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**Father’s Day**

Not only did I enjoy it, but my children did as well. I wish he would just stay completely out of our lives. It hurts more and more every time he decides to disappear again. Not only do I have to bury the hurt and pain it causes for myself, I also have to bury the pain and hurt it causes my children. What I learned from this experience is to be a better parent for my children, be there for them, listen to their wants and needs, and hope to God one day I never become that person.

Roseanne Medellin: “As for me knowing my father, I’m glad he is in my life. He showed me love and affection. He’s always been a hardworking strong man and I can say that’s where I get those traits. My dad now struggles with lung cancer and I’m the one that takes care of him and keeps him in check as far as going to his doctor appointments. I pray every single day that my dad’s cancer goes away. It’s been back 3 times now and this has really changed him. I see him fighting but at times he says he wants to just give up. My dad is not a quitter and that’s what I constantly remind him of. I think I’m the one that now keeps him going. I am so glad my dad is still here with me and pray God doesn’t need him soon. I know one day he will be gone to heaven and when that day comes I will have a broken heart. I pray it’s not soon.”

Jennifer Perez: “My father was not present so I always looked for a father figure. I always wanted someone to take care of me. I hope one day I will know him, what he looks like, his medical history. I always wanted a dad. I guess, I still do.”

Rosie Garcia: “My father was a strong man, so I have always expected the men in my life to be strong and treat me well. So yes, it is very significant to have your father in your life.”

Yvette Elizabeth: “I had the best dad ever! He worked hard. He always been to able to provide for his family, always home never stayed out late his family has always come first. He does anything for us! We don’t share the same DNA but we share the same love!!!! He’s my hero and the one man that has never broken my heart or made me feel less.”

Sabrina Cantu: “My biological father was not in my life but I did have a father that raised me. He showed me what a father should be. He showed me love and affection. He was always there and provided for me above and beyond. He pushed me to do better and he still pushes me to do better and he is a wonderful grandfather to my children.”

Richard Martinez: “My dad was a great provider and showed me a great work ethic but he was abusive to my mother. Because I saw that, I made a sound choice not to be that kind of person. I have chosen to be respectful to my wife so my children will never be exposed to that behavior.”

Brandi Kirkland: “My dad has always been my constant. Strong and steady. Showed me integrity in everything and hard work ethic.”

Gary Zeinert: “Characteristics of a great Dad. 1. Loves his children. 2. Is a GREAT role model. 3. Teaches his kids life lessons. 4. Puts the needs of his children in front of his own. 5. Sacrifices, works, does everything possible to provide a loving home where his children feel safe, secure, and loved!!!!”

Sandy Encina: “My dad was a strong, hardworking strict man. Being the baby of the family, he was more protective. I was blessed. My girls were able to get to know him and spend time with him. Even though he had another family, he always made time for me and my family. We got closer when I started working at the county jail. I was blessed to be able to be there with him when he got terminally ill and fulfilled his last wish to die at home surrounded by his family.”

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**By Yvette Tello**

With Father’s Day around the corner, how significant is a father to a child’s life? I don’t think I would be as resilient if I did not have my dad in my life. My father is a wonderful man who did not become a product of his environment. He is dependable, strong, thick-skinned and set in his ways. He loves his family and shows us with his actions, not always with his words. My friend said she never had a relationship with her father but found out when she became an adult that he abused women and was a drug addict. She is very thankful that she didn’t have a relationship with him because she wouldn’t be who she is today with that kind of upbringing. She is confident in herself, successful and happy. My other friend said his dad was in his life and was a drug addict, in and out of prison, abused him as a child and though he never abused this mother, he abused his other wives. My friend has been diagnosed with PTSD because of this and has had many issues in his life. He feels his life would have been better if he had never known him. What do you think? How significant is your father in your life? Would you be a better person with him more present in your life or would you be a better person without ever knowing him? Let’s talk about it...

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**By Leonard Rodriguez**

This column highlights inspiring stories of Latino leaders. For more than 500 years, Latino men and women have positively influenced the face of United States society. Let us celebrate these outstanding Hispanics.

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**Edward Baca**

In 1956, Edward Baca began his military career. During the Vietnam War, Baca volunteered for overseas deployment. In 1966, he was released from active duty and made his career in New Mexico’s National Guard. Over the next several years, Baca served in a myriad of key battalion, brigade and state level assignments before being promoted to lieutenant general and then Chief of the National Guard Bureau by President Clinton on Oct. 1, 1994. Currently the highest-ranking Latino in the armed forces and the first Hispanic to head the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Baca is responsible for more than half a million Air and Army National Guard personnel.
By Yvette Tello

What is the true meaning of a father? Being a father means showing love and not expecting anything in return. ... Being a father means raising your children into respectable adults by teaching and being actively involved in their lives. A father is a role model and a hero. He is a strong shoulder to cry on and someone to lift you up in your successes. The father of La Prensa Texas is Tino Duran. His ultimate goal when starting the paper was to have a platform to lift his people up and give them a positive platform to tell their success stories. Today, on Father’s Day we would like to honor and recognize this iconic role model who gave the La Prensa Texas family such a successful, honorable platform to continue his legacy. We continue to support our activists as he did. We continue to give our people a voice as he did. We continue to support education, as he did. We continue to support the Arts as he did.

We continue to love our community as he did. We continue to call out and fight against the injustices to our community as he did. What an amazing role model we have to follow; Tino Duran, a man of many hats, a man of many colors. We have large shoes to fill but we will be reminded daily of our purpose when we complete each weekly edition and that is to serve our community. Happy Father’s Day to all our Fathers here and in heaven. We love you, Mr. Duran and you will always be missed.
Se ha llegado a un acuerdo de demanda colectiva de $38 millones en nombre de los beneficiarios de pacientes con cáncer pediátrico fallecidos, quienes recibieron tratamiento por leucemia linfoblástica aguda (también denominada “ALL” en inglés o “LLA” en español) en el Hospital o el Centro de Ciencias de la Salud de la Universidad de Nuevo México entre el 1 de enero de 1977 y el 31 de marzo de 1997

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Notificación de acuerdo de demanda colectiva autorizado por el Estado de Nuevo México, Condado de Bernalillo, Tribunal del Segundo Distrito Judicial

El presente aviso está autorizado por el tribunal para informarle sobre un acuerdo de demanda colectiva que podría afectarlo. El juicio alega que la Universidad de Nuevo México no administró los protocolos adecuados de tratamiento a pacientes pediátricos con leucemia linfoblástica aguda tratados en el Hospital o el Centro de Ciencias de la Salud de la Universidad de Nuevo México (“UNM”) entre el 1 de enero de 1977 y el 31 de marzo de 1997. El acuerdo cubre a los pacientes con cáncer pediátrico fallecidos hasta el 1 de diciembre de 2019 inclusive.

El Demandado UNM dice que no ha procedido para nada incorrectamente. El Tribunal no ha decidido quién tiene razón porque las partes han aceptado un acuerdo. El Tribunal ha otorgado una aprobación preliminar a este acuerdo. El tribunal tendrá una audiencia para decidir si aprueba el acuerdo, si considera que tiene derecho a una compensación en el marco del acuerdo. Para aprender cómo registrarse para recibir un formulario de reclamo, consulte el sitio web indicado abajo.

¿Qué opciones tiene? Si no desea estar obligado legalmente por el acuerdo, debe excluirse antes del 6 DE JULIO DE 2020, de lo contrario, no podrá entablar una demanda o seguir haciendo juicio a UNM con respecto a los reclamos legales de este caso. En caso de excluirse, no podrá obtener dinero del presente acuerdo. Si permanece en el acuerdo, puede interponer objeciones al acuerdo antes del 6 DE JULIO DE 2020. El aviso detallado explica cómo excluirse u objetar.

El Tribunal tendrá una audiencia en este caso, denominado Cummings v. Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico, et al. (Cummings v. Consejo Rector de la Universidad de Nuevo México y otros), Causa N.o CV 2001-00579 (consolidada con la Causa N.o CV 2001-01409), el 28 DE JULIO DE 2020 a las 9:00 a. m. para considerar si aprueba: (1) el acuerdo, (2) las indemnizaciones a los Demandantes de la demanda colectiva, y (3) la solicitud de los abogados que representan a los miembros de la demanda de recibir hasta un 35 por ciento del fondo del acuerdo en concepto de honorarios y reembolso de gastos razonables.

Usted puede comparecer en la audiencia, ya sea en nombre propio o mediante un representante, pero no es necesario hacerlo. La audiencia se llevará a cabo en el Juzgado del Condado Bernalillo vdel Segundo Distrito Judicial, Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Kind Clinic launches virtual series about barriers to care for LGBTQIA+ patients

By Kelsey Stevens

With many in-person Pride celebrations cancelled, Texas Health Action’s Kind Clinic is celebrating National Pride Month with a new virtual discussion series called Kind Talk. The series provides a safe space for marginalized communities to talk about barriers to accessing quality healthcare services. Kind Clinic is dedicated to providing sexual wellness in a safe and supportive environment, as well as removing barriers to care for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Kind Talk’s first three-part series is facilitated by Kind Clinic’s marketing and special events manager, Joe Anderson Jr, and features panelists from LGBTQIA+ organizations including Austin Black Pride (Sheldon), Pride San Antonio (James), Queerbomb (Deyvn), Austin Latinx Pride (Jordy) and Thee Gay Agenda (Emmet).

The first Kind Talk series on Pride’s past, present and future can be found here: https://kindclinic.org/lets-talk-pride-where-weve-been-and-where-were-going/

Please note, this project was filmed before the Black Lives Matter protests. Kind Clinic is committed to standing in solidarity with the black community. Kind Clinic will also host additional round table discussions in the future, including an upcoming panel with healthcare and nonprofit organizations discussing the impact systemic racism has on people of color’s access to healthcare.

Located just north of Downtown San Antonio, The Kind Clinic is a full service sexual health and wellness clinic dedicated to the treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and infections, including access to the HIV prevention drugs commonly known as PrEP and PEP. With a name and brand that represents: Knowledge, Inclusion, Nurture and Dedication, the Kind Clinic strives to deliver measurable impact for its community by providing state-of-the-art sexual health and wellness services to all members of the LGBTQ community and allies, regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation.

Kind Clinic San Antonio enthusiastically serves both insured and uninsured patients, and accept all major medical insurances. In fact, just being a Kind Clinic patient helps support our community! Whenever you use insurance to pay for your medication at one of our contract pharmacies, you are are also helping cover the cost of services for all patients, including those without insurance. Book an appointment today at https://kindclinic.org/book-today-san-antonio/.
Los Restaurantes De Propiedad Local Ponen La Salud En Primer Lugar Al Tiempo Que Contratan Personal Activamente

Mcdonald’s Se Enfocará En El Bienestar De Los Empleados Y Clientes Y En Los Beneficios De Archways To Opportunity Durante La Contratación En Junio

Los restaurantes McDonald’s están abiertos, listos para servir y hacer del bienestar de los clientes y los empleados su prioridad más importante.

Al mismo tiempo que el centro de Texas continúa recuperándose de la pandemia, los restaurantes McDonald’s locales comienzan a abrir nuevamente el área para que los clientes coman dentro. Para asegurarse de que haya suficiente personal durante los meses de verano, los McDonald’s locales están buscando activamente a aquellas personas motivadas por las nuevas oportunidades que brindan posibilidades de progreso, asistencia de matrícula e inglés como segundo idioma.

Ante todo, los propietarios/operadores de McDonald’s están actuando con la urgencia debida para proporcionar un ambiente de trabajo sano para que los empleados se sientan bien de ir a trabajar todos los días. Al contar con nuevas y exhaustivas medidas, el bienestar de los empleados y los clientes tendrá prioridad para contribuir a ofrecer un ambiente de trabajo sano, seguro y confiable.

“La seguridad es lo primero. Simple y sencillamente estamos haciendo que nuestra misión sea ofrecer un lugar de trabajo sano para todos nuestros empleados. Aunque siempre nos hemos apegado a los estándares más estrictos, ahora más que nunca estamos aportando recursos y pasos adicionales para hacer más de lo que se espera, como proporcionar mascarillas y guantes a todos los empleados, aumentar el número de veces por hora que los empleados se lavan las manos, y seguir las pautas de distanciamiento social en la cocina y en el área donde comen los clientes. Nuestros empleados son como familia y siempre pondremos su bienestar a la cabeza de nuestra lista”, comenta Cindi Ferguson, propietaria y operadora de McDonald’s.

Estos pasos incluyen verificaciones de salud de los empleados; medición de la temperatura antes, durante y después de un horario de trabajo, y limpieza de calidad industrial a intervalos regulares.

El distintivo programa para empleados de McDonald’s, Archways to Opportunity, incluye asistencia de matrícula de hasta $2,500 al año para los empleados y $3,000 al año para los gerentes. Hasta la fecha, el programa Archways to Opportunity ha incrementado el acceso a la educación para más de 24,000 empleados de McDonald’s en los Estados Unidos. Los beneficios también incluyen horarios flexibles y un salario inicial competitivo con capacidad y oportunidad para el crecimiento y el avance a largo plazo.

Los nuevos puestos consistenten en una combinación de oportunidades a tiempo completo y a tiempo parcial en función de las necesidades individuales de los restaurantes. Las personas interesadas pueden obtener una solicitud en cualquier autoservicio de los McDonald’s participantes, pueden aplicar en línea en McHire.com o enviando un mensaje de texto con la palabra “worksforme” al 36453.

Marisol tiene un llamado a cuidar a los demás, y sigue adelante pase lo que pase. VIA sigue adelante con ella, transportando a empleados a sus destinos. Así es como vamos a mantener a San Antonio avanzando, y como nuestra economía prosperará nuevamente. En tiempos impredecibles como estos, el progreso se hace día a día y milla por milla, y así es como lo superaremos juntos.
CAP Da La Bienvenida a Laura I. Rodríguez Como Nueva Vicepresidenta de Asuntos Gubernamentales

Por Ricardo Rauseo

El Center for American Progress dio la bienvenida esta semana a Laura I. Rodríguez como la nueva vicepresidenta de Asuntos Gubernamentales. Rodríguez, una experimentada veterana del Capitolio y del Departamento de Estado de EE.UU., que también trabajó en la ciudad de Miami y el Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, supervisará los equipos de asuntos gubernamentales federales, estatales y locales de CAP. Rodríguez se une al centro de estudios tras estar en la oficina de la representante Debbie Murcasel-Powell (D-FL), donde era la jefa de gabinete.

“Desde la política exterior hasta inmigración, Laura Rodríguez tiene una base sólida en algunos de los problemas más importantes que enfrenta el movimiento progresista hoy”, dijo Neera Tanden, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de CAP. “CAP está entusiasmado de tener a Laura en nuestro equipo para supervisar nuestro trabajo de asuntos gubernamentales a nivel federal, estatal y local”, añadió.

Graduada de Florida International University y American University, Rodríguez comenzó su carrera trabajando para la ciudad de Miami. Ella sirvió como directora regional para el entonces senador Bill Nelson (D-FL), y luego en puestos progresivamente altos en la Oficina de Asuntos Legislativos del Departamento de Estado de los EE.UU., terminando su mandato como subsecretaria adjunta para Asuntos de la Cámara de Representantes. Fue jefa de gabinete del Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, tras lo que regresó a la oficina del senador Nelson para servir como su asesora principal de extensión y políticas hispanas. En enero de 2019 se unió a la oficina del representante Murcasel-Powell, como su jefa de gabinete.

Para obtener más información o hablar con un experto, no dude en contactar a Ricardo Rauseo a rrauseo@American-progress.org

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UnitedHealthcare’s Simple Tips to Staying Safe During this Sizzling Summer Heat Wave
Parents are reminded not to wait for child to say they are thirsty

By Lynn Darden
This week in Texas temperatures are rising to triple digits, creating a dangerous situation for everyone – especially children. Many area high school and football and marching bands are practicing now for the upcoming school year, and the extra physical exertion in these temperatures can be very unsafe. Dr. Sarah Anne Schumann, Chief Medical Officer of UnitedHealth Group North Texas and Oklahoma has shared information about dehydration in children and some creative tips to ensure they stay hydrated.

Hydration is particularly important for children as they require more water than adults, because their internal cooling system isn’t fully developed yet. The surface area of a child is smaller and sweat glands aren’t fully developed, which makes it much harder for the body to cool itself.

Common signs of dehydration can include:
- A dry or sticky mouth
- Few or no tears when crying
- Eyes that look sunken
- In babies, the soft spot (fontanelle) on top of the head looks sunken
- Urinating less or fewer wet diapers than usual
- Dry, cool skin
- Irritability
- Drowsiness or dizziness
- Not sweating – seek emergency care immediately

Hydration Tips (visuals will be brought in for live segments/pkgs):
- 4 Gulps Rule for Water: For every 15 minutes of outdoor activity drink about 4 ounces of water, which is approximately 4 gulps. That’s around 16 oz. of water per hour – or more – depending on activity level.
- Skip the Soda and Sports Drinks: Avoid soda and sugary name-brand sports drinks which were developed with an adult’s body in mind. Carbonated water mixed with fruit juice is a great alternative to soda. Use frozen fruit as ice-cubes in water or seltzer waters, too.
- Pretzels, Fruit and Cheese, Please:
- Every 30 – 45 minutes give the child a small snack with salt and potassium to help protect against electrolyte loss and promote hydration. Pretzels or goldfish or a cheese stick with some oranges, banana, or strawberries are good options.
- Smoothies are a Smart Choice. As an alternative to ice cream, children should drink half of their fluids from water and the other half from milk, 100% fruit juice or smoothies.
- Increase Hydration with Popsicles, Gelato, Smoothies, Yogurt: Fun ways to increase hydration in children is to make homemade popsicles and gelato with real fruit, providing a fresh fruit smoothie made with coconut water, milk or milk substitute, or yogurt after some time outside is another great choice!
- Be alert to medications. Some prescription medications can be dangerous with excessive exposure to sunlight or may speed up dehydration. Make sure you research any medications your child is taking to see if additional precautions should be taken in excessive heat.
- Hang a pee chart in the bathroom. Make a color-coded chart from clear to light yellow to dark yellow to teach children what a healthy level of hydration looks like, and when they need to drink more water. Many of these can be found online and printed off at home.
Father’s Day

By Steve Walker

Today is Father’s Day. It is the day to nationally celebrate and honor all our fathers who are still alive and those who have passed away to include La Prensa Publisher Tino Duran.

In my case, my father passed away at the age of 62 in 1985. My grandfather (his father) passed away at 65 in 1962. As a teenager I visited with my grandfather maybe three or four times before we moved for the umpteenth time.

Growing up in the fifties I remember Father’s Day at my house as not being overly memorable as a little kid. Later as the teenager in the sixties I remember the family would go to a restaurant for that special Sunday meal celebrating fatherhood.

Father’s Day, accordingly was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas.

Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19th 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. Ironically I am the oldest of six boys.

After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis’s Mother’s Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5th, her father’s birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June which is today.

A bill to get national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father’s Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized.

President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress.

In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers. Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father’s Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

Ironically when I worked as a weekend reporter at KENS-5 Eyewitness News in 1982, my very first assignment was to do a Father’s Day story on George Cisneros, the father of then Mayor Henry Cisneros.

It was exciting visiting him at his home and interviewing him about his family’s Father’s Day traditions since I had previously served in the Army Reserves with him in the 70s long before I met the Mayor.

He was my unit commandant at the 90th ARCOM on Harry Wurzbach Road. Every Monday night, (Reserve meeting) I would report directly to Colonel Cisneros office for assignments for the evening. I do recall standing in front of him in his office smartly saluting him until he returned my salute.

By the time I interviewed him for the story, he had retired from the Reserves and I would run into him at the local gym where we both worked out. In some ways he reminded me of my own father. Then there is Tino Duran who also reminds me of my father.

From the first time I met him and Millie at Crossroads Mall we clicked. Linda and I would walk the Mall as did he and Millie. We would visit and drink coffee. Since I was trained as a journalist we talked about what was happening in San Antonio. He asked if I wanted to write for La Prensa. (Now La Prensa Texas) Obviously I said “Yes.” Now in my 10th year I am thrilled to still be writing about San Antonio and him. We had many conversations and I considered him a second father. I took photos of his funeral and many events. Steve Duran asked for photos and you should be viewing them as you read this column. We honor him and all fathers on this “Father’s Day.”

Anyway, as always, what I write is “Just a Thought.”

Steve Walker is a Vietnam Veteran and former Justice of the Peace and Journalist.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a mixed beverage permit by Los Azulejos, LLC. DBA Los Azulejos Restaurante Bar located at 2267 NW Military HWY STE. 101, Castle Hills, TX 78213. Manager of the company is Diego Benjamin Gonzalez.
Por Sendero Deportivo

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**Hit The Road (Virtually) For The Census In Texas**  
**Drive The Count With A Virtual Road Trip**

**By Robin Paoli**

Thousands of “travelers” will join a virtual road trip next week to explore the wonders of Texas, from the Gulf Coast and Piney Woods to the far reaches of the Panhandle and the Rio Grande and everywhere in between. Using real-time satellite maps and live streams, Texans will undertake a unique journey on the Texas Counts Virtual Road Trip, celebrating the state while making an historic attempt to increase responses to the 2020 Census. As of June 17, 2020, only 56.1% of Lone Star residents had completed their questionnaires, making Texas 41st among the 50 states. This low response rate endangers billions of dollars in future funding and the state’s representation in Congress.

A different region of Texas will anchor each day of the June 22-26 virtual road trip. Local leaders plan to challenge each other to see who can encourage the most people to complete 2020 Census response forms. While the road trip is virtual and accessed online with live streaming video, many “pit stop” events will be held in-person by local hosts with appropriate social distancing and safeguards against COVID19.

“Our responses to the Census questionnaire allocate funding for everything from schools, hospitals and roads to emergency response and disaster relief,” Martin Lightfoot said. “While this week will be fun, we have a serious goal to increase the number of Texans counted, particularly among historically undercounted populations like children, people of color, and immigrants.”

Regional leaders will rev-up the journey each morning with a kick-off celebration, then make pit stops hosted by local experts ranging from city and county governments to health care organizations and grass-roots census outreach groups. Events are still being added to the trip map and toolkit online at txcounts.me/roadtriptoolkit.

The U.S. Census Bureau, Texas Demographics Center, and NALEO are core partners with Texas Counts for the road trip, joining Complete Count Committees and hundreds of groups across the state. Registration remains open online at TXCounts.me/roadtrip and people are invited to submit their own events at TXCounts.me/mystop.

The Texas Counts Campaign was launched in 2019 by Every Texan, formerly known as the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP), and Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT). For more information, contact Texas Counts at info@TexasCounts.org or visit us online at txcounts.me/roadtriptoolkit.
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Primero hay que ubicar DACA, Programa de Acción Diferida para los llegados en la infancia, como una acción ejecutiva temporal tras décadas de negociaciones fallidas en el congreso y ambigüedades políticas; tratare de establecer su definición y alcances, así como contextualizarla.

La acción diferida es el uso de la discreción procesal, para diferir la acción procesal de remoción o deportación de una persona por un periodo de tiempo determinado, no proporciona derecho a la ciudadanía, ni estatus legal, si da derecho a la autorización de empleo, obtención de licencias de conducir, ingreso a la universidad, pago de impuestos, trabajo legal de alrededor de 700,000 beneficiarios quienes salieron de las sombras; 54% compraron su primer coche, 12% compraron una casa, 98% es bilingües, 17% esta casado con un ciudadano estadounidense y un 26% tuvo un hijo con uno de ellos de acuerdo al Centro Pew Research.

Considerados como héroes están y estuvieron en la primera línea de contención cumpliendo un trabajo esencial frente a la pandemia COVID-19 cumpliendo todo tipo de profesiones, en las salas de emergencias doctores, enfermeras, paramédicos, asistentes médicos, también respondiendo ante los accidentes automovilísticos, dentistas, farmacéuticos, operadores de radio y teléfono de emergencias; alrededor de 27,000 dreamers o soñadores; 59,500 en el sector de alimentos; 54,000 entre trabajadores de supermercados y ventas al menudeo; unos 40,000 en agricultura, transporte y otros oficios; muchos perdieron sus vidas.

La administración demócrata, tras de la Secretaría de Seguridad Nacional estableció criterios que dio a conocer sobre quienes llegaron a Estados Unidos antes de cumplir los 16 años, tengan menos de 31 años y no tengan estatus legal al 15 de junio del 2012, hayan residido continuamente desde el 15 de junio del 2007, estén físicamente presente en Estados Unidos al momento de la petición, estén en la escuela, la hayan finalizado, se hayan graduado u obtenido un GED, sean veteranos de la Guardia Costera o de las Fuerzas Armadas y no hayan sido condenados por un delito grave, un delito menor significativo o tres o más delitos menores y no constituyan una amenaza para la seguridad nacional o pública, para que puedan solicitar la acción diferida por un periodo de dos años sujeto a renovación.

Al establecerse un cambio de administración no se aceptó solicitudes nuevas y se le puso fin mediante un memorándum básico de anulación en el 2017, a través de tribunales menores e impugnaciones ha sobre vivido a la fecha.

Los niveles de ansiedad, angustia, tensión y temor son extremos en espera de la decisión final sobre la eliminación, cancelación o continuidad del programa, posiblemente cambie las vidas de los soñadores y sus familias para bien o para mal y tendrán que estar preparados para todo lo que pueda suceder.

El COVID-19 los respeta, le rinde un homenaje y les desea lo mejor y que las autoridades puedan dejar un poco sus vanidades y egos políticos actuando con justicia, compasión y humanidad.

La Corte Suprema emitirá pronto su fallo final y tendrá que ser cuidadoso con relación a las protecciones constitucionales del procedimiento administrativo es decir el debido proceso y por otra parte el derecho a la igualdad ante la ley, la mayoría no conoce otro país que este como el suyo, contribuyen con importantes ingresos fiscales federales y estatales, recordemos que estamos cerca de las elecciones presidenciales y serán de vital importancia los tópicos morales y humanitarios, tal como ayer, si fallan en contra diría adiós DACA es el momento de una Reforma Migratoria Integral.

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