## Quarterly Issues Report

## **KMNY**

Estudio Comunitario

**Public Affairs Shows** 

1st Quarter 2024

January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Estudio Comunitario airs on KMNY Saturdays 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **A.** SB-4
- **B.** Immigration
- C. 2024 Salvadoran General Election
- **D.** Income TAX Returns
- E. Domestic Violence
- **F.** Credit Score
- **G.** Alternative Medicine
- **H.** Low-Income Immigrant Families
- **I.** Autism
- **J.** Type 2 Diabetes
- K. IRS
- L. Final Expense Insurance
- **M.** Dallas CASA volunteers

**Responsive Programs:** 

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes. A- (January 6, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** SB-4

**Guest:** Lynn Godsey with AHEM.

Pastor Godsey talked about SB4 as a law starting to be enforced by February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 AHEM will host a FORUM for PASTORS ON IMMIGRATION ISSUES AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN SB-4 IS IN EFFECT IN TEXAS!

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM! (FREE ADMISSION)

PANELISTS:

Reatta Fort'e Community Relations Officer – North Texas/Oklahoma

(A) CRO San Antonio

Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Jesus M. Ramirez

Community Relations Specialist

North Texas | Oklahoma | Houston | Wichita

Office of Citizenship, Partnership, and Engagement (OCPE)

External Affairs Directorate (EXA)

Lic. Douglas Interiano from the Immigrant Project will also share about "Know Your Rights."

Location: Word of Life Church Auditorium, 2550 W. Illinois Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

B- (January 13 /2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** Immigration

Guest: Diana Abusale with Light of Hope Immigration Law Center.

This visionary and leader, a woman of color and immigrant, has built this once small nonprofit organization to what it is now, a has continued to serve her fellow man and woman, all while continuing to spread the His Word.

At Light of Hope ILC, individuals are able to seek low-cost or free legal services, depending on the circumstances and depending on hardship/need. Because LOHILC has continued to serve in this matter, in 2012, the Education Department was created in order to assist those individuals needing that extra help in trying to become U.S. Citizens.

Estudio Comunitario: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

C- (January 20, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** 2024 Salvadoran General Election **Guest:** Consul Milton Chinchilla with Dallas El Salvador embassy.

On February 4, 2024, El Salvador held its general elections for the presidency and all Legislative Assembly seats. While El Salvador has made recent strides in battling organized crime, improving security, and boosting economic prosperity, these elections will determine the direction of the country's policies for the coming years. Voters will

choose whether they wish to maintain the current party in office or set the country on a different path.

Estudio Comunitario: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

D- (January 27/2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** Income TAX Returns

**Guest:** Iris Fernandez with IRS.

The 2024 tax season officially began on Jan. 29, 2024. That means the agency has been accepting and processing tax returns for about ten weeks and has already issued more than 60 million refunds.

If you like to wait till the last second, the deadline to file federal tax returns for most taxpayers is **Monday**, **April 15**, **2024**.

Estudio Comunitario: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

E- (February 3, 2024) Host: Josue Rodriguez Issue: Domestic Violence

Guest: Sara Campos with Genesis Women's Shelter.

We are looking to create a societal shift on how people think about domestic violence. In order for that to happen we need everyone to share the same message that there is help and there is hope.

It will take all facets of society going in the same direction to invoke a real change. For every woman in an abusive situation, there is help and there is hope. Any woman, any age, any race, any religion, anywhere can be affected. But it does not define who they are.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes. F- (February 10, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue**: Credit Score

**Guest:** Ramiro Martinez with Monterrey Education Center.

The way your credit is gauged is through your credit score. The better your credit score, the more likely a creditor is to trust that you will pay them back. A strong credit history can help you towards your goal of homeownership.

There are three primary national credit bureaus that monitor and report on your credit — Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Your credit score is one important factor towards becoming approved for any loan.

Your credit score can affect where you qualify for a loan, as well as the type of loan and loan terms. You may still be approved for a mortgage with a lower credit score, but you may have to pay a higher interest rate.

Your credit score is a number between 300 and 850 assigned to your credit based on feedback provided by creditors to any of three credit reporting bureaus. Your credit score rates your ability to pay depending on where it falls within the credit score range. A higher score can help you unlock savings and benefits through better interest rates and more favorable loan terms.

Estudio Comunitario: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

G- (February 17, 2024) Host: Josue Rodriguez Issue: Alternative Medicine

Guest: Ilia Galindo with Organic Medicine.

Herbal medicine is the use of plants to treat disease and enhance general health and wellbeing.

Herbs can interact with other pharmaceutical medications and should be taken with care. Always see your regular medical doctor (GP) about any health concerns and tell them about any herbal medicines you are taking or thinking of taking.

Never stop taking prescribed medications in favor of herbs without first discussing it with your GP.

Be careful about purchasing herbal medicines over the internet. Unregulated herbal medicines, such as some traditional folk medicines, may not be manufactured to the same quality and standard as regulated medicines.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

H- (February 24, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** Low-Income Immigrant Families **Guest:** Gloria Granados and Diana Abusale with Light of Hope Immigration Law Center.

On September 17, 2006, Light of Hope Immigration Law Center was founded on a dream, a goal, and a vision. The visionary, entrepreneur, and fearless leader who analyzed the drastic need in North Texas was needed. As a child, she envisioned being able to assist a vast majority of people while still upholding her roots, but in a well professional matter and while still spreading the word of God. Since its founding, Light of Hope ILC, has faced many obstacles but because of a brave and faithful soul, it has continued serving the community, and has continued to spread as a top tier Legal Service provider in the North Texas area.

Light of Hope ILC provides internship opportunities to High School and College Level students and Fellowship opportunities to those seeking a higher level in the Legal Field. Light of Hope ILC is recognized and accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice, and continued being a trusted Legal Service Provider in Texas. Light of Hope advocate, educate, and serve Low-Income Immigrant Families in securing U.S. Legal Status. We do this by providing low cost or pro-bono legal services, citizenship preparatory courses, and much more.

Estudio Comunitario: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

I- (March 2, 2024) Host: Josue Rodriguez Issue: Autism

Guest: Vanessa Pavesio with Vision Mundial para la Familia.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. People with ASD often have problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. People with ASD may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention. 1 of 55 people has Autism and some of them have not been diagnosed.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

J- (March 09, 2024) Host: Josue Rodriguez Issue: Type 2 Diabetes

Guest: Ana Castellanos with Parkland Hospital.

Type 2 diabetes is a condition that happens because of a problem in the way the body regulates and uses sugar as a fuel. That sugar also is called glucose. This long-term condition results in too much sugar circulating in the blood. Eventually, high blood sugar levels can lead to disorders of the circulatory, nervous and immune systems.

In type 2 diabetes, there are primarily two problems. The pancreas does not produce enough insulin — a hormone that regulates the movement of sugar into the cells. And cells respond poorly to insulin and take in less sugar.

Type 2 diabetes used to be known as adult-onset diabetes, but both type 1 and type 2 diabetes can begin during childhood and adulthood. Type 2 is more common in older adults. But the increase in the number of children with obesity has led to more cases of type 2 diabetes in younger people.

There's no cure for type 2 diabetes. Losing weight, eating well and exercising can help manage the disease. If diet and exercise aren't enough to control blood sugar, diabetes medications or insulin therapy may be recommended.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes. K - (March 16, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** IRS

**Guest:** Iris Fernandez with IRS.

April 15 is also the deadline to file a <u>tax extension</u> with the IRS. Getting an extension doesn't change the payment deadline. It just gives you until October to complete the relevant paperwork. You still have to pay any estimate amount you owe by April 15 to avoid late penalties.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes.

L- (March 23, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** Final Expense Insurance

**Guest:** Lilian Galindo with National Life.

Final expense insurance, also known as burial insurance, is a type of life insurance that is specifically designed to cover outstanding expenses and funeral costs after a loved one passes away. Unlike pre-paid funeral plans, final expense insurance can be used by the beneficiary you designate as and where needed rather than being limited to specific funeral services and providers. With the cost of an average funeral running into the thousands, a final expense policy can provide much needed protection from not only burial expenses, but also any remaining medical costs, potential legal costs as well as other outlays.

Final expense policies will have a lower face value than most traditional term or whole life policies as they are intended for a specific purpose of covering those final costs rather than providing comprehensive support for surviving family members. These type of policies generally don't require a medical exam, but premiums will be higher the older you are, and some benefit payouts may be limited during the first few years of coverage for those with significant health issues.

**Estudio Comunitario**: Sat @ 9:00 AM Duration 30 minutes. M- (March 30, 2024) **Host:** Josue Rodriguez **Issue:** Dallas CASA volunteers **Guest:** Brenda Villalomas with Dallas CASA.

CASA was founded in 1977, when a Seattle superior court judge, amidst an overwhelmed child welfare system, grew concerned about making decisions on behalf of abused and neglected children in his court without enough information. He felt that more individualized attention and time for gathering important facts would produce better outcomes for the children. He decided to appoint community volunteers to work on behalf of the children in his court.

Dallas CASA volunteer advocates protect children, restore childhood and help child victims of abuse and neglect achieve their full potential.