

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KMUC, Columbia, Missouri along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period January 2023 through March 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. “There is no safe blood level, and lead can be really harmful to human health – even at really, really low levels”

In-depth health reporting

January 13, 2023

Aired at 5:00pm

4:00

Madison County has been dealing with lead-concentrated soil for decades and children living around mine waste areas have had elevated quantities of lead in their bloodstreams. Kurt Limesand is the EPA Region 7’s remedial project manager for the Madison County Mines Superfund Site, and Cory Kokko is with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. They spoke about the history of blood-lead contamination and how it still impacts children today.

2. “If we’re not putting someone’s trauma experience first, then the chances of them actually progressing and moving forward may be slimmer”

In-depth health reporting

January 26, 2023

Aired at 5:00pm

4:00

Debi Hake is a licensed professional counselor with the Marriage and Family Counseling Center, and one of our specialty areas is spiritual abuse and religious trauma. She spoke about how religious trauma can make navigating substance use disorder recovery spaces difficult.

3. “Personal Care Attendants: I’m not there to do things for him. I’m there to do things with him”

In-depth health reporting

February 20, 2023

Aired at 5:00pm

4:00

Cameron Reitan, a second year Master’s of Public Health student at the University of Missouri, who’s also employed as a personal care attendant – essentially, she’s hired by people with disabilities to help them with whatever tasks they need. She spoke about why she does this work and a little about what people misunderstand about caregiving.

4. “The Reentry Opportunity Center helps people get what they ‘need to survive as a citizen out in the community.’”

In-depth health reporting

February 27, 2023

Aired at 5:00pm

4:00

Jessica Chambers, a peer support specialist at the Reentry Opportunity Center in Columbia (the ROC), works with folks who are coming out of prison – helping them connect to housing, treatment, and just a sense of community.

5. “The R.I.S.E. Initiative ‘is all about putting these children on a path that will allow them to make decisions that will help their futures’”

In-depth health reporting

March 28, 2023

Aired at 5:00pm

4:00

Lonnie Lockhart Bey and Julian Jackman both spent many years in prison, and since their releases they have worked together to create the R.I.S.E Initiative in Columbia, which works with and empowers at-risk youth. They spoke about some of the reasons they created the R.I.S.E. Initiative and about what motivates them to do this work.