

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WEKL(FM)  
Fourth Quarter 2023 (October-December)  
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WEKL(FM), AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, for the period of October 1 – December 31, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Standard Time.

1. ADDICTIONS
2. TEENS / YOUTH ISSUES
3. FAMILY
4. MENTAL HEALTH

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description of Program</b>
Mental Health	Closer Look	Oct 1	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Pastor Burnout, Caring For Your Leader's Soul</b></p> <p>Surveys found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety or depression. Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE's Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a <i>guilt-free</i> part of your life as a spiritual leader.</p>
Drugs Teens	Closer Look	Oct 8	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</b></p> <p>Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. "It's terrifying," says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. "We still say 'just say no' but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn't ask for." Bob Dittman reports.</p>

Addictions Drugs	Closer Look	Nov 26	7:00 pm	30 minutes	<p><b>Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support</b></p> <p>One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don't know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. <i>"When we found PAL we're like okay, we're not alone, there's other people who've been down this road."</i> Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Mentoring Business Development	Closer Look	Oct 15	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Small-Business Mentors Offer Free Advice Through SCORE</b></p> <p>Your idea for a great small business needs a good plan. If you already opened your shop you may be stumped on how to grow. SCORE mentors offer free, one-on-one advice for turning a profit. <i>"What we have seen is that when someone meets with a mentor for 3 hours or more, they are 5x more likely to increase their revenue and stay in business."</i> Billie Wright reports.</p>

Addictions Mental Health	Closer Look	Oct 22	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p><b>Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</b></p> <p>Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.  <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518</a></p>
Faith & Family	Closer Look	Oct 22	7:14 pm	16 minutes	<p><b>Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad</b></p> <p>The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure, "more than you can count...God's hand was evident." In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure's faith and the good news of Jessica's rescue. K-LOVE's Jack Church talks to Chip.  <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/faith-matters/closer-look-faith-of-her-father-baby-jessica-s-dad-3520">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/faith-matters/closer-look-faith-of-her-father-baby-jessica-s-dad-3520</a></p>

Military Veterans	Closer Look	Oct 29	7:00 pm	17 minutes	<b>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road</b> No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our <a href="#">skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.</a> ” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing. Kindra Ponzio reports.
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Military Veterans	Closer Look	Nov 12	7:00 pm	30 minutes	<p><b>Fishing For Combat Vets, Outdoor Adventures Rebuild Trust</b></p> <p>Fishing poles and fresh air can do a heart good, especially if that heart saw war.</p> <p><a href="#">Heroes on the Water</a> takes soldiers up a creek with paddles or pedals. “Kayak fishing really helps veterans who are struggling with PTSD,” notes Zack Clift. H.O.W. surveys show 88% of participants say the free expedition gave them confidence to develop new relationships and a whopping 98% say it helped them relax. Kindra Ponzio reports.</p> <p><a href="#">WildOps</a> invites combat vets on free epic outdoor adventures to the mountains or the wilderness. “We seek the isolated veteran – a big chunk of them that don’t wanna be found,” says founder Jeff Morris. “We work hard to give them the experience if a lifetime -- and they come to life out in the wild.” Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	Oct 29	7:18 pm	12 minutes	<p><b>Can Play: Iowa Mom Helps Kids With Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun</b></p> <p>Jack suffered six strokes when he was just 8 years old, which left his left him with cognitive delays, partial paralysis and ‘limited ability to play.’ Can Play gives kids like Jack “a place that they can come, be themselves, learn about their bodies and what their bodies can do.” Rafael Sierra reports.</p>

<p>Childhood Obesity</p>	<p>Closer Look</p>	<p>Nov 5</p>	<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School</b>  Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky - or fat - to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase <a href="#">nearly doubled during the pandemic</a>. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma “Prevention is what we really want, right?” says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (<a href="#">FRAC</a>). “We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they’re gonna get healthy meals, where there isn’t a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that’s really gonna make a difference for kids.”</p>
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Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	Nov 5	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<b>Teens Aged-Out Of Foster Care Get Help From 'Dream Makers'</b> Without family and often lacking lifeskills, former foster kids become homeless adults by the thousands, turning to drugs and crime on the streets just to survive. "Every statistic you hear that is going bad in the United States, a lot of them link back to the foster care system and those kids just not being taken care of." Dream Makers steps in to link aged-out foster kids with practical assistance by connecting them with the generosity of strangers. "It totally up to the community to fulfill the dream." The young adult with a need fills out an application to ask for things that teens with families could easily get from a mom or dad: like money for work clothes, or a laptop for school, or maybe a used car - but Melton says the most common dream request from these youth by far is - food.
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Disaster Recovery	Closer Look	Nov 19	7:00 pm	30 minutes	<p><b>Convoy Of Hope Brings Relief To Maui, Middle East: 2023 Update</b></p> <p>Good news from the <a href="#">Maui Visitor and Convention Bureau</a>: they're re-open for tourists! Hawaiians are eager to say 'aloha' to mainlanders says Leanne Pletcher, Dir of PR and Marketing, as the island economy depends heavily on tourism. Though the historic town of Lahaina remains closed, she invites newlyweds, adventure hikers, families and surfers to enjoy a sunset from one of Maui's other white sandy beaches.</p> <p>Convoy of Hope arrived in Lahaina, West Maui with emergency supplies days after the fire, trading their trademark big rigs for big boats. The Christ-centered ministry also remains involved in dozens of disasters and war zones in the U.S. and worldwide. "We are on the ground working in the Middle East," confirms Convoy spokesman Ethan Forhertz, and though he 'can't say much' in order to protect the safety of local partners, he says more than 40,000 pounds of food was recently delivered by cargo plane to Israel and Gaza.</p>
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Parenting & Mentoring to Youth	Closer Look	Dec 3	7:00 pm	30 minutes	<p>[Marya Morgan says] The power of mentorship: someone to come alongside and say.. 'I'll show you how to do it.' Mentors can make all the difference. Let's take a <i>Closer Look</i> at teaching non-custodial fathers to be the dads they want to be: but first .. let's hear how mentors encourage kids to fall in love with creative writing:</p> <p><b>Young Storytellers Outreach Brings Kid-Scripts To Stage</b>          Children feel the thrill of seeing their scripts come to life with the help of creative-writing mentors and local actors who volunteer to perform. Though based primarily in Los Angeles, the arts program Young Storytellers works to scale its success to other cities by providing free online videos educators can use to help students shape stories. Monika Kelly reports.</p> <p><b>News(Positive People): South Carolina Dad Helps Reconnect Non-Custodial Fathers With Their Kids (+Podcast)</b>  <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/positive-people/south-carolina-dad-helps-reconnect-non-custodial-fathers-with-their-kids-podcast-45401">https://www.klove.com/news/positive-people/south-carolina-dad-helps-reconnect-non-custodial-fathers-with-their-kids-podcast-45401</a></p>
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Cyber Security	Closer Look	Dec 10	7:00 pm	30 minutes	<p><b>Don't Click That Link! Be Cyber Smart</b>  Spam on social media. Emails that shout 'click here!' from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. "If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn't right here - please listen to that." Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.  [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Teens & Mental Health	Closer Look	Dec 17	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p><b>Like CPR, Get Trained In Youth 'Mental First Aid'</b>  How do you approach a teen without getting a door slammed in your face? "A trusted adult is what a youth needs more than anything," says Lori Butterworth of AIM, which strongly recommends all adults get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. She compares it to CPR. "What if we worked really hard to raise the probability that when a child or teen has a mental health crisis that there is someone there to help them and save their life?" Kindra Ponzio reports.  <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294</a></p>

Teens & Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Dec 17	7:15 pm	15 minutes	<p><b>Teens Chatting On Social Media Vulnerable To Human Traffickers</b></p> <p>“Just so you know, some kids that are trafficked actually aren’t taken from their home - they still live at their house.” How does this happen? Social media chats. Expert tricksters spend months -- or even years -- lying to build friendship. Your good and smart kid may believe their online friend is their age “by the time they went to meet this person, it wasn’t who they thought they were.” Once the youth is tricked into sexually explicit activities they may be too afraid to tell you. Felipe Aguilar reports.</p> <p><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293</a></p>
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