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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The science of improvement is the topic for this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how using data can help create a more effective mental health system, and not always the data you think.

COVID-19 & More: COVID calm continues and the EPA proposes tightening the standard for airborne particulate matter is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean, Colorado School of Public Health, that emphasizes the complicated nature of the interface between science and important policy measures.

2023 Public Health Advocacy Day at the Capitol: Healthy land, air, water and people that announces that advocacy day this year takes place February 24, 2023 from 8-10AM. The foci will be climate change and capacity-building efforts, as well as other public health priorities.

CU Social Justice Summit 2023: Four Campuses, One Mission: Liberation is an announcement on the CU Boulder DEI website for a virtual summit, January 31st for a biennial, systemwide event that aspires to ignite critical engagement and responsibility for cultivating and sustaining a diverse democracy.

Stony Brook University researchers are looking for participants (teens, tweens, and parents) to take part in research studies to try out new, single session programs that aim to support healthy coping and resilience.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Death by Ableism](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Megan A. Morris, a faculty member at the CU School of Medicine, “a meditation on her Uncle David’s medical care at the end of his life and how a hospital team recommended care that was steeped in unwilling ableism – the notion that the life of a person with a disability has less value than the life of a person without a disability.”

[How Your Brain Changes in Every Decade of Life – And What You Can Do To Slow It Down](#) is a post on *katiecouric.com* by Caroline Burke that discusses how much forgetfulness is normal.

[American Academy of Pediatrics offers new guidance for treating childhood obesity](#) is a Denver 7 story by Scripps News in which it is announced that the AAP has issued its first comprehensive guidelines for treating children and adolescent with obesity. Watchful waiting is no longer recommended.

[Examining how effective the national mental health helpline has been](#) is an update for NPR by Rhitu Chatterjee about how, six months after the launch of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, things are going...how many people are using it and whether it’s connecting those folks to help.

[Social media’s effects on teen mental health comes into focus](#) is a post on *Axios* by Jennifer A. Kingson about how some scientists who study technology’s effects on children’s mental health say the negatives far outweigh any positives.



[Corporate Investors in Primary Care – Profits, Progress, and Pitfalls](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Soleil Shah and colleagues that calls out what’s driving these investments, their potential benefits and risks, and possible policy levers for mitigating those risks...and how physicians, patients and policymakers should develop an understanding about them.

[Littwin: Expect new gun safety laws from the legislature, but maybe not an assault-style weapons ban](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Mike Littwin that reports that “The surest bet is legislation that will expand Colorado’s red flag law, which, unaccountably, was not used in the case of the Club Q shooter.

[The Coming Collapse of the U.S. Health Care System](#) is a post on *Time* by Drs. Robert Glatter and Peter Papadakos who write about the post- pandemic nightmare that is the delivery of health care in our country. And they talk about how the pandemic changed how health care professionals are both valued and how they see themselves.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[The Anchor Strategy – A Place-Based Business Approach for Health Equity](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. David A. Ansell and colleagues who address a strategy adopted in 2016 by the Rush University System for Health to tackle the 16-year life expectancy gap between Chicago's West Side and the Loop.

[What Explains Changes in Availability of Specialty Mental Health Services in Organized Settings?](#) is an article in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Helen Newton and colleagues that refers to an evaluation of how Medicaid expansion and facility ownership affected the availability of specialty mental health services from 2010 to 2019.

[Effects of the 2021 Expanded Child Tax Credit On Adult's Mental Health: A Quasi-Experimental Study](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Akansha Batra and colleagues who examined the effects of the expanded Child Tax Credit on mental health and related outcomes among low-income adults with children, and by racial and ethnic subgroup.

[Less than half of U.S. public schools assess students for mental health](#) is a story in *KOMO News* about a study led by Washington State University researchers revealed how just 52% of all public schools in the country provide these assessments designed to aid educators in diagnosing kids with mental health issues. The piece points out how schools are facing a mental health crisis, especially in rural areas, as many don't have enough funding or mental health professionals on staff.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[UChicago Medicine partners with legal aid lawyers to offer legal help to victims of violence](#) is a post on *ABA Journal* by Debra Cassens Weiss about how the University of Chicago Medicine is working with Legal Aid Chicago to embed lawyers at the system's trauma center in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood to help victims of violence.

[Mile Square – Humboldt Park now addressing legal needs](#) is a post on the *University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing* website about a pro bono clinic that aims to address criminal record expungement and family law, among other legal issues.



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