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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Spring break](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller, a reminder to us all for why taking breaks is essential for our wellbeing.

[Pediatric Psychiatry in Primary Care: Core Essentials](#) is an ECHO series on Thursdays, 7:30-8:30AM MT May 4-June 15. Topics include assessment and screening, "what is therapy," assessing and treating anxiety, ADHD and depression, assessing suicidality and more.

[Measuring Behavioral Health Investment](#) is a webinar co-sponsored by the Milbank Memorial Fund and the California Health Care Foundation designed for state officials that will use examples to describe key decisions and trade-offs to take into consideration when developing measurement and reporting methodologies. Scheduled for April 24th, 11:30AM-1PM MT.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Recovery high schools, like one in Denver, help kids heal from an addiction and build a future](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Stephanie Daniel about how 5280 High School is Colorado's only recovery school and one of 43 in the U.S. designed for students who are dealing with substance use disorder and related mental health disorders.

[Opinion: Crisis in schools has become dangerously normalized](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Matthew Fulford about how traumatized educators are expected to heal traumatized children and rebuild a sense of stability and safety. "We are exhausted."



POLICY EFFORTS

[Making a telehealth appointment? You might still pay a facility fee](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Markian Hawryluk about how patients can be billed without ever stepping foot in a hospital, but several states are starting to crack down.

[How a Texas judge's Affordable Care Act ruling could impact health insurance coverage in Colorado](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how Colorado law protects coverage for preventive services – but that protection doesn't extend to all insurance plans in the state.

[Georgia kids in foster care face obstacles to access mental health services](#) is a story in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* by Carrie Teegardin about how children suffer as state fails to monitor Medicaid contractor paid billions to cover and coordinate health care.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[The big squeeze: ACA health insurance has lots of customers, small networks](#) is an *NPR* story by Julie Appleby that reports a federal report found that 243 of 375 insurance company plans failed to meet network standards relative to accurate provider lists.

[How gun violence in Colorado hit a 40-year high, explained in six charts](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how Colorado in 2021 recorded its highest firearm-related death rate in at least 40 years.

[Assessment of Reported Time to Access a Loaded Gun Among Colorado Adolescents](#) is a research letter posted on *JAMA Pediatrics* by Virginia McCarthy and colleagues about a study by Colorado researchers that aimed to learn from adolescents how long it would take to get and be ready to fire a loaded gun without a parent or other adult's permission?

[More than 300,000 Coloradans could soon lose Medicaid coverage. Here's what to know.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how the newspaper is hosting a free, virtual panel discussion to talk about the end of the federal public health emergency and how people can find new health insurance coverage.

[America's teens are in crisis. States are racing to respond.](#) is an opinion piece that includes data from the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey that shows that 42% of high school students report persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness and 22% say they seriously considered attempting suicide in 2021. And it's much worse among girls.

[Current Causes of Deaths in Children and Adolescents in the United States](#) is a letter to the editor in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Jason E. Goldstick and colleagues about the fact that the CDC recently released updated official mortality data that showed 45,222 firearm-related deaths in the United States in 2020, a new peak. The authors state that the current funding momentum for the prevention of community violence must be maintained.



[Celebration of SDOH Innovation Webinar Series](#) is sponsored by the SDOH Academy and takes place April 11th and April 18th at noon MT. These will feature panel discussions with experts in the field on what innovation means, how to address barriers to implementing programs focused on SDOH, and the future of this work.

[Developing a Framework to Sustain Your MLP](#) is a 5-session workshop April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4; 11AM-12:30PM MT with Dr. James Teufel who will help teams increase their understanding of MLP program sustainability and develop key performance indicators in eight areas.

[The SDOH Academy Resource Compendium](#) is a collection of work produced by the SDOH Academy to support MLP work, that includes a summary of core competencies.

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