

# **ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FOR**

**WRCH-FM HD2**

**SECOND QUARTER 2014**

**(April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

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## **WRCH PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**1. Dialogue: (Sundays, 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.)**

**Produced by the Connecticut Radio Network, this program focuses on governmental and political issues affecting the state of Connecticut; hosted by Steve Kotchko**

**2. Spotlite: (Sundays, 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.)**

**Hosted by Mary Scanlon, this program features topical issues of concern to the community and the state**

## **ISSUES OF CONCERN TO NEW BRITAIN/HARTFORD**

### **ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

#### **IN THE SECOND QUARTER, 2014**

**1. HEALTH/SAFETY:** body image and weight loss/gain, State Child Fatality Review Panel , Autism Awareness month Alzheimer's Association, Planned Parenthood expanded Services, Affordable Care Act Foodshare and the donation of food, Natural Hair, Hospice, American Cancer Society, Heart disease and prevention, Universal healthcare, Juicing and Holistic lifestyle, Breast Cancer assessment and treatment programs, Easter Seals, Bioscience CT Health Disparities Institute, training the body, spirit and mind for health, The Rising Above & Living Well Cancer beyond Diagnosis program , winter sports injuries and prevention, SNAP, Hunger Action Teams and Budget Coaches ,addiction and recovery, Affordable Care Act, Access Health CT

**2. SOCIAL:** body image and weight loss/gain, Music as a part of Ministry, Yale Russian Choir, Cat population and adoption programs in CT, The Cove, children dealing with grief, The Connecticut Humane Society, The Bushnell "One Drop of Love" Program and The 224, My People Clinical Services, fashion elements with a social message, Pay it forward programs, Holistic Coaching, The Reach Foundation, Foodshare and donations of food, warm clothing, The Connecticut Collaborative Divorce Group (CCDG, breaking stereotypes, St. Francis and Medical Center community engagement, training those to go out and adapt to the world, community service, Spiritual Life Centers writer in residence at the Conference of Churches, and the writer's journey, the importance of the Arts to the youth, Connecticut Community Providers Association, Department of Consumer Protection

**3. ELDERLY:** Grandparents as caregivers, The Rising Above & Living Well Cancer beyond Diagnosis program, new retirement fund for citizens of Connecticut whose employers don't offer a 401K retirement or pension plan, Foodshare assisting low income Elderly citizens, Connecticut Community Providers Association

**4. EDUCATION:** Go back to Get Ahead, School Choice and Hartford Public Schools, magnet programs, Achieve Hartford, The United Way, therapeutic Arts programs for Connecticut children in the foster system, career building programs, Autism Awareness month, Urban League of Greater Hartford education programs, specialized training for adapt to the world, Consortium for Higher Education

**5. CHILDCARE:** Legislative task force, State Child Fatality Review Panel , national foster care awareness month, Autism Awareness month, CAGE and student government, The Cove, Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, The Reach Foundation, children dealing with grief, National Mentoring and the status of Mentors in Connecticut, The United Way, Easter Seals, , School Choice and Hartford Public Schools, magnet programs, therapeutic Arts programs for Connecticut children in the foster system, the importance of the Arts to the youth, Consortium for Higher Education, Joy Camp Ministries, affording college debt, education issues in government, increasing numbers in homeless children

**6. LEGISLATIVE:** CAGE and student government, Legislative task force regarding the Guardian Ad Litem system, Parental Alienation, job growth legislation, Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, small business growth, Connecticut education issues in government and establishing an Office of Early Childhood, legislative hearings concerning how UConn handles sexual assault complaints

**7. ECONOMIC:** Connecticut Department of Tourism, State Parks 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association, Connecticut's Agricultural Economic future 2014, job growth legislation proposals, poverty in Hartford, new state budget proposal and the terms of funding for education and PILOT, small business growth, First Five Plan, state of the state and budget address, safety issues with the Metro-North Railroad, Governor Malloy's push for small tax refunds. Department of Consumer Protection

**8. POLITICAL:** Affordable Care Act, Current state of Congress, Metro North, distracted driving laws, state of the state and budget address, Medical marijuana legalities, state crime lab accreditation, new state budget proposal and the terms of funding for education and PILOT, Governor Malloy's push for small tax refunds, 2014 gubernatorial race, new retirement fund for citizens of Connecticut whose employers don't offer a 401K retirement or pension plan, Quinnipiac polling

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL:** Metro North and public transportation, electric cars, Trap, Neuter & Release programs, feral cat populations, status of state parks in Connecticut, conservation land & education, Connecticut's Agricultural Economic future, vibrio bacteria in the shellfish, growing seasons and developing winter produce in the state

**10. ELECTION:** State Senate Republican John McKinney discusses 2014 gubernatorial campaign, Quinnipiac polling

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**

**Second Quarter 2014  
(April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

### **MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

**ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY**

**Dialogue  
April 6, 2014  
6:30 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**State Child Advocate Sarah Eagan discussed a public health alert they've issued on infant sleep risks. Ms. Eagan explained that this alert was issued jointly by the Office of the State Child Advocate and the State Child Fatality Review Panel of which she is a member. (Also listed under "Childcare")**

**Spotlite  
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7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Donna Swanson Founder/Executive Director and Colleen Burns Program Development from FOCUS Center for Autism in Canton discussed April being Autism Awareness month. FOCUS is a grassroots; community based nonprofit whose mission is helping children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders achieve their full potential. (Also listed under "Childcare")**

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April 20, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

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7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Dr. Jenny Carillo, Senior Vice President of External Affairs and Strategic Planning for Planned Parenthood of Southern New England discussed the expanded health care services Planned Parenthood Health Centers now providing as a result of the Affordable Care Act , including treatment for common ailment like ear infections and seasonal allergies. (Also listed under "Political")**

**Spotlite  
June 1, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Kevin W. Reese, Drugless Holistic Health Practitioner discussed his previous health battles that helped him create a method called the Three D's (Diet, De-Stress & Detox) The Three D's has become the structure to The Sunlight Shift, his 1-Year lifestyle program where fruits and vegetables are a major component to living a sickness free healthy life.**

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7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

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**Spotlite  
May 18, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Alicia Wright, Public Relations Director of the Connecticut Humane Society discussed the great programs and facilities offered by The Connecticut Humane Society. The Connecticut Humane Society is 100% donation and volunteer driven and they do a ton of great things for animals of all shapes and sizes.**

**Spotlite  
May 25, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

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**ISSUE: CHILD CARE**

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**April 13, 2014**  
**7:00 a.m.**  
**30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Lydia Tedone-School Board Chair Simsbury Public Schools/ Immediate past President of CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. As well as, Patrick Long and Jacob Gattinger Student Representatives from the Simsbury Board of Education and seniors at Simsbury High discussed how they assist local and regional boards of education in providing high quality public education for all Connecticut children through effective leadership. (Also listed under "Legislative")**

**April 27, 2014**  
**7:00 a.m.**  
**30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Kinga Evans and Katie Zullo from The Cove Center for Grieving Children discussed the programs they provide support, guidance and age appropriate activities for children and teens who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives, and support and education for their parents or caregivers. (Also listed under "Elderly")**

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**Jacqueline Ford, who is a foster care and adoption specialist with the State Department of Children and Families, discussed how May is national foster care awareness month.**

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**Spotlite  
June 29, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Jill Spinetti, President and CEO, The Governor's Prevention Partnership & Larry Selnick, Director, Commercial Deposit and Treasury Services Sales, Webster Bank discussed the desperate need for mentors in Connecticut.**

**ISSUE: ELDERLY**

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**ISSUE: EDUCATION**

**Spotlite  
June 8, 2014  
7:00 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Ed Klonoski, President of Charter Oak State College discussed the Go Back to Get Ahead program. It's an innovative way to tackle the often-overlooked problem of college dropouts A new state program that offers a second chance for many people who, for one reason or another, started to get a college education but haven't completed it.**

**ISSUE: ELECTION**

**Dialogue  
May 18, 2014  
6:30 a.m.  
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**Quinnipiac University Poll Director Doug Schwartz discussed their latest polls on politics and issues. Schwartz (Also listed under "Political")**

**Jonathan Peltó discussed his effort to get on the ballot by getting enough signatures and raising enough funds as an independent candidate for governor. (Also listed under “Political”)**

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**ISSUE: ECONOMIC**

**Dialogue  
April 6, 2014  
6:30 a.m.  
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**Beth Bye, West Hartford State Senator (D) and Co-Chair of the Legislature's Budget-Writing Appropriations Committee discussed the budget that her committee produced. She says they heard about the many needs that people have. Bye says the state is coming out of really hard economic times when it had flat funded a lot of things. (Also listed under "Legislative")**

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**James Fleming, President of the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association, discussed the health of auto retailing and the push to sell electric cars. (Also listed under "Environmental")**

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6:30 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**State Parks Director Tom Tyler discussed Connecticut's 100th park summer and State Parks and tourism in Connecticut. (Also listed under "Environmental")**

**Dialogue  
June 1, 2014  
6:30 a.m.  
30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Suzanne Aresco, Leisure Travel Manager for the Connecticut Triple-A, discussed the latest trends and travel issues for summer travel this year.**

**Dialogue  
June 15, 2014  
6:30 a.m.**

**30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**  
**Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steve Reviczky discussed the state of affairs for agriculture in the state. (Also listed under "Environmental")**

**Spotlite**  
**June 15, 2014**  
**7:00 a.m.**

**30 Minutes of each 30 Minute Program**

**Randy Fiveashe from The Connecticut Department of Tourism discussed summer tourism in Connecticut and The Connecticut: Still Revolutionary Fan Favorite Town contest.**

**ISSUE: POLITICAL**

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**6:30 a.m.**

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**1<sup>st</sup> district Congressman John Larson discussed the dysfunctional nature of Congress these days. He says it's hard to find a time in America's history where Congress has been so divided and so partisan on everything that comes before them.**

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**Michael Lawlor, Governor Dannel Malloy's top criminal justice advisor, discussed improvements made to bring the state's crime lab back to full national accreditation.**

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**Dr. Phillip Armstrong, Director of the State of Connecticut's Mosquito Surveillance Program, discussed the start of this year's mosquito trapping and testing program and West Nile Virus.**

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