



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WLZL

1st QUARTER, 2024
(January 1 through March 31)

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WLZL Programs That Address Community Issues
(Regularly Scheduled Public Affairs Programs)
1st Quarter, 2024

<u>Public Affairs Program</u>	<u>Schedule and Description</u>
1. Tu Familia Zol	Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Produced by Maria Esther Caceres. This show talks with representatives of different organizations regarding social issues of local and national concern.

Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
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ISSUE: Disinformation and social media

Tu Familia Zol
January 7th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

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ISSUE: Disinformation and social media

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During this election year, the Digital Democracy Institute (DDIA) will focus on public opinion surveys to measure the impact of misinformation on people, their credibility in digital media, and how it is expressed in behavior. In addition, this election year will be conducted through narrative analysis, training, and meetings with legislators interested in adapting laws to create a healthy digital world.

ISSUE: Wages

Tu Familia Zol
January 7th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor is agency responsible for enforcing federal labor laws. Any person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to receive payment for hours worked. Construction companies, senior care, restaurants, and warehouses are workplaces where employers often take advantage of migrant workers, according to statistics. Misclassification occurs when an employer treats a worker who is an employee as an independent contractor. Misclassifying employees as independent contractors is a serious problem because employees may not receive the minimum wage and overtime pay or other benefits and protections to which they are entitled under the law.

ISSUE: Community

Tu Familia Zol
January 7th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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On Wednesday, January 10, the Maryland Coalition for Justice Police Accountability (MCJPA), the ACLU of Maryland, the Silver Spring Justice Coalition, and Vanderbilt Law School will hold a press conference and rally to call for police transparency and accountability before a court hearing in the Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) lawsuit challenging Anton's Law. Passed by the General Assembly in 2021, Anton's Law allows the public to access police misconduct records. But the Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent Montgomery County from releasing records made public under the law, and asking the judiciary to rewrite the law to prevent the release of records that the General Assembly said should be public.

ISSUE: Education

Tu Familia Zol
January 14th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The National School Choice Week (NSCW) has inspired millions of parents to explore learning options for early childhood education. The 14th annual NSCW celebration will take place on January 21-27 and will feature events and activities at local schools and statewide reaches. The Week aims to inform, inspire, and empower families to discover and navigate all types of educational options, including traditional public schools, public charters, public magnets, private schools, online education, homeschooling, and non-traditional.

ISSUE: Environment

Tu Familia Zol
January 14th, 2024
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The Union of Conscious Scientists (UCS) published a new report that examined the performance of methane gas power plants during recent extreme weather. Such weather events are becoming more frequent and intense as a result of climate impacts, largely attributed to heat-trapping emissions. The United States has seen impressive strides in clean energy development in recent years. In 2022, more than 22 percent of electricity in the country was generated from renewable sources such as wind, sun and water, almost double its contribution in 2012. However, gas power plants remain a large part of the electricity supply in the United States. The new report from UCS details the problems associated with these power plants and the solutions to them.

ISSUE: Health

Tu Familia Zol
January 14th, 2024
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Charles County will hold a Community Overdose Action Day on January 25 and invite people to come and share ideas for what to do to address the overdose crisis. This event will feature presentations from state and local government officials. Members of the public will also have the chance to speak during the meeting. Speakers will be called on in the order in which their registration was received, time permitting. Attendees will have 2 minutes to share their thoughts.

ISSUE: Children

Tu Familia Zol
January 14th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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The 34th edition of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count describes how the country's lack of affordable and accessible child care negatively affects children, families and U.S. businesses. The report shows how children and youth of color are a long way from having a fair opportunity at success, despite the incremental progress the nation has made over the years. The report standardizes assessments of 12 indicators representing indicators of well-being from cradle to career and converts them into a scale ranging from 0 to 1,000. Asian and Pacific Islander children have the highest index score at 771, followed by white children at 697 and children of two or more races at 612. The scores of children who are Latino (452), American Indian or Alaska Natives (418) and Blacks (386) are considerably lower.

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ISSUE: Health

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DC Health Link is the agency responsible for offering and administering health insurance for residents, families and businesses in the District of Columbia. During Hispanic Action Week from January 20 to 27, the importance of having good health insurance is highlighted. DC Health Link has 27 plans to choose from to find affordable health coverage that meets people needs and budget. Open enrollment will end on January 31. More than 75% of personal bankruptcies in the United States are related to medical expenses. Having health insurance prevents people from incurring large debts for medical expenses that could significantly affect their finances. More information can be obtained through DCHealthLink.com.

ISSUE: Finance

Tu Familia Zol
January 21st, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The first step to a good financial year is setting achievable goals, like paying off debt, saving for a significant investment, or building an emergency fund. Breaking goals into smaller steps, assigning deadlines, and setting achievable goals will allow us to reach goals. One idea is to automate the money you shouldn't spend by automatically transferring it to a savings account each month. Additionally, examine your monthly expenses and look for areas where you can cut costs, whether canceling unnecessary subscriptions, preparing meals at home instead of eating out, or taking advantage of deals and discounts. Another effective strategy is the 50/30/20 rule, where we allocate 50% of our income to basic needs, 30% to personal expenses, and 20% to savings. Adjusting these ratios according to needs can help maintain financial balance and achieve financial goals.

ISSUE: Immigration

Tu Familia Zol
January 21st, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO) will host a press conference to advocate for Latino and immigrant community education programs and civil rights this Tuesday, January 23. The purpose of the press conference is to outline VACOLAO advocacy priorities during the session of the General Assembly, like health coverage for all VA's children, increasing the number of teachers for English Language Learners, restoring \$10 million in state scholarship funding to students ineligible for federal aid/grants, anti-rent gauging, extending the validity of VA's Driver Privilege Card. VACOLAO will be tracking these other legislative proposals: Removing the term "Alien" from the Virginia Code, and requiring every employer to enroll in the E-Verify program.

ISSUE: Immigration

Tu Familia Zol
January 28th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced last Tuesday, January 30, the implementation of a final rule that increases the fees for some immigration procedures, which, according to a statement, will facilitate more efficient and timely processing. The agency covers 96% of its operating expenses with immigration service fees. USCIS has faced a constantly increasing workload and criticism due to delays in immigration procedures in recent years. According to a statement issued by the agency, after an exhaustive review, the costs associated with immigration procedures are considerably below the total operating cost. For the first time in more than seven years, USCIS is updating its fees to meet the agency's needs and to provide more timely decisions.

ISSUE: Women

Tu Familia Zol
January 28th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The Montgomery County Commission for Women will host its 44th Annual Legislative Briefing for Women (WLB) at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 28 at The Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville. The topic will be “From proposal to approval: collaborating for justice and equality.” The keynote address will be held “fireside chat” style with Prince George’s County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater. Montgomery County Council Vice President Kate Stewart will moderate the discussion. It will be an exciting opportunity to hear from three women leaders in Maryland and learn about their unique experiences and perspectives on issues affecting women and girls. Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman will also provide greetings.

ISSUE: Taxes

Tu Familia Zol
January 28th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The Internal Revenue Service announced that Monday, January 29, will officially begin the nation's 2024 tax season, accepting and processing 2023 tax returns. The IRS expects more than 128.7 million individual tax returns filed by the April 15, 2024, tax deadline. Although the IRS will not officially begin accepting and processing tax returns until January 29, taxpayers do not need to wait until then to start preparing their taxes if they will use software companies or hire tax professionals. For example, most software companies accept electronic filings and hold them until the IRS is ready to start processing them later this month.

ISSUE: Education

Tu Familia Zol
January 28th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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This year, UNESCO dedicated the International Day of Education on January 24 to the crucial role that education and teachers play in combating hate speech, a harmful phenomenon for societies whose spread has accelerated in recent years with the use of social networks. Hate speech fuels prejudice and discrimination and can enable and normalize violence. The recent global escalation, amplified by the use of social media and exacerbated by new and prolonged crises in different regions, has seriously affected the security of communities worldwide. UNESCO urges its Member States to prioritize education as a tool to promote societies that value human dignity and peace.

ISSUE: HIV

Tu Familia Zol
February 4th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

Sexual health is closely related to mental and emotional well-being. A healthy sexual life can positively influence mental and emotional health, while issues related to sexual health can have negative effects on a person's psychological and emotional state. People diagnosed with HIV can experience stress and tension with family members; and revealing HIV status to sexual partners may lead to revelations of infidelity, sexuality, or intravenous drug use. Partners should get tested for HIV. The sooner a person get tested the sooner can get support. Prince George's County Health Department provides services for HIV diagnosis and treatment, and mental health.

ISSUE: Education

Tu Familia Zol
February 4th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The Spanish Language Literacy Center (CENAES) is a nonprofit organization that teaches thousands of Spanish-speaking adults to achieve literacy in Spanish in the District of Columbia. Learning to read and write in the mother tongue is vital for self-confidence, economic development, and individual and community well-being. CENAES develops educational literacy programs for adults to acquire the literacy and skills they need to function more effectively in their daily lives. CENAES will begin its Spanish lessons in different areas on Monday, February 5.

ISSUE: Environment

Tu Familia Zol
February 4th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Reforest Montgomery is a program that favors and promotes reforestation in Montgomery County. Through this program, trees are planted in forests throughout the county in addition to programs aimed at neighborhoods, parks, and homeowners. The Forest Conservation Fund finances the replacement of forest trees and lost canopies in certain areas around the county. The Free Tree program is open from February 1 and will close on February 8. Residents living in Equity Forest Areas with limited resources and whose first language is not English are a priority. Those interested can choose trees from the species offered on the website. A second application will open in February. The trees are free and include tree planting through contractors working for Montgomery County.

ISSUE:

HIV

Tu Familia Zol

February 4th, 2024

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February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day to acknowledge how HIV disproportionately affects Black people. Black Americans represent 14% of the U.S. population, but 40% of new HIV infections, with black women accounting for 54% of all new HIV diagnoses in women. Black women, cis- and transgender, face additional barriers due to sexism, preventing access to HIV preventative treatments like PrEP, testing services and medical care. The National HIV/AIDS Strategy designates Black women as a priority population, compelling federal agencies and other stakeholders to focus resources to support them.

ISSUE:

Education

Tu Familia Zol

February 11th, 2024

10:47 a.m.

12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The 2024–2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is now available. The form can be completed to request financial aid to help pay for higher education between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. The 2024–25 FAFSA form expands the selection criteria for receiving federal student aid, including Pell Grants, and provides a streamlined user experience.

Approximately 7.3 million low-income students will be eligible for Federal Pell Grants due to updates to student aid calculations. Additionally, applicants may skip up to 26 questions, depending on their individual circumstances. Some applicants may be able to answer as few as 18 questions, which could take less than 10 minutes.

ISSUE: Employment

Tu Familia Zol
February 11th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Only twenty percent of people with disabilities, including those with autism, are employed, despite having the skill set and desire to work. Workplace Inclusion Now (WIN) is an Autism Speaks workforce development program for employers, job seekers and community members committed to promoting diversity in hiring and creating an inclusive workplace culture in which not just autistic adults, but all employees can thrive.

ISSUE: Housing

Tu Familia Zol
February 11th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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CASA will hold on Friday, February 9, will hold a press conference and rally to urge the Prince George's County Council to pass a fair and permanent Rent Stabilization law before April 16. Rent Stabilization is a policy that prevents landlords from hiking up the rent over a certain percentage each year, matching inflation costs. The policy keeps rent affordable and predictable for tenants from year to year. For example, a 3% rent stabilization policy means that a landlord can only raise the rent by 3% of the current amount each year. If a tenant pays \$1,000 per month in rent in 2024, the landlord can only raise the rent to \$1,030 per month in 2025, maximum. Prince George's County rent stabilization law ends on April 16, 2024: that means after this date, a landlord can raise the rent as high as they please.

ISSUE: Health

Tu Familia Zol
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There are three strong methods to prevent HIV transmission: condoms, medication to manage HIV but also to prevent the transmission to another person, and the pre-exposure prophylaxis (Prep) medicine that reduces the chances of getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. When taken as prescribed, it is highly effective for preventing HIV. Prep medication is provided by prescription to the person without HIV. Prep medication is a personal choice, and it creates a strong third method of protection from HIV. Prince George's County Health Department provides Prep medication, services for HIV diagnosis and treatment, and mental health.

ISSUE: Research/Health

Tu Familia Zol
February 18th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

Mary's Center is a community health center serving over 65,000 people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds in the Washington, DC metro area for 35 years. With an integrated model of health care, education, and social services, Mary's Center offers each participant individualized care on the path toward good health. Mary's Center is inviting the community to participate in the *All of Us* Research Program to help build one of the most diverse health databases in history. They welcome Latino participants from all backgrounds and help with the registration process. Researchers from NIH will use the data to learn how the biology, lifestyle, and environment affect health. The purpose in the future is find ways to treat and prevent diseases.

ISSUE: Finance

Tu Familia Zol
February 18th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

AARP advises starting the year with a realistic budget that fits each person's reality and according to realistic goals. Creating a budget is not difficult, and the most important thing is the discipline to follow it. Also, separating an emergency fund is a practice that helps to face critical situations. It is necessary to prepare a list of the income and the monthly payments that we must make to prepare a budget. AARP has a free tool called AARP Money Map that helps manage debt, build a budget, create financial goals, save for emergencies, and more.

ISSUE: Businesses
Tu Familia Zol
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The consequences of Covid-19 continue to be a burden for some small businesses. However, there is optimism in greater growth, and resilience is one of the main characteristics of Latino entrepreneurs. Like a credit card, with no plastic, a business line of credit comes with several benefits, and it is not usually as expensive as a business credit card. A business line of credit gives access to a predetermined amount of money that businesses can borrow from on an as-needed basis. Instead of receiving an upfront lump sum, an entrepreneur has access to a revolving line of credit. It's similar to a credit card, but a business line of credit tends to come with much higher credit limits. As with a credit card, you can use it to make cash withdrawals or transfer funds to your business checking account.

ISSUE: Fraud/FTC
Tu Familia Zol
February 18th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Newly released Federal Trade Commission data show that consumers reported losing more than \$10 billion to fraud in 2023, marking the first time that fraud losses have reached that benchmark. It marks a 14% increase over reported losses in 2022. Consumers reported losing more money to investment scams—more than \$4.6 billion—than any other category in 2023. That amount represents a 21% increase over 2022. The second-highest reported loss amount came from imposter scams, with nearly \$2.7 billion in losses reported. In 2023, consumers reported losing more money to bank transfers and cryptocurrency than all other methods combined.

ISSUE: Health

Tu Familia Zol
February 25th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

La Clínica del Pueblo serves the health needs of the community in the District of Columbia and Hyattsville, through general health services, pediatrics, and care for people living with HIV, mental health, and substance use treatment. La Clinica also provides medical interpretation, health education, and advocacy strategies to increase inclusion and health equity for Latino immigrants.

ISSUE: Education

Tu Familia Zol
February 25th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Many college FAFSA due dates have priority deadlines, meaning students should submit their FAFSA form before that date to receive the most money. Many colleges have this date marked on their financial aid web pages. In addition to federal financial aid, each state has funds for student financial aid. The Maryland Dream Act became law on December 6, 2012, and applies to all future semesters, starting with the 2013 winter session and beyond. The law allows Maryland high school graduates who are undocumented immigrants, U.S. citizens, and other statuses the opportunity to qualify for the lowest tuition rates at their public colleges and universities upon meeting eligibility requirements and submitting required documentation.

ISSUE: Equity/Social Security

Tu Familia Zol
February 25th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

The Social Security Administration (SSA) updated the agency's Equity Action Plan. The plan is issued in response to an Executive Order signed by President Biden on January 20, 2021, directing all federal agencies to pursue a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and other people who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. The updated Equity Action Plan focuses on ensuring that language does not create barriers to applying for benefits and accessing services; reduces outstanding Income Security program underpayments (SSI), evaluates the root causes of the payments incorrect; and increases awareness about survivor benefits, especially among people disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

ISSUE: Education

Tu Familia Zol
February 25th, 2024
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The Florida Education Association is the state's largest professional employee association, with 120,000 members, and represents PreK-12 teachers, educational staff professionals, higher education professors, and graduate assistants. New statistics about teacher vacancy numbers show that halfway through the school year, there are still 4,096 instructional vacancies announced in Florida schools and 3,457 support staff vacancies, for a total of 7,553 vacancies across the K-12 education system. The shortage includes classroom assistants, English Language Teaching (ELL) paraprofessionals, and bus drivers. Due to ongoing shortages, there has also been a year-over-year increase in core courses such as English, reading, science, and math taught by teachers not certified in that field.

ISSUE: Housing
Tu Familia Zol
March 3rd, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

Housing Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, offers education on fair housing in the District of Columbia. According to federal law, discrimination in access to housing based on race, color, origin, sex, language, disability, and family status is prohibited and should be reported. The District of Columbia has increased more categories as causes of discrimination to prevent minorities from having barriers in accessing housing, whether to buy, rent, or finance.

ISSUE: Technology
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ISSUE: Health/HIV
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March 3rd, 2024
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La Clínica del Pueblo helps design and supervise community health programs to address the needs of the Latino community. One of the main barriers that prevent people with HIV from accessing medical services is the existing stigma against this disease. Stigma translates into prejudice towards people with HIV, and they take action when the person is rejected or socially isolated. Promoting information about HIV prevention, transmission, and care helps reduce stigma and better understand the disease.

ISSUE: Immigration

Tu Familia Zol
March 3rd, 2024
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In *Welcome the Wretched: In Defense of the Criminal Alien*, the law professor and immigration lawyer Cesar Cuauhtemoc Garcia Hernandez argues that there is no such thing as illegal immigration, and that we should allow “criminal aliens” to live, work, and thrive in the United States, as was our national policy for decades. Through the lens of a dozen real-life stories of men, women, and children who have been caught in the (sometimes literal) crossfire of our nation’s patchwork immigration policies, García Hernández uses data, statistics, and common sense to present a case for a new, less punitive system that would work better for all nation, and save taxpayers in the U.S. millions. In the book, the author makes a powerful case for divorcing immigration law from criminal law, including abolishing so-called immigration crimes (such as crossing and re-crossing the border “illegally”).

ISSUE: Employment

Tu Familia Zol
March 10th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Apprenticeship is an industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally-recognized credential. Through an apprenticeship program, everyone can get paid and gain relevant work experience while acquiring the skills and credentials employers value in the United States. 93% of apprentices who complete an apprenticeship retain employment, with an average annual salary of \$77,000. Learn more about the benefits of apprenticeship for career seekers and prospective apprentices at [apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov).

ISSUE: Immigration
Tu Familia Zol
March 10th, 2024
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The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that fees for a range of immigration-related applications and services will increase on April 1, 2024, according to their final rule. This change comes as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to cover the costs of its operations and reflect inflationary increases in the cost of processing immigration applications. The final rule is the result of a comprehensive fee review, as required by law, and follows the January 2023 publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking. The review concluded that the current fee schedule falls far short of recovering the full cost of agency operations, including the necessary expansion of humanitarian programs, federally mandated pay raises, additional staffing requirements, and other essential investments.

ISSUE: Employment/Youth
Tu Familia Zol
March 10th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department hires new employees to work during the 2024 summer season. The county also announced three job fairs to hire young people and adults who want to work during the summer on March 16, March 30, and April 20. The Department is hiring talented and dedicated people to work in different seasonal positions as lifeguards, swim instructors, summer camp counselors, maintenance, childcare, customer service, special events staff, and more. The minimum age to work is 15 years old. Positions include permanent, seasonal, and temporary openings.

ISSUE: Community

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The National League of Cities (NLC), a nonpartisan organization that works to strengthen local leadership, influence federal policy, and drive innovative solutions, brings more than 2,800 local leaders from across the country to Washington D.C. for the three-day Congressional City Conference (CCC), on March 11-13. Mayors, city councilmembers, and local leaders will congregate in the nation's capital to meet with federal officials, learn about new federal funding programs, and share infrastructure plans following the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, American Rescue Plan Act, and others.

ISSUE: Women/Community

Tu Familia Zol
March 17th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
12 minutes of a 60 minute program

Mayor Celina Benitez is the 23rd Mayor elected in 2021 to serve the City of Mount Rainier in Prince George's County. Mayor Benitez is the first Latina Mayor of the City and is one of just three Latina Mayors currently serving in the State of Maryland. Her work is focused on food insecurity, empowering small businesses, and promoting environmentally sustainable practices through various green initiatives in the City. One of her achievements is the passage of the Rent Stabilization Law in 2022, demonstrating her commitment to affordable housing. Mayor Benitez is authorship of the Youth Scholarship Program approved by the City Council in 2018. This program annually awards scholarships to the most deserving students in the City, underlining her dedication to providing opportunities for the younger generation.

ISSUE: Hunger

Tu Familia Zol
March 17th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Manna Food Center's mission as a non-profit organization is to eliminate hunger through food distribution, education, and advocacy in Montgomery County. Manna, together with volunteers, donors, and partners, is fighting hunger, feeding hope, and helping neighbors get back on their feet. Manna Food Center has waived all income requirements due to extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. They don't ask about immigration status or report any personal information to the government.

ISSUE: Workers

Tu Familia Zol
March 17th, 2024
10:47 a.m.
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Workers United of Washington DC (TUWDC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization that seeks to educate and address the needs of low-income immigrant, migrant, and day laborers in Washington, D.C. TUWDC works alongside workers to fight the practice of wage theft, workplace discrimination, and workplace safety violations. TUWDC develops leadership capacity through organizing and participating in civic actions.

ISSUE: Children

Tu Familia Zol
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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reminds all parents and caregivers of children of the importance of using a car seat. As parents or caregivers, we must be sure that children are in the correct seats, installed, and buckled correctly. There is a law in all fifty states that children from birth to thirteen years old must travel in the back of the car. Buckling up is an effective measure a parent can take to protect children in a crash. According to statistics, car crashes are one of the causes of death of minors. Every 32 seconds in the United States, a child was involved in a traffic crash. A total of 863 children under 14 years of age in 2021 died in traffic accidents, and 40 percent were not buckled up.

ISSUE: Health

Tu Familia Zol
March 24th, 2024
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Amerigroup is an American health insurance and healthcare provider and covers 7.7 million seniors, people with disabilities, low-income families, other state and federally-sponsored beneficiaries, and federal employees. Amerigroup DC is a health insurance plan serving people with Medicaid. Amerigroup also offers health services to beneficiaries of Alliance, the District of Columbia's health insurance for undocumented people. Members need to review their Medicaid health coverage status and report any changes in their family size or home address.

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ISSUE: Environment

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Ethylene oxide threatens the health of underserved communities in both the United States and Puerto Rico. Exposure to ethylene oxide is a clear example of environmental racism, which must be addressed to achieve environmental justice in exposed communities. The Union of Concerned Scientists wrote a scientific report titled Invisible Threat, Uneven Impact, in which they assessed the health risks from more than 100 commercial sterilizers emitting ethylene oxide in the United States and Puerto Rico. Rich.

ISSUE: Workplace Safety

Tu Familia Zol
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A DOL spokesperson announced the Whistleblower Protection program that protects workers against retaliation from a bad employer. He also mentioned that immigration status is not a limitation to complain to the Department of Labor. This Hispanic Heritage Month, the US Department of Labor is raising awareness among Hispanic workers about the Whistleblower Protection Program. Workers have the right to notify a supervisor or employer of a hazardous condition, report a workplace injury or illness, refuse to perform a dangerous task, or request an inspection at the workplace by OSHA. If an employer has retaliated against a worker, the worker must file a retaliation complaint with OSHA within 30 days of the alleged adverse action.

ISSUE: Youth/Health

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In 2023, the American Academy of Pediatrics published its “Clinical Practice Guideline for the Evaluation and Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Obesity.” The guideline recommends considering metabolic and bariatric surgery (MBS) for obesity when medical or lifestyle treatments are not sufficient for youth with class 3 obesity or class 2 obesity with co morbidity including obstructive sleep apnea, type 2 diabetes, idiopathic intracranial hypertension, gastro esophageal reflux or hypertension. A guest expert in bariatric surgery spoke about the eligibility of adolescents for bariatric and metabolic surgery, how to recognize this condition, and the need to undergo surgery.

ISSUE: Voting Rights

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While no states grant undocumented immigrants the right to vote in state elections, more than a dozen municipalities nationwide allow undocumented immigrants to vote in local elections. D.C. residents with no U.S. citizenship will be able to vote in local elections for the first time starting in 2024. Voting requirements will remain the same for citizens and non-citizens. Voters have to be 18 years old by the time of the general election, must have lived in D.C. for at least 30 days before the election, and cannot claim voting residence in any other U.S. state or territory.

ISSUE: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal government benefit that provides monthly payments to children and adults with disabilities who have low income and few resources. It helps to pay for basic needs like food, clothing, and shelter. Individuals must apply and qualify to receive this money. The Social Security Administration has achieved its goal in 2023 to increase SSI applications by 25 percent, helping eligible people access critical benefits. As part of its core mission, SSA continues its SSI campaign to reach people in “underserved cities and communities” in the U.S. who have shown a high decline in SSI applications during the pandemic and after.

ISSUE: Mental Health

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Dr. Hector Colon Rivera, spokesperson for the American Psychiatric Association, shared the results of a survey that shows that Americans are more open to talking about substance use disorder and behavioral addictions and are also more open to asking for help in case of having to assist a family member. Dr. Colón said that the concept of substance abuse has changed by the term substance use disorder, conceptualized as the use of any substance for more than twelve months. When it comes to behavioral addictions, whether gambling, pornography, or exercise, for example, when it becomes an obsession or compulsion, it becomes an addiction. Once these obsessive behaviors affect work, sleep, temperament, family, or daily activities, it can be considered a behavioral addiction, much like substance use disorder.