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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Embracing Change](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how we should welcome new opportunities with open arms, not fear.

[Mental Health Care Last Week Tonight with John Oliver](#) is a 25-minute YouTube video from John Oliver's show in which he discusses the cracks in our broken mental health care system, some of the inadequate ways we've tried to fill them, ineffective laws, and the revolting behavior of health insurance companies, which make it harder and harder to find help.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Former foster kid started a new Colorado nonprofit to help young people. TikTok is taking it nationwide.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a new group that is using lived experience to connect.

[Food trucks are helping keep Grand Junction kids fed while school's out for summer](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Nancy Lofholm about how the Lunch Lizard food truck is helping get lunches to students in Mesa County Valley School District where nearly half the students are eligible.

[The Decade of Healthy Aging Cannot Ignore Mental Health of Older Workers](#) is a post on *Forbes* by Garen Staglin about how the UN's aging program that aims to help people stay healthy, independent, and productive into their 80s, 90s and beyond does not mention mental health.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Colorado women can face pushback when seeking sterilization surgery: “It’s very demeaning”](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Elizabeth Hernandez about how more people are seeking permanent contraception after the fall of *Roe v. Wade*.

[Against ‘Public Health’](#) is a post on *Wired* by Eleanor Cummins about how “everything is supposedly a public health issue in the United States, but this buzzword does little to address real challenges.”

[When it comes to mental health, all countries are developing countries](#) is an interview posted on the *McKinsey Health Institute* site with psychiatrist and Harvard professor Shekhar Saxena, who defines human health holistically and thinks creatively about how to expand access to mental health services around the world.

[How Georgia’s new mental health law works](#) is a post on *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* about how a new law that should make accessing treatment for mental illness and addiction much easier.

[Montana legislator: Surplus could help fix mental health for generations](#) is a story on *KTVH* by Ashley Nerbovig about how State Rep. Llew Jones, R-Conrad, proposed using the budget surplus to create a state-funded regional mental health care network for Montana.

[Considering Race and Ethnicity in COVID Risk Assessments – Legal Concerns and Possible Solutions](#) is an opinion piece in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Timothy S. Jost.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Latest Colorado Children’s Health survey shows drop in tobacco use among youth](#) is a post on the *9 News* site that indicates data from the Healthy Kids Colorado survey shows promising trends in youth tobacco use, with smoking and vaping down since 2019, but some concerns remain.

[Vast New Study Shows a Key to Reducing Poverty: More Friendships Between Rich and Poor](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Claire Cain Miller and colleagues about a study based on billions of social media connections that has uncovered a powerful exception to that pattern that helps explain why certain places offer a path out of poverty.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is *The Network for Public Health Law* site with resource for addressing social determinants of health to improve health equity as a goal shared by public health, health care and public interest legal practitioners.

[State and Local Efforts to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis – Easter Region Update](#) is an issue brief posted on *The Network for Public Health Law* site by Morgan Jones-Axtell of updated analyses looking at resolutions issued in each region of the country based on the Network's regional offices that will focus on state and local government entities, including city councils, county boards of commissioners, city and county executives, school boards, and boards of health.

[Evaluating the Impact of Medical-Legal Partnerships on Health and Health Inequities](#) is a post on the AAMC website about a three-year project in which metrics were developed and implemented to evaluate the impact of MLPs.



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