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**Youth Alternatives President Mike Tarpinian Appears on Maine Watch**  
MPBN Program Explores Budget Cut for Mental Health Services

January 22, 2010 – Mike Tarpinian appeared on the MPBN program Maine Watch, a half-hour, public affairs television program hosted by Jennifer Rooks. This edition of Maine Watch, taped January 13th “examines the cost of cutting mental health programs out of the state budget, [and asks] are Maine’s mentally ill falling through the cracks?” The show aired Thursday evening, January 14th at 5pm on MPBN television and again on Friday at 12:30pm on MPBN radio. For those of you who didn’t get to see the edition, you can view it using this link:

<http://www.mpbn.net/Television/LocalTelevisionPrograms/MaineWatch/tabid/477/ctl/ViewItem/mid/3470/ItemId/10563/Default.aspx>

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