

Issues Program List

“Issues & Views” Public Affairs Program Quarterly Report and Re-Cap

July, August, September 2019

106.5 WYRK - 96.1 WMSX - 93.7 WBLK - 92.9 WBUF

This Quarter's Public Affairs concerns and topics were mainly focused in 6 areas of Public concern:

1. Crime (as it relates to incarceration and reentry back into the Local Community):

Based upon reports from the link provided below (and Oshei Children's Hospital) these stats were obtained, relative to Erie County:

- 81.5 % of people booked into jail in Erie County had previously been involved
- 1 in every 5 people booked into an Erie County jail were likely to return to jail four or more times within 3 years
- In 2016, nearly 505 (half) of all persons on federal probation between Erie County, Monroe County, and Niagara County were located in Erie County
- Based upon these stats and others in the report (link below) individuals from the M.A.N. Program (Mentoring & Nurturing at Risk Individuals in WNY) were interviewed.

Complete statistical information via this link: <https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Assessing-Reentry-Service-and-Resource-in-Erie-County-NY-Report-1.22.19.pdf>

2. Autism:

Based on reports from the link provided below (and from Oshei Children's Hospital) these stats were obtained, relative to Erie County:

- 1 in 59 children in Erie County, ages 3-18, are diagnosed and identified as Autistic

Based upon these stats, and others in the report (link below), information regarding Autism in general was provided on July 14, 2019

Complete statistical information via this link: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-facts-and-figures>

3. Infant Death (due to drowning):

Based on reports from the link provided below, these stats were obtained:

- From 2005-2014, there were an average of 3,536 fatal unintentional drowning within the United States —
- About 1 out of every 5 people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger.
- 50% of drowning victims treated in emergency departments need hospitalization or get transferred for further care.

The statistical information was enough to warrant broadcasting information warning the local community about the prevalence and seriousness of infant drowning and monitoring children, especially infants near pools.

Complete statistical information via this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationsafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>

4. Tobacco Related Illness & Death:

Based on reports from the link provided below, an interview with specialists from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's Department of Health Behavior was warranted.

- **Tobacco use is the number one cause of disease & death that can be prevented in NYS.**
- **Every year, smoking kills 23,600 adults.**
- **500,000+ New Yorkers live with serious medical issues and debilitating effects caused from smoking.**
- **Smoking causes cancer, Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease/stroke, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, erectile dysfunction, and age-related vision problems**
- **12,900 youth 18 & under become new smokers who smoke daily each year**
- **107,000 NYS high school students are currently smokers.**
- **Second hand smoke exposure is also a health risk affects 3,000 nonsmoking adults in NYS who die from diseases caused by secondhand smoke every year**
- **Children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to get ear infections and have breathing problems leading to bronchitis and pneumonia.**

Complete statistical information via this link: <http://www.wnyunited.org/tobacco.html>

5. Crisis Services and Intervention related to Housing, Domestic Violence, Opioid & Drug Abuse, Mental Illness, and Poverty:

Based on reports from the link provided below, these stats were obtained:

Homelessness Crisis:

- Relative to a critical and crisis situation, 5953 people in Erie County experienced homelessness in 2016. A 9.1% increase from 2015.
- 62% of all people who are homeless were single adults.
- 34% of all people who were homeless were members of families.
- 25% of all people who were homeless are children.

Domestic Violence Crisis:

- 3,552 victims served in one day
- 29,001 received non-residential services
- 1,078 hotline calls answered (more than 1 per minute)

Based on reports from the link provided below, an interview with experts who deal with Crisis Intervention from The Renewal Center was warranted

Complete statistical information via this link:

<http://www2.erie.gov/sheriff/index.php?q=domestic-violence-statistics>

6. Breast Cancer:

Based on reports from the link provided below, these stats were obtained:

- In both Erie and Niagara Counties, there were 139.4 and 138.0 incidents of diagnosed breast cancer were diagnosed per year, per 100,000 women
- The NYS average number of women with Breast Cancer (per 100,000 women) was 127.7 in 2013 while the average for the rest of the Country was 119.8.
- Obesity & sedentary lifestyle increase a woman's chance of developing breast cancer.
- Erie County has the 2nd Highest rate of Breast Cancer in the entire State of NY

per a study with Governor Cuomo requesting research as to why -

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-cancer-research-initiative-enhance-prevention-efforts-and-improve>

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<https://www.roswellpark.org/cancertalk/201311/examining-numbers-breast-cancer-prevalence-wny>

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“Issues & Views” airs on the following; 106.5 WYRK – Sunday Mornings 6:30 am – 7:30 am, 96.1 WMSX – Sunday Mornings 6 am – 7 am, 93.7 WBLK - Sunday Mornings 6:30 am – 7:30 am, 92.9 WBUF - Sunday Mornings 6 am – 7 am

Buffalo NY 3rd Quarter - July, August, September 2019

JULY - 2019

7th

M.A.N. Program / Mentoring & Nurturing At-Risk Individuals in WNY ... Jerome Wright Founder / CEO, A.J. Hamilton Activities Coordinator - Prison Program started in Comstock; character building...fatherless....discuss issues in a group setting ... built a curriculum based upon feedback, started working among inmates and decreased drug use, gang activity, and crime in prison and outside of prison. Peer program which spread throughout the Country @ other Correctional facilities

14th

Autism Awareness (Pre-Recorded Material) 10-Year-Old proclaiming Autism Awareness. More children are diagnosed with Autism than with AIDS, diabetes, & cancer combined ...the fastest-growing developmental disability ...1 in every 110 children worldwide....life time cost \$5,000,000...more prevalent in males than females....not a mental disease ... Omri Anthony Deets spoke regarding Autism and his experience with being Autistic

21st

Drums along the Waterfront. Drum Corps Show - A call for more youth involvement and parental/adult support of Drum Corp was discussed with Matt Tishe - Director of Production. He explained how Crum Corp started in the military, then moved to parades, addressed lack of Drum Corp participation in Community-related Drum Corps and explained Drum Corp involvement is mainly related to High School and College participation

28th

***REPEAT* Infant Swimming Precautions - (Pre-Recorded Material)** – The number one cause of death in infants under the age of 4 is drowning - Dr. David Grinnet / Dr. Harvey Barnett discuss. On average, ten children die every day from drowning. 200,00 deaths worldwide, over \$2 billion is spent on this problem each year.

AUGUST - 2019

4th

Tobacco Control Specialists from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's Department of Health Behavior - Ezra Scott & Shannon Waddell. They train organizations on how to conduct no-smoking regulations. They discussed the Clean Air Indoor Act, promoted No Outside Smoking due to 2nd hand Smoke, and explained how the act could provide signage throughout eight counties. The two also talked about how second-hand smoke also causes Cancer, and revealed that smoking is the #1 preventable cause of death. Lung Cancer is the #1 cause of death among smokers.

11th

HEALTH - NIAGRA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER - DR. DANG TUAM FUAM - DIRECTOR OF NIAGARA METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SERVICES - OBESITY ... Higher Body Mass Index (Overweight) higher risk of dying. BMI's between 25-less Normal / 25-30 Higher risk, 30 or higher / 40+ at even more risk ... How Bariatric Surgery differs from Liposuction

18th

MENTAL ILLNESS/ HOUSING: Maura Kelly - Director of Mental Health Peer Connection for WNY Independent Living / Rene Law - Coronado Program Manager at The Renewal Center (Housing Options Made easy)

Crisis identified: Anxiety, over-worked, mental illness, emotional challenges, financial stress, relationship stress, domestic violence, and depression. WALK-IN, an alternative to the emergency room

25th

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SEPTEMBER - 2019

1st

HOUSING /Poverty Dr. Kirsten Vincent - Director of Respite & Care Services (Housing Options Made Easy & Mental Health Peer Connection) from The Renewal Center. People can turn to this agency for loved ones/friends in Crisis (Mental Illness, Addiction, Homeless, Domestic Abuse). The Renewal Center will connect you appropriately. No appointment needed.

8th

***REPEAT *HOUSING: Poverty / Dr. Kirsten Vincent - Director of Respite & Care Services (Housing Options Made Easy & Mental Health Peer Connection) from The Renewal Center)** People can turn to this agency for people in Crisis (Mental Illness, Addiction, Homeless, Domestic Abuse) The Renewal Center will connect you appropriately. No appointment needed.

15th

ECMC SMILE CAMPAIGN - Emergency department Fund Raiser / Tim Horton's - Buy a Smile Cookie for \$1 to benefit building new Emergency facility able to service 7,000 annually as opposed to

22nd

***REPEAT* ECMC SMILE CAMPAIGN-** Emergency department Fund Raiser / Tim Horton's - Buy a Smile Cookie for \$1 to benefit building new Emergency facility able to service 7,000 annually as opposed to 4000 prior

29th

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS - Guest: Sharon Sanford (Sadie) Not-for-Profit - Sadie Strong

Community Health & Wellness Fun Day -The importance of early detection/mammogram