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WMBC response to question 17

WMBC NEWS and WMBC HOMETOWN, daily and weekly shows, cover many issues pertaining to children on a regular basis. The programs are designed to be child friendly, nonviolent, wholesome and informative. During the second quarter of 2017, WMBC aired such reports as the following. "Operation Conversation" is a new partnership between Newark and a national non-profit aimed at mending differences between young people law and enforcement. Families for Excellent Schools say 79 percent of charter school requests to use space in public school buildings have been denied since 2014. Construction of the Donald Payne Senior Vocational Technical School in NJ draws closer to completion with county officials estimating that the school could be open as early as Dec. 1st. A federal monitor says NJ's child welfare system has made improvements across six important areas. Officials in Newark reveal a plan for 14 Cops and Kids workshops to be held in all five city wards. A local organization called Prom Angels set up a pop up shop to help ease sticker shock for Connecticut teens hoping from prom. Manasquan High Point guard, Dara Mabrey, is one of NJ's most talented stars in the class of 2018. Westside Park renovations includes the installation of a synthetic playing surface for the track and football fields, as well as the resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts along with new equipment. Two-year old Leukemia patient Arianna has left Children's Hospital to return to her Marlton home, where she was greeted with a surprise of costumed characters and a procession of police and warrior watch riders. About 25 NJ school districts have found lead in drinking water, including Newark, Northvale and Dumont. Officials in Essex County announced the opening to two new natural-habitat themed animal exhibits featuring an Andean condor, giant anteater and maned wolves. Over the last school year in Connecticut, rates of chronic absenteeism reportedly fell in almost every student group and local school district. Girl Scout Troop 6000 is made up of solely homeless girls and was started by a mom who lost her home. Atlantic City police have confiscated 62 guns from a store on the boardwalk. NJ organizations participate in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" as part of an event covering 3.5 million workplaces across the country. Bristol CT Police respond to a medical emergency involving a child being run over. Mountain Lakes library along with the League of Women Voters invites parents, educators and health care workers to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking. NYC Councilman Dr. Eugene says there are about 172K teenagers and youth adults in the city that fit the description of a disconnected youth. Medical experts in NJ are urging parents to understand the early warning signs of teen suicide. The Trenton Circus Squad is one of more than a dozen social circus programs nationwide, and it pairs kids from the inner city with peers from wealthier suburbs. Two NJ boys, age 11 and 13, have been charged with setting fire to a NJ playground. Jury deliberations are expected to start in a NJ murder trial of a man accused of killing his son because the little boy had allegedly become an impediment to his relationship with a teenage girlfriend. Renovations to the Weequahic Golf Course in NJ have been completed with improvements to the First Tee program. Students propose the "Thirteen Reasons Why Not" project to encourage helpful dialogue about suicide and mental health. NY State is setting aside \$35 million to expand after-school programs, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo. High praise is coming in for Cedar Grove High School softball team and star player,

Mia Faieta. Acting Union County Prosecutor Grace Park says a determination was made involving the accidental roadway death of a child by a NJ Trooper. New legislation is being proposed in NJ to ban toy guns. The Caldwell Athletic Club will once again host its annual "Caldwell Chief's Football Camp" at Bonnel Field at James Caldwell High School. In order to help better prepare students for college and new jobs, high schools in NYC are reportedly going to offer more advance placement courses. Students and faculty at St. Joseph's School for the Blind in Jersey City are taking a special walk in Pershingfield Park to celebrate their 10th anniversary and monies raised. NY education policy makers have voted to shorten the time students spending taking Common Core math and English tests. A 12-year-old girl remains on life support today in an area hospital after rescue crews pulled her and her cousin from the ocean in Belmar. A six-year-old boy said he was walking along a park trail when he accidentally injured himself with a needle he picked up in a grassy area. A bullied student who did not want to attend graduation received a private graduation ceremony from the school system. NJ lawmakers have approved a measure to mandate life without parole prison sentences for anyone convicted of killing a minor during the course of a committing a sex crime. WMBC-TV's MOUNTAIN VIEWS program, which airs on Saturdays, provides information and discussion on youth programs and other uplifting and encouraging activities. The station also aired numerous public service announcements that encourage the well being of children. Additionally, the station provides educational studio tours to children and young adults in the area.