bedrock - coal. Greg Stotelmyer has more.

Cut 14250 :42 Outcue...Stotelmyer reporting.

Note to Editors: Reach Davis at 606-454-6850. □ □

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Justice Chairman: More Needs to be Done to Curb Dating Violence

Lexington, KY - The chairman of Kentucky's House Judiciary Committee told domestic violence prevention advocates from across the state Thursday that legislation protecting those in dating relationships has "momentum." Rep. John Tilley has filed a bill (HB 6) for the 2014 General Assembly session which would allow dating partners to obtain domestic-violence protective orders. Comments from Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, House Judiciary Chairman; and Tamara Reif (RDP), vice president for programs, The Center for Women and Families, Usage available of Ending Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Conference logo.

Intro: The struggle to push tougher dating-violence laws through the Kentucky Legislature has "momentum," according to the main sponsor of a bill which would provide new protections. House Judiciary Chairman John Tilley urged those gathered Thursday for the annual "Ending Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Conference" to help push his bill to passage. Currently, dating partners cannot obtain a protective order in Kentucky. Tilley says that "makes no sense and it's unfair"

Cut 27250 :14 *"The most vulnerable population are young girls, or girls and women in this age range, 16 to 25. There shouldn't be those distinctions on who can access this immediate protection because we know it saves lives."*

Tag: To obtain a protective order in Kentucky, you have to either be married, living with your partner or have had a child with that person. Legislation extending that protection to dating partners has passed the House the last three sessions but died in the Senate

Second Cut: Tamara Reif, who helps run the domestic-violence and sexual-assault program in Jefferson and six surrounding counties, says the dating violence law is "super important"

Cut 28250 :13 *"We talk about protective orders as a safety planning tool, and when we don't have that option for a lot of our clients, that is just not of/feels like we have to figure out what else we're going to do instead because it's just not an option for them."*

Tag 1: Reif says that forces them to do "a lot of scrambling to figure out how to keep" victims of dating violence safe

Third Cut: Reif says she hears concerns that people take protective orders out too often, but

Cut 29250 :10 *"Actually, they work and they're a great tool for our clients - not always, but they're still a, it's a huge protective factor for our clients to be able to take out protective orders."*

Tag 2: Representative Tilley is wasting no time in trying to move his bill. He says it will be heard by his House Judiciary Committee on January 8th, the second day of the 2014 legislative session

Fourth Cut: Tilley says that for every dollar the state spends on protective orders for dating partners it can save 31 dollars

Cut 30250 :09 *"I think it makes sense, that's why you can see the common sense that it makes when you talk about inverting other costs in a very expensive criminal-justice system."*

Tag 3: An 86-million-dollar savings, according to the University of Kentucky study Tilley is citing.

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LEAD: The struggle to push tougher dating-violence laws through the Kentucky Legislature now has "momentum," according to the lawmaker who is the main sponsor of a bill which would provide new protections. Greg Stotelmyer has more.
Cut 31250 :53 *Outcut...Greg Stotelmyer reporting.*

Note to Editors: Reach Tilley at 502-564-8100 ext 658; Reif at 502-581-7200. □NOTE: Pre-filed as HB11, Tilley's legislation will become HB8. □Link to HB8: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB8.htm> □□

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Keeping Kids Out of Court - Kentucky's Plan

Frankfort, Ky - Recommendations from Kentucky's Juvenile Code Task Force, which has been meeting for two years, will be finalized Thursday. Those on the panel say keeping kids out of the formal court system in the first place, if possible, is at the heart of the reform efforts. Comments from two members of the task force, Lisa Jones, Chief District Judge, Daviess (DAVISS) County; and Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, House Judiciary Chairman.

Intro: Keeping kids out of the court system altogether is at the heart of broad recommendations that are coming tomorrow from (Thursday) Kentucky's Juvenile Code Task Force. The effort to reform the state's juvenile justice system is honing in on improving early intervention. Lisa Jones, the Chief District Judge in Daviess County, says front-end services are "essential to everything." She says not only would that reduce the number of juveniles being incarcerated or committed to the state, it's also good for the kid.

Cut 35250 :11 *"That's often times what the family is wanting when they reach out for help to the courts or to the schools or to law enforcement. They're wanting services, they're wanting something to make it better."*

Tag: Judge Jones says "a good assessment" is most crucial.

Second Cut: Former prosecutor, turned state representative, John Tilley, agrees. He says Kentucky is detaining "far too many low-level juvenile offenders" which is often "the worst possible outcome" for both the child and the taxpayers. □□

Cut 36250 :13 *"Without proper identification of the problem we continue to herd certain juveniles into certain categories and they end up in juvenile prison. That costs taxpayers between 87 and 91-thousand dollars per year."*

Tag 1: That's the cost of locking up one child for a year. Tilley, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, says the task force recommendations will be used to create some "specific" efforts at reform during the upcoming legislative session. □□

Third Cut: Among the ideas the Juvenile Code Task Force has considered are standardizing protocols with schools before seeking court involvement, clarifying the role of School Resource Officers, and enhancing diversion options. For instance, Judge Jones says in Owensboro they use two emergency shelters

Cut 37250 :07 *"You know when you get that midnight phone call about a juvenile who's done something you can look at placing them in an emergency shelter instead of incarcerating them."*

Tag 2: Over their two years of work task force members heard mounds of research which shows that court intervention, secure detention and out-of-home placement can all do more damage than good when trying to get a youth back on track.

Fourth Cut: Representative Tilley says in Kentucky studies show that probation violators and misdemeanor offenders are locked up, on average, only a month less than youth who commit felonies.

Cut 38250 :08 *"We're putting very low-level offenders with the most dangerous juvenile offenders with the most dangerous juvenile offenders and that creates more dangerous juvenile offenders and that's a bad thing."*

Tag 3: Judge Jones says to make reform work, educating people so they realize that locking up kids is "harmful" is essential.

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LEAD: Keeping kids out of the court system altogether is at the heart of broad recommendations that are coming tomorrow from (Thursday) Kentucky's Juvenile Code Task Force. Greg Stotelmeyer has more.
Cut 39250 :49 *Quocue. Greg Stotelmeyer reporting.*

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Holiday Foods and Decor Can Be Deadly for Pets

Lexington, KY - The holidays are here, and while the house is filled with food and plants that are tasty and pretty for humans, some can be toxic or even deadly for our pets. K.C. Theisen (TY-son), director of pet care issues for the Humane Society of The United States, says some items may surprise you. □□

Intro: With the holiday season in full swing, there are foods, decorations and plants in the home that - while pretty and tasty for humans - can prove toxic and even fatal for your pets. Some on that list may surprise you. K.C. Theisen (TY-son) is director of Pet Care Issues for The Humane Society of the United States. She says grapes, raisins and garlic can be toxic for pets - and chocolate, which is plentiful this time of year, can be especially bad.

Cut 44250 :15 "The darker the chocolate you have, the more poisonous it's going to be to the animals in your home - as well as the sweetener called Xylitol. It's often used in sugar-free foods but it can also be found in lots and lots of candies."

Tag: Theisen says just how sick your pet gets depends on age, size and its overall health. A good number to keep handy, she says, is the A-S-P-C-A's Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435) or be sure to contact your vet to see how you should proceed if your pet ingests something toxic

Second Cut: Plants such as holly and poinsettias can be toxic, as well as mistletoe berries. Theisen says to be sure to keep stocking stuffers and ribbons well out of reach. A cat, for instance, could mistake ribbon or plastic decorations for a cat toy.

Cut 45250 :13 "... and take it and ingest pieces of it that aren't meant to be consumed, and they run the risk of choking or getting a blockage in their digestive system that can be a very, very expensive veterinary crisis."

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LEAD: The holidays are here, and while the house is filled with food and plants that are tasty and pretty for humans, some can be toxic or even deadly for our pets. Monique Coppola reports on what to stay away from.
Cut 46250 :30 Outcue...Monique Coppola reporting.

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