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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2019-19

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **William G. Gale, PhD**, Arjay and Frances Miller Chair in Federal Economic Policy, Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution

Most Americans are aware that the Social Security program will soon run short of money. Dr. Gale discussed the even shakier financial situations of Medicare and Medicaid. He said the Medicare trust fund will run out of money in 2026. He stressed the importance for Congress to either reduce costs, raise taxes or make other major policy changes soon.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:03

**Government
Retirement Planning
Public Health**

2. **Megan Maas, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Michigan State University, certified sexuality educator

Teens spend hours every day on internet-connected devices, often with little or no supervision. Dr. Mass led a study that found that online sexual experiences can predict a teen's likelihood of becoming a victim of sexual assault one year later. She outlined the specific patterns of behaviors that can put teenagers at risk. She said she believes teens need to receive much better education to learn how online activities can affect their real life.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:12

**Sexual Assault
Youth at Risk
Parenting**

3. **Christopher Loftis, PhD**, National Director for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/U.S. Department of Defense Mental Health Collaboration

Veterans face a wide array of mental health and stress-related challenges when they return to civilian life. Dr. Loftis discussed the various forms of help available at Veterans Administration facilities and via community-based mental health resources where veterans live. He offered ideas to help family members and friends start the conversation about mental health.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:59

**Veterans Issues
Mental Health**