

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WPST-FM / WNJE-AM / WCHR-FM

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Section I. Issues

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

- A. Public Health/AIDS Epidemic:** Nearly 30,000 individuals in the Great Philadelphia area are living with HIV. Philadelphians are being infected with HIV at a rate five times five times the national average, and currently there is no cure for the disease. Access to education, healthcare and resources is vital for keeping the population safe as the science continues to advance.
- B. LGBTQ Issues.** LGBTQ youth in New Jersey face higher risks for depression, anxiety, and suicide. A recent Trevor Project survey found that 71% of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety, and at least 40% of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey seriously considered suicide in the past year. Providing support for LGBTQ youth at home and in our communities is vital to keeping them safe.
- C. Public Health/Cancer Awareness:** Cancer takes a devastating toll on New Jersey. It's estimated that one in two men and one in three women from New Jersey will get a cancer diagnosis in their lifetimes. A cancer diagnosis results in both physical and financial burdens for these individuals and their loved ones as they battle the disease. Routine screenings and awareness are vital for the public's health.
- D. Child Safety/Youth Bullying:** It's estimated that about 20% of students in New Jersey and Pennsylvania (ages 12-18) have experienced bullying. As the school year continues, our youth is at risk to face bullying in the classroom once again this quarter.
- E. Fire Safety.** More than one-quarter (26%) of all fires reported in New Jersey in the past decade took place inside private residences. With larger gatherings, decorations, candles and more, the risk of household fires increases every holiday season in New Jersey.
- F. Disaster Preparedness:** In a typical year New Jersey and Pennsylvania face the risk of all types wintry weather (including snow, ice, freezing temperatures and more), which residents at risk on the highways and in their homes. Public preparedness and disaster planning for these emergencies is crucial to saving lives when wintry weather affects us.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time and/or Frequency
10/1/23	Community Focus	Public Health/AIDS Epidemic. Chris and the Crew spoke with Robb Reicherd, the Executive Director of the 2023 Philadelphia AIDS Walk, about their upcoming event and resources that are available for testing and treatment of HIV.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
10/8/23	Community Focus	Homeland Security. Chris & the Crew spoke with Daniel Englehardt, the Deputy Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, about the security threats facing New Jerseyans in person and online.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
10/15/23	Community Focus	LGBTQ Issues/Teen Mental Health. Chris & the Crew spoke with Keygan Miller the interim Director of Public Training with the Trevor Project about the risks facing LGBTQ youth as they come out. In New Jersey, The Trevor Project found that 71% of LGBTQ youth in New Jersey reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety. The discussion centered around how parents, teachers, and members of the community can support our young people.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
10/22/23	Community Focus	Public Health/Breast Cancer. Chris and the Crew spoke with Paula Florey, the founder of Move Over Breast Cancer, a local organization helping woman get their annual mammogram & provide resources for those battling the disease with their mobile van around the community in 2023.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
10/29/23	Community Focus	Child Safety/Youth Bullying. Chris & the Crew spoke with Samantha Childs, author of the children's book "Henri and the Magnificent Snort," about how parents and members of the community can support kids (under the age of 12) who may be bullied for being different.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
11/5/23	Community Focus	Elections. Chris and the Crew shared the details about the	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM:

		upcoming local elections in New Jersey & Pennsylvania — including how to find your polling location/hours/absentee ballots and more.		6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
11/12/23	Community Focus	COVID-19, Health. Chris & the Crew spoke with Kathleen Cameron, a Senior Director with the National Council on Aging about how we can keep our elderly population safe as we enter cold and flu season. They discussed the importance of the annual flu shots & the updated COVID-19 vaccines as keys to keeping the elderly safe in New Jersey & Pennsylvania.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
11/19/23	Community Focus	Food Safety. Ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, Chris and the Crew spoke with a Roni McDaniel a representative from the Butterball Turkey hotline about food safety and how to prepare Thanksgiving dinner.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
11/26/23	Community Focus	Public Safety, Crime. As the risk of theft increases in our communities over the holiday season (often known as “porch pirates,” who steal packages from our front door), Chris and the Crew shared tips from the Better Business Bureau to protect yourself from theft this holiday season.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
12/3/23 & 12/10/23	Community Focus	Inflation/Housing Costs. Chris & the Crew spoke with a researcher Jon Leckie about the most recent Rent Report and what New Jersey and Pennsylvanians can for rental housing costs in 2024 as inflation begins to cool off.	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
12/17/23	Community Focus	Fire safety. Chris & the Crew spoke with Susan McKelvey of the National Fire Protection Association about the risks of household fires during the upcoming holiday season (for everything from candles to Christmas trees and more).	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
12/24/23	Community Focus	Disaster Preparedness / Winter Weather Safety. Chris and the Crew spoke with Townsquare New Jersey’s Chief Meteorologist Dan	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE– AM: 6:00 am

		Zarrow about safety at home during New Jersey's upcoming winter.		WCHR-AM: 6:45 am
12/31/23	Community Focus	Disaster Preparedness/Driving Safety. Chris and the Crew spoke with Tim Waldenback, Head of Content Development, and co-founder of Zutobi, about Winter Driving safety tips (from driving in the snow to staying warm in a winter emergency).	15:00	WPST-FM & WNJE- AM: 6:00 am WCHR-AM: 6:45 am