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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[COVID-19: Pandemic Resiliency & Health Equity](#) is a webinar December 20th, 12PM MT during which Dr. Sandra Galea, Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at the Boston University School of Public Health, will discuss the social determinants of health and reflect on lessons learned about the societal consequences of an epidemic that has changed life as we know it.

[Colorado's Mental Health Crisis](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who weighs in on the scrutiny of Colorado's mental health situation.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Colorado pauses and Omicron surges](#) is the topic for this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health.

[How COVID-19 transformed the future of medicine](#) is a 15-minute Ted Talk about how the pandemic forced the world to work together like never and with unprecedented speed. Daniel Kraft, physician-scientist, explains how breakthroughs and advancements are paving the way for a more democratized, connected and data-driven future of medicine and personalized care.

[Redefining Health for a Healthier Tomorrow](#) is the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Annual Impact Report, 2021. Though the past year interfered with the organization's goals it became clearer that the way forward is through working collaboratively with schools, families, and community partners to

create safe, stable environments that support comprehensive well-being.

[New Publication Shines Light on How Language Impacts Firearm Injury Discussions](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Julia Milzer who writes about a new paper in which Dr. Emmy Betz leads a diverse group in tackling how words used in relation to firearm injuries and deaths can impact prevention of firearm injury.

[Knoxville Gym Starts Men's Club to Get Men Talking about Mental Health](#) is a story on *Morning Chalk Up* by Maggie Weaver about how a health club owner who created an opportunity at his gym for men to meet and talk about mental health.



[Gov. Jared Polis responds to Colorado's mental health crisis](#) is an *AXIOS* story by John Frank who reviews a timeline of events about Colorado's mental health crisis in the news.

[COVID Is Driving a Children's Mental Health Emergency](#) is a story in *Scientific American* by Julia Hotz about how deaths of parents and other terrible experiences have hurt hundreds of thousands, and how new initiatives are trying to help families in pain.

[Colorado has half a billion dollars to fix its mental health system. But it won't work without workers.](#) is a story covered by Jennifer Brown for *The Colorado Sun* about how community mental health centers across the state are more desperate for workers than ever. More than 1,090 jobs are vacant at 17 regional centers.

[State Policies Expanding Access to Behavioral Health Care in Medicaid](#) a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Madeline Guth, is about how states are taking advantage of new federal policy options to address behavioral health issues in Medicaid and are also developing other initiatives to improve mental health and substance use outcomes.

[A Look at Police Reform and Mental Health Crises – Has Any Progress Been Made?](#) is a post on *Very Well Mind* by Lo Stvx who writes that some progress has been made but not enough.



[Mental Health and Substance Use State Fact Sheets](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site that provides interactive, state-specific information that explores the prevalence of mental illness and substance use and related deaths, and access, affordability, and costs of care.

[Online Programs, Phone Apps Can Help Treat Depression](#) is a story on *Health Day* by Amy Norton who writes about a new study in which researchers analyzed 83 past trials that tested the effects of digital interventions for depression...most evaluated online programs, with a few testing smartphone apps.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[A Deep Dive on Laying the Foundation and Funding the Model](#) is a webinar planned for January 18, 2022, 11AM-12:30PM MT sponsored by The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership and MLP practitioners from Nebraska who will share how they successfully sustained and increased the funding for their MLP.

[Training Future Health Justice Leaders – A Role for Medical-Legal Partnerships](#) is an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Edward B. Heaton and colleagues who write that recognizing lawyers as powerful allies in addressing some of the root causes of systemic health inequities, MLPs can expand institutional and professional boundaries and help students learn new ways to practice law and medicine together.



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