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There follows a list of some of the significant issues responded to by, WPLJ- FM, New York, New York, along with significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of April 1- June 30, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issue appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All time are Pacific Time zones.

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Family	Closer Look	5/7	7:00 pm Segment 2	30 minutes	Closer Look: Teens Aged Out of Foster Care Get Help From ‘Dream Makers’ Without family and often lacking life skills, 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.
Family	Closer Look	4/2 5/28	7:00 pm Segment 2	30 minutes	Closer Look: Can Play: Iowa Mom Helps Kids with Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun- 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.
Family	Closer Look	6/18	7:00 pm Segment 2	30 minutes	Closer Look: Faith of Her Father - Baby Jessica’s Dad- 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.
Family	Closer Look	6/25	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Young Girls Pregnant and Scared Turn to StandUpGirl.com Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of Stand Up Girl.com says their site stands ready to help. “Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-

					affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood.” Quick response is essential. “If you go google the word ‘abortion’ right now there are millions of websites that are going to come up. Our goal is to have Stand Up Girl show up on that first page of their google search.”
Family	Local Closer Look	4/2	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Senior Citizens- Bob Dittman talks with Dona Giannotti, the Community Relations Manager at Presbyterian Senior Services about the services they provide seniors in need and their caregivers. How care is especially difficult when it comes to seniors with dementia and mentions initiatives PSS is involved with in helping people understand dementia and the specifics of caregiving with this particular malady. (http://pssusa.org)
Family	Local Closer Look	4/23	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Special Needs- Peter Kaye talks with Margaret Nunziato of Westchester Independent Living Center about a handful of the many programs and services they offer individuals with disabilities. WILC’s is a community-based organization that empowers people with disabilities to lead self-directed lives through advocacy, training and referral, and resources that promote independent living. Nunziato shares an impactful story of a client that was recently able to return home after thirty years in a nursing home through one of WILC’s specialized services.
Family	Local Closer Look	4/30	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Senior Citizens- Billie Branham talks with Allison Nickerson, Executive Director of Live On New York. Live On advocates for the aging population in New York. Nickerson explains the programs that are offered and how older adults can utilize them. Nickerson shares how they worked through the pandemic to ease the isolation of the aging population. Nickerson talks about virtual classes offered and more.
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Education	Local Closer Look	5/14	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Literacy- Peter Kaye discusses the importance of early childhood literacy with Primo Lasana of Reading Partners NYC. The fact that 4 out of 5 NYC students are not reading at grade level by the 4th grade. How this not only

					is difficult for the students in the present but also builds upon itself and makes it more difficult for them as they advance to the higher grades. The collaboration that Reading Partners has with 19 schools throughout the Big Apple and the impact that they are having. He also shares the need for volunteer tutors.
Education	Local Closer Look	6/4	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Programs- Jack Church spoke with Meghan Miller, Operations Lead for Learning Help Centers of Charlotte. The Learning Help Centers have been in Charlotte for over 10 years serving families with weekly tutoring for children as well as special programs for their parents including help with job placement and family budgeting. Most families served are from Hispanic backgrounds and the Center offers bilingual tutoring. While the Center originally offered programs on site at various locations, they now operate from one central local at St. Andrew United Methodist Church. This is not a drop off program, but parents are required to be at the Center with the children.
Education	Local Closer Look	6/11	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Programs- Billie Wright talks with Rachael Gazdick, CEO of New York Edge. New York Edge provides afterschool programs to kids throughout New York City to support education and career readiness. The importance of science, art, dance, and curriculum support they offer through their programs. They are developing the skills for young writers through their student publishing initiative. The importance of continuing education of the employees of New York Edge and how that impacts children in our city.
Health	Closer Look	4/2 5/28	7:00 pm Segment 1	30 minutes	Closer Look: Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road No arms? No legs? No problem! "Whether you're an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you're paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable." 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.
Health	Closer Look	4/23	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Kids Fooled by Fentanyl, Rx Fakes- 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.
Health	Closer Look	5/7	7:00 pm Segment 1	30 minutes	Closer Look- Tackle Childhood Obesity at Home, Church, and School- 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 nearly doubled during the pandemic. 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 (FRAC). “We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they’re going to get healthy meals, where there isn’t a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that’s really going to make a difference for kids.”
Health	Closer Look	6/11	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Pastor Burnout, Caring for Your Leader’s Soul Surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety, or depression. K-LOVE's 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. [Educational Media Foundation – All Rights Reserved]
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Health	Closer Look	6/18	7:00 pm Segment 1	30 minutes	Closer Look: Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery- 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 out of 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.
Health	Local Closer Look	5/7 6/25	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Addiction/Drug Abuse- Peter Kaye speaks with Paul Burke of Brooklyn Adult and Teen Challenge about their one-year Christ-centered approach to overcoming addiction. Brooklyn Adult and Teen Challenge is the original Teen Challenge started in 1958 by Don Wilkerson. How though the face of addiction may have changed since Teen Challenges' inception; the core elements of the program are as relevant today as they ever were. Defines addiction as an outward manifestation of inward issues and explains how the spiritual element of the program is key to its' impressive 85% success rate.
Health	Local Closer Look	6/4	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Disease- Peter Kaye speaks with Marty Seiderer of MAC Angels Foundation about the various resources and supports they offer individuals and caregivers effected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). A basic explanation of the debilitating disease and the progress that has been made since Lou Gehrig's diagnosis. The importance of a positive attitude for both the patient and the caregiver as well as value of comradery through their various support groups. How artificial intelligence serves in helping those who lose their voices being able to communicate via a device which sounds like their own voice.
Economy	Closer Look	5/21	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Convoy of Hope Springs into Action: 2023 Update- Convoy has been very busy so far this year. Devastating tornado outbreaks slammed several U.S. states. "Convoy is now working long-term to get people what they need -- appliances, furniture, roofs -- whatever it is." The ministry sent aid and comfort when twin earthquakes in Turkey and Syria drove 2.6 million people into tents near the rubble of their homes. Convoy continues to care for war refugees in Ukraine and those who have fled to neighboring countries. Convoy is also committed to an ongoing effort to feed children in global famine. The Children's Feeding program provides meals in 33 countries for more than 500k+ hungry kids.
Economy	Closer Look	6/4	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Food Prices, Fight Inflation from Your Fridge- Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and

					fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? K-LOVE's Billie Wright checks in with Associate Professor Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.
Economy	Local Closer Look	5/21	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Housing- Peter Kaye speaks with Jim Killoran of the Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City about the growing need for affordable housing. The average apartment rent to what a family could be paying towards owning their own home through the Fuller Center's homeownership program. Reflects on six families having recently paid off their mortgages and shares how this will positively impact those families for future generations. Good stewardship through passive home building where energy efficiency is a key focus as energy cost continue to rise.
Economy	Local Closer Look	5/28	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Homelessness- Peter Kaye speaks with James Winans of the Bowery Mission about the changing landscape of homelessness across New York City. The pandemic and shares that the need for meals and shelter hasn't gone back to normal but instead is the new normal. The recent challenge of migrant immigration as well as the continued mental health crisis. Emphasizes trust building and relationships to be keys to successful outcomes through the various programs and services offered at the Bowery Mission. He shares stories of impact and changed lives because of the generosity of New Yorkers partnering with the Bowery Mission.
Economy	Local Closer Look	6/18	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Tourism- Peter Kaye speaks with Gail Morse of Big Apple Greeter about their unique visitor service that matches a visitor to their greeter based on common interests, personalities, and language. While New York City sees sixty-five million tourists per year, Big Apple Greeter is a small volunteer driven organization which shows five to six thousand visitors around the city helping them see the Big Apple as a true New Yorker does! Morse shares her own love for travel and points out how often the visitor and greeter become friends and stay in touch years after their initial meeting.
Public Safety	Closer Look	4/16	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Be Safer at Work or Church, Thoughts on Security You see trouble, you hear it – now believe it. "Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different," says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat

					assessment. "One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens." Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. "Instead of, 'it will never happen here,' have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we'll do." Bob Dittman reports.
Public Safety	Closer Look	4/30	7:00 pm	30 minutes	Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be Cyber Smart- 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.
Public Safety	Local Closer Look	4/16	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Police/Crime/Prison- Billie Wright talk with Rachel Trotta, Development Manager with Answer the Call. Answer the Call provides support to families of first responders who have lost their lives for their communities. Trotta shares resources that are given to the families after tragedy. She shares the hope of healing that they receive after their loss through events that connect families together. Trotta explains how they responded following the events of 9/11 in New York City.