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# ***After Newtown Special to Air on Western Reserve PBS***

*Furtherers national discussion about recent tragedy and related issues*

**Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, from 8-9 p.m.  
Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1)**

Dec. 20, 2012 — NORTHEAST OHIO — As the country comes together to grieve the loss of life in Newtown, Conn., a national conversation has begun about how to better protect and serve our communities in the face of catastrophe. Continuing PBS's participation in this vital discussion, **After Newtown**, an hour-long special from WNET, will air locally on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEO 49.1) on Friday, Dec. 21, at 8:00 p.m. The program brings together news and public affairs teams from across PBS in a joint effort to analyze and illuminate the issues surrounding these events. PBS will offer additional insight and analysis with several new programs in the new year, to be announced.

Two Western Reserve PBS programs will be preempted by the special: **Washington Week** and **NewsNite**. The **NewsNite** episode, which features Akron's Sugar Plum Tour and information about First Night Akron, will air on Monday, Dec. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Additional air dates for **NewsNite** and **After Newtown** can be found at <http://WesternReservePBS.org/schedule.htm>.

**After Newtown**, anchored by Gwen Ifill, addresses such issues as access to guns and the politics of gun laws; mental illness in young adults; the science of detecting violent impulses; and how communities react to unspeakable tragedy. The program features in-studio interviews and conversations with regular contributors

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to **Washington Week**. Contributions from PBS hallmark news programming **PBS NewsHour**, **Frontline**, **Washington Week**, **Need to Know** and **Nova** provide insight and analysis to **After Newtown** by pooling resources for the special.

The program will be streamed to national audiences at [PBS.org/afternewtown](https://www.pbs.org/afternewtown) and will be available after broadcast. On the site, viewers can also learn more about the issues discussed. They may join the national conversation by using the Twitter hashtag **#afternewtown**.

**After Newtown** is a production of CNG for WNET in New York, in association with WGBH, WETA and PBS NewsHour. The executive producer is Stephen Segaller. The program was made possible by public television viewers. For more information, visit [PBS.org/afternewtown](https://www.pbs.org/afternewtown).

## **About Western Reserve Public Media**

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population (5.13 million people) of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit [www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org](http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org) or call 1-800-554-4549.

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