

North Valley Viewpoints and Issues October through December 2009

North Valley Viewpoints is produced by KNVN. This 30 minute program is to inform our local community of issues or programs that affect our area. North Valley Viewpoints is normally scheduled to air Sundays at 5 a.m. and occasionally airs elsewhere as needed.

Topic: "Methamphetamine". Interviewed Paula Felipe, Chair of the Butte County Meth Strike Force, and Phyllis Murdock, the Director of Butte County's Public Health Department, also a Strike Force Member. We spoke about why meth is so addictive, who's using it, link to crime, labs, children in drug homes, cost, affect on body and mind. What to do if you suspect someone is using and Prevention and Education were also discussed. Provided website information for more resources.

Topic: "Wasted" Documentary. Interviewed Danelle Campbell, Program Manager, Butte County Behavioral Health Prevention Unit, and Taryn Rosa, Youth Coordinator with Butte Youth Now. Aired locally produced documentary about the problems associated with underage drinking in Butte County. Advertising that promotes it, Access, and possible solutions. Interviewed Campbell and Rosa about their experience, and fact video available to parents, students and educators...along with support materials.

Topics: Hepatitis C and Dangers of CFL Light bulbs. Interviewed Dr. Al-Dwairi, Ellen Michels with Butte County Public Health Department, and a Hepatitis C patient, Jeanette Warner, about what it is, how it's contracted, how does it impact peoples lives. Silent epidemic. Who's at risk, treatment, prevention, and support. Second part of the show focused on the dangers of CFL light bulbs, a special report by Action News Reporter Kelly Saam.

Topics: CASA of Butte and Glenn Counties and Northern Valley Catholic Social Services. Interviewed Pam Hubbard, Program Manager, Trish Dunlap, Volunteer, and Andrea Stile, Friends of CASA Volunteer about the Court Appointed Special Advocates program...which operates under the umbrella of NVCSS. Volunteers advocate on behalf of children in the court system...who have been removed from their home due to abuse

and/or neglect, and placed in foster care. Also talked with Bob Michaels, Executive Director, about NVCSS, who it serves, and other programs available to residents of our area.

Topic: Shasta Women's Refuge. Interviewed Executive Director Maggie Johns about the Womens Refuge, who it serves, how people can contribute time and/or money to keep it operating. Talked about problems with domestic violence. Signs to watch for. What to do. Assistance available.

Topic: Habitat for Humanity. Interviewed Dave Wallace and Darlene Giampoli, members of the Board of Directors for Butte County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Spoke about how the program works, who are the recipients, the concept of "sweat equity", how many homes have been built in Butte County, goals for the coming year, how people can volunteer and contribute.

Topic: Shalom Free Clinic. Interviewed Dr. Ken Logan, Karen Kushner, PA-C, and Nancy Morgans-Ferguson about the Shalom Free Clinic in Chico. Each Sunday volunteers offer free health, and mental health care to anyone, also helping with prescriptions, etc. Talked about vision for the future, to own their own building, and need for donations of equipment, money, etc...

Topic: Esplanade House Transitional Shelter Program for Homeless Families. Interviewed Program Director Gloria Rodgers and long time Board of Directors member Lynne Bussey. Talked about the program and who it serves, goal of helping families become self sufficient and find and maintain permanent housing. Also talked about the Butte County Meth Strike force and methamphetamine addiction...as 90 percent of the residents in Esplanade House program are in recovery for meth addiction. Explored opportunities to support the program as well.

KNVN also regularly covers issues affecting communities in our viewing area during daily news broadcasts. Our early morning "Wake Up" show includes interviews with community leaders and agencies about various programs, issues and events throughout the North State.