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# FRIDAY'S FEATURES

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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

*[Sometimes it's as easy as this, don't you think?](#)*

*[Our Generation Integration: Building the Integrated Care Workforce](#)* is the theme for this year's Collaborative Family Healthcare Association conference October 17-19 being held at the Denver Downtown Sheraton. [Register here.](#)

*[Medical Homes Really Work – Reducing Emergency Department/Urgent Care Overuse](#)* is the title of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Jules Amer Lectureship to be presented by Drs. Steve Poole and Jim Todd October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:30PM. The location for this presentation is Mt. Oxford Auditorium at Children's Hospital Colorado, 13123 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Aurora.

Vic Vela, CPR reporter, will be awarded Mental Health Colorado's "Resilience Award" for his advocacy of mental health and addiction recovery at MHC's [Tribute 2019](#) event, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Denver.

*[Colorado emergency rooms are trying something new to stem the opioid crisis: addiction treatment](#)* is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how an increasing number of Denver-area hospitals are offering patients medication in the emergency room to treat their dependencies in the hopes of nudging them into long-term care. *[A Denver health center might have the answer to the opioid crisis – providing 24/7 treatment](#)* is another story about opioid efforts in Denver hospitals...this one covered by Chris Welch for 4 KXLF Butte about a Denver Health ER program where people can come in and start on medically assisted treatment (MAT) 24/7. Of the 300 who have come in for treatment, 70% of continued with clinic follow-ups.

*[From mental illness to wellness: The purpose behind the new Sue Klebold documentary – 'American Tragedy: Love is Not Enough'](#)* talks about a documentary about prevention that will be shown on the Anschutz campus this evening (regrettably I just learned of this showing). The film chronicles Sue Klebold's (her son was one of the Columbine killers) agony from the realization of what her son did to her advocacy for mental health. The film's executive producer hopes to change how we focus on mental illness.

[Mind Matters: Todd Siler](#) is an art exhibit, sponsored by the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities, that opens September 12th at the Fulginiti Pavilion Art Gallery. Todd Siler makes art about the brain he calls “neuro-impressions” that he says intimates how the brain is connected to its creations.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[\*The Farmer Mental Health Crisis: Understanding A Vulnerable Population\*](#) is a one-hour webinar from the American Psychological Association and Farm Aid that explains the mental health crisis among U.S. farmers and how psychologists can help. Experts talk about farmers’ unique stressors and ways to connect with the farming community.

[\*Working Towards a Stronger, Healthier Saguache\*](#) is a new video about the effort in the San Luis Valley town of Saguache to improve the health and well-being of the community. The Colorado Trust is supporting this work by way of its Community Partnerships approach.

[\*New grocery store lets you buy health food for the price of fast food\*](#) is a story on *The Plaid Zebra* by Rob Hoffman who reports on a new company, Daily Table, founded by former president of Trader Joe’s, that is shifting the power to people of lower incomes so they, too, have the option of eating healthy. The first store opened in Boston in 2015.

[\*Coming Out about Mental Health on Social Media\*](#) is a story on *Kaiser Health News* by Tarena Lofton about how talking about mental health on social media is a thing, and that it could actually help.

[\*Other states do mental health care much better than Colorado\*](#) is a story in *The Gazette* by Vince Bzdek about how we have a long way to go in Colorado when it comes to mental health, and how the Colorado Springs Gazette is sending reporters across the country to find great examples of mental health programs/efforts that are working.

[\*To Improve Mental Health in Black America, We Must Empower Communities\*](#) is a story on *The Root* by Pete Buttigieg who writes about how we need a new approach to providing mental health and addiction care that is mindful of history and the black experience, which requires a national commitment to build a better mental health care system.

[\*Bay Area restaurant owners reckon with the industry’s mental health issues\*](#) is a story in the *San Francisco Chronicle* by Janelle Bitker about how a restaurant owner partnered with a San Francisco health organization to create a peer counseling program, “I Got Your Back” at his restaurant for people in the industry...sparked by many deaths related to depression and addiction.

[\*Gun Shops Work with Doctors to Prevent Suicide by Firearm\*](#) is an NPR story from last year by Melissa Block about how two Colorado colleagues (Drs. Mike Victoroff and Emmy Betz) co-founded the Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition (includes doctors, public health researchers and gun shop owners) whose

motto is “fighting suicide together.”



## POLICY EFFORTS

[\*Johnson & Johnson responsible for opioid crisis in Oklahoma, judge rules\*](#) is a story posted on *The Denver Channel* from a CNN news source about the landmark decision where an OK judge ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay \$572 million for its role in the state’s opioid crisis. Oklahoma is one of dozens of states suing opioid drug makers.

[\*Healing and Belonging in America\*](#) is a posting on Mayor Pete’s website about his thoughts and plan to improve mental health care and combat addiction, which is rooted in prevention and ensuring all who need resources and support gets what they need.

[\*Governor’s ‘Mental Health Czar’ Seeks New Blueprint for Care in California\*](#) is a post on *California Health Line* by Rob Waters about Thomas Insel, former NIMH scientist and so much more, who is working with California Gov. Gavin Newsom to revamp mental health care in the state.

[\*U.S. Presidential Candidates’ Positions on Mental Health and Addiction Released by “Mental Health for US” Coalition\*](#) is an article on *PR Newswire* that provides summary information about presidential candidate stances on mental health as gained from survey responses intended to get top candidates on the record about steps they’d take to improve mental health and addiction in America.

[\*Suicide is a leading cause of death in the U.S. Here’s how Warren, Sanders, and other candidates want to help change that\*](#) is a story by Megan Thielking for *STAT* that reports on survey responses (just five candidates responded... Warren, Sanders, Booker, Klobuchar, and Buttigieg) to a survey conducted by Mental Health for US, which offers insights into how the candidates plan to bolster suicide prevention efforts in the United States.

[\*Success of Red Flag Laws Might Depend on Mental Health Teams\*](#) is an article on the *Pew Trust* website by Christine Vestal about the importance of trained and integrated mental health professionals on the front lines with police and other first responders. In the past legislative cycle, CO, DC, HI, IN, NV, NY and WA enacted or strengthened laws that allow law enforcement and courts to seize weapons from people who may harm themselves or others...bringing the count to 17 states and DC that have red flag laws in place.

[\*There Is No “Silver Bullet” for Mental Health: The Problem of the IMD Exclusion\*](#) is a post on the *Health Affairs Blog* by Ben Miller and Emma Sandoe make a plea for more thoughtful and more comprehensive policy solutions to address our mental health and addiction crises. Repealing the Institutions for Mental Diseases in the Medicaid program may not be the answer, and could risk furthering the fragmentation in health care.

[\*Opinion” It’s Your Right to See Your Medical Records. It Shouldn’t Be This\*](#)

[Hard to DO](#) is an opinion piece on NPR by Harlan Krumholz, cardiologist and endowed professor at Yale School Medicine, about discrepancies between documented policies about personal data accessibility and reality.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Association of Parental Incarceration with Psychiatric and Functional Outcomes of Young Adults](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Elizabeth J. Gifford and colleagues about a cohort study that showed parental incarceration is associated with a broad range of mental health, legal, financial and social outcomes during young adulthood.

[Association between Educational Attainment and Causes of Death among White and Black U.S. Adults, 2010-2017](#) is a JAMA article by Drs. Isaac Sasson and Mark D. Hayward whose cross-sectional study objective was to estimate the relationship of specific causes of death with increasing educational difference in adult life expectancy from 2010 to 2017.

[There's Now a Map to Help Find Places in Colorado to Safely Store Firearms When a Gun Owner or Others Are in Crisis](#) is a CPR story by Ryan Warner about an online resource developed by Dr. Emmy Betz and her research colleagues on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, that details where community members and medical professionals can access off-site storage options for firearms across the state.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnership Logic Model](#) talks about AAMC Ahead, a program that assists MLPs at AAMC member institutions with developing and disseminating a body of evidence that measures the impact of MLPs on health inequities at the local level.

[Lawyers as Healers: The Growth of Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is an article in the *Nevada Lawyer* by Matt Milone, Esq. who describes MLPs and the benefits of such partnerships.



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