

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KBIA, Columbia, Missouri along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period July, 2023 through September, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. New African American Heritage Trail marker commemorates former Douglass School Football Field

Local In-Depth Coverage

Jul 3, 2023

Aired at 4:44pm

3:59

Two dozen trail markers on Columbia's African American Heritage Trail highlight more than 30 locations in Columbia, explaining important moments and places in the city's history, especially during segregation. Their goal is for these memorials to stand as reminders of how the Black community has found joy and solidarity and excellence, even amid discrimination.

2. Columbia woman offers bilingual art workshop for children

Local In-Depth Coverage

Aug 14, 2023

Morning Newscast

3:59

Cristina Nuñez converted her garage into a large art studio that offers students bilingual art workshops. Workshop classes are weekly for children seven or older.

3. A family caught up in Missouri's fight over transgender issues moves out of state

Local In-Depth Coverage

Aug 3, 2023

Morning Newscast

3:59

Missouri is one of the states with new laws restricting health care and sports participation for transgender kids. Those restrictions are set to expire four years from now as part of a compromise between Republican and Democratic lawmakers. Cassidy Arena talked with one Missouri family who says these laws have prompted them to leave the state.

4. "The Right Time" provides education, access to birth control options for Missourians

Local In-Depth Health Coverage

Aug 9, 2023

During Morning Edition and All Things Considered

3:59

The Right Time is a program led by the Missouri Family Health Council and an initiative of Missouri Foundation for Health that provides education, as well as

access to low or no cost birth control to Missourians across the state at 22 health centers.

5. 'It's discouraging': After incarceration, many face barriers finding employment

Local In-Depth Coverage

Aug 30, 2023

Morning Newscast

3:59

People with felonies face many challenges reentering society, such as finding stable housing, food security and employment. Without an income, it's difficult to meet state requirements and find stability. Becky Smith and Missouri Business Alert talk with Lonnie Lockhart Bey and Mataka Askari about efforts to reduce barriers to employment and stability. *This is a collaboration with Missouri Business Alert*

6. More Missouri college students face food insecurity after losing federal pandemic assistance

Local In-Depth Coverage

Aug 16, 2023

Morning and Afternoon Newscast

3:59

During the pandemic, SNAP rules were relaxed so students weren't required to participate in state or federally funded work programs such as work-study. Those temporary pandemic rules allowed 3 million more students to qualify for food stamps, but now many are no longer eligible. Anna Spidel and Kristina Abovyan cover the struggle with addressing food insecurity on college campuses.

7. New ASL resources through 988 will offer more suicide prevention support to Deaf and hard of hearing people

Local In-Depth Coverage

Sept 11, 2023

During All Things Considered

3:59

The 988 Suicide and Crisis line launch a new video phone service for deaf and hard of hearing people. The new video phone service that will offer crisis counseling in American Sign Language. Columbia-based DeafLEAD, an organization that currently offers crisis services for Deaf and hard of hearing people, will be one of two nationwide providers of this service.

This includes a full ASL interview with captions and English interpretation from DeafLEAD

8. Extreme heat leaves unhoused people with limited options

Local In-Depth Coverage

July 4, 2023

During All Things Considered

3:59

July 2022, which was the hottest in a decade, parts of central and southern Missouri reported temperatures in the triple digits. Data shows that climate change will continue to

raise temperatures in Missouri, and experts and advocates say that unhoused people are among the most vulnerable to heat-related illnesses.