Independent Perspective #1930
CDPAP Wrap - November Speaker Series

Transcript

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Welcome to Independent Perspective, a public affairs presentation of Western New York Independent Living.

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I'm your host, Tracy LeBlanc, Chief Community Engagement Officer at Western New York Independent Living.

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The Taking Control Self-Directed Home Care Program here at WNYIL is designed to provide people with disabilities or chronic health conditions the ability to manage their lives and their health directly in order to maintain their independence.

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The Taking Control monthly speaker series touches on topics that are relevant to consumers living independently in the community.

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Returning to the show today to talk about this month's topic and speaker series is Julie Andrews, the director of Taking Control.

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Welcome back to the show, Julie.

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Thank you, Tracy.

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I so enjoy being your guest on this show.

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Thank you.

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Julie, the Taking Control program offers support in three different areas, veterans, the elderly, and general consumers.

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Can you briefly remind us about those three programs?

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Certainly.

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So, our largest program that we support is the consumer directed personal assistance program facilitation.

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We are contractors to the statewide single statewide fiscal intermediary where we support consumers and enrolling and maintaining their participation in the consumer directed program.

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Those consumers are all ages and all disabilities.

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The second program that we offer is expanded in home services for the

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elderly program where they are funded by offices for the aging across multiple counties and they are elderly persons with disabilities.

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And finally, the third and most active and growing program that we have is the veteran directed care program that is funded by Veterans Affairs.

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Again, veterans with disabilities.

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And these programs are all self-directing.

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That is, the consumer is the person who makes the decision on their staffing, on recruitment, training, task management, and if they need to, termination of their employee.

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Can you give us an idea of the types of topics you have covered recently during the speaker series?

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Yeah, we've done some more sort of workshop-based conversations with people.

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In September, we had a conversation around emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities with some real practical elements of getting ready, especially in Western New York for the kind of weather that we deal with, but all emergencies and considerations to make for persons with disabilities.

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And then more recently, we talked just a couple of weeks ago about

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consumers as employers and really shifting the perspective of consumers as rather than a passive recipient of services as an active employer of their own, like, you know, employing their own staff.

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And what does that feel like to be an employer.

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November is a month where we celebrate our veterans,

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so it seems appropriate that this month's topic is veteran specific.

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Can you give us an overview of what to expect during this session?

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Yeah, so to honor Veterans Day, which is, as we know, on Wednesday, November eleventh, on the day prior, we are taking some time to understand what Veterans Day means.

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And then the stuff will be talking about various conflicts,

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and the common consequences or ailments for veterans throughout history.

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So that's a really interesting topic that we haven't discussed before, and we're eager to share that information.

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How can someone get more information on the speaker series?

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Always on our social media, it is shared and we have QR codes that one can link into the Zoom link to watch it.

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But the information is also posted around the communities that we are providing services in.

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That is in Western New York as well as the Taking Control subcontractors up in the Adirondacks, for example.

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That's all the time we have this week.

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Thank you for joining us, Julie.

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And thank you for tuning in to Independent Perspective, a public affairs presentation of the Western New York Independent Living.

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Today's guest was Julie Andrews, the director of the Taking Control Program here at WNYIL.

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And I have been your host, Tracy LeBlanc.