

“Issues and Programs List  
Station KSBJ simulcasts on KWUP, KXBJ, KUBJ, KEHH, KHIH  
2nd Quarter April 1st – June 30th, 2023-2024

**Employment for Youth/Ascertainment/Houston**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds**

Mayor Turner's Hire **Houston** Youth Initiative is back again this year with a goal of providing 20,000 jobs for local youth. In partnership with the McDonald's owner/operators in Greater Houston, the Job and Resource Fairs kick off tomorrow at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the HISD "When I Grow Up" Career Expo—you can find out more on HISD's website.

**Substance abuse/drugs/Houston**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds**

**Audio** that was Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

Last year, **Fentanyl drug** use in Harris County has led to 49% of the fatal drug overdoses in the county. Most of those were 14 to 25 years of age. To help, a task force is being launched to target fentanyl drug dealers and traffickers. They're teaming up with other local, state and federal agencies. The task force plans to bring harsher punishments to dealers and ensure treatment for addicts.

**Child Abuse/Ascertainment**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>, - 1 – time – 30 min/Community Beat Program**

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services/Genesis Elizondo- Discussed Blue Sunday, a national prayer initiative for victims of child abuse. [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org).

**Homelessness/Ascertainment/Houston**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds**

In Houston there has been a "remarkable" decrease in street **homelessness** from January 2022 to January 2023. Officials said the one-year 17% percent decrease is one of the biggest in the city's history. The city and county came together to fund and work with The Way Home, which is our region's homeless response system comprised of more than 100 agencies and organizations. They launched the nationally recognized COVID-19 Homeless Housing Program and helped find homes for over 4,500 people.

**Access to Health Care/Ascertainment/Houston**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds**

Starting Sunday, local pastors and activists will launch a program (via a big bus) which will bring free **health care** and resources to churches in under-served communities around Houston. It's called the "Save a Life Tour." If you've been having some health concerns and want to get checked out for free, you can text SAVEALIFE all one word to 8938893 and we'll send it to your phone.

### Substance abuse/Ascertainment/Houston

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 2 times 25 seconds

If you're a parent living in or near the **Montgomery County** area, the Sheriff's Office wants to warn you to be on lookout after 24 thousand meth pills that looked like candy were seized. Deputies say that some drugs can resemble candy, in a design used to conceal the illegal nature of the drug, but this is a big problem when children who don't know what they are, eat them thinking they are candy.

### Homelessness/Ascertainment

May 20<sup>th</sup>, - 1 time – 30 minutes/Community Beat Program

Open Door Mission, Phil Vaughn discussed services for homelessness men.

### Disaster Preparedness/Ascertainment/Houston

May 30<sup>th</sup> – 2 times 25 seconds

Hurricane season officially begins this week on June 1st. Today at 10am the NOAA for Weather and Climate Prediction will announce what this hurricane season could have in store. They will be sharing the expected number of storms, climate factors that will influence hurricane development and their readiness with new products and upgrades to enhance forecasting.

### Crime/Gun Buyback/Ascertainment/Houston

May 31<sup>st</sup> – 2 times 25 seconds

**Houston** is collaborating with the Harris County Precinct One to host another gun buyback event on Saturday, June 10th from 8 a.m. to noon at NRG Park (yellow lot). The goal of this event is to get guns off the streets. Guns can be exchanged for a gift card that's worth up to \$200. Participating individuals will not be asked any questions about the weapons they turn in, the city said.

### Human Trafficking/Ascertainment

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, - 1 time – 30 min/Community Beat Program

The Ark Bakery & Café & Boundless Mercy Christine Edge, discussed what boundless mercy is doing in support of victims of human trafficking. [www.thearkbakerycafe.org](http://www.thearkbakerycafe.org)

### Mental Health/Houston

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds

After multiple tragic losses of life on U of H's campus, it plans to renovate Agnes Arnold Hall: securing and making renovations to the existing building. In addition, more resources will be available on campus to address **mental health**. They will also start designing spaces throughout the campus dedicated to mindfulness, three new mental health counselors will be hired and students will now have 24/7 access to mental health services.

**Help Disaster victims domestic/international/Ascertainment**  
**June 17, - 12 minutes – Community Beat Program**

Somebody cares are a volunteer driven organization, led by Lisa Stringer. They reach out to communities in need of help spiritually and monetary. For example, one case we talked about in the show, they are currently helping a woman and her children escape from an abusive relationship, they provided her an apartment for 2 months at no charge and currently are working on getting her a permanent residence and furniture for her home. They also provide first response resources to natural disaster victims domestic and international such as funds, food, water, clothing, blankets, shelter, medicine, medical care, emotional support and much more. Currently they need help for victims in turkey. Anyone who needs any of these services can reach out to them in multiple cities around the country. [www.somebodycares.org](http://www.somebodycares.org)

**Environmental Climate Change/Houston**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 times – 25 seconds**

It's going to be another hot week in **H-town**. The "feels like," temperatures will stay in that 112-114 range for a lot of the week. If you must be outside, be mindful of signs of heat stroke. Symptoms could include headache, feeling dizzy, and muscle cramps. More than ever be mindful to not to leave children or pets in cars. A hot car can turn deadly very quickly. The City of Houston has those 22 cooling centers open, you can call 311 to find one near you. <https://www.khou.com/article/weather/houston-weather-heatwave-update/285-4f23318e-9e07-468e-a6d3-ab8eb03360d4>

**Health Care/Cancer/Ascertainment**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 time – 30 minute/Community Beat Program**

American Cancer Society, Stephanie Chesson, discussed the need for volunteer drivers to support cancer patients and their families and raised awareness for American Cancer Society.

**Affordable Housing/Houston**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 times – 25 seconds**

<https://www.fox26houston.com/news/section-8-housing-vouchers-can-help-renters-become-homebuyers>  
Thanks to a program called **HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program**—housing vouchers (here in **Houston**) could help low-income folks pay the rent and maybe buy a home. If you want to find out more the website is [Hud.gov](http://Hud.gov).