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## **FRIDAY'S FEATURES**

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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

The Farley Center is hiring an administrative coordinator. If you know anyone you believe might be interested/a good fit, please forward <u>this link</u>. Preference will be given to those who apply by July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pediatric Suicide Prevention: A Practical Care Pathway for Primary Care is a Colorado ECHO series scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12-1PM MT. These sessions will support primary care providers in the outpatient setting by

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<u>Autism: Core Concepts for Primary Care Part 2</u> is a 5-session series from Colorado ECHO August 2-30 at 12-1PM that aims to support providers in the screening, diagnosis and management of patients with an autism spectrum disorder and related developmental delays.

Past the Pandemic: Individual Wellbeing, Connection and Support is another ECHO series, July 26-August 30, 9-10AM MT, which aims to offer providers and other staff working in health care and public health settings an opportunity to navigate, normalize and validate worries, stressors and experiences related to various health care environments.

<u>988 mental health crisis hotline to offer text and chat services in Spanishis an</u> *ABC* 7 story about the first-year anniversary of this helpline, an investment of nearly \$1 billion by the Biden-Harris administration to states, territories, and tribes to hire crisis counselors and improve local response. This resource will now be provided in Spanish (texts and chats).

<u>The Business of Belonging: How to Make Community Your Competitive</u> <u>Advantage</u> is a book by David Spinks in which he writes that "the successful brands of tomorrow will be those that create authentic connection, giving customers a sense of real belonging and unlocking unprecedented scale as a result.

Dr. John Reilly, Jr., dean of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, stated that leadership remains committed to having a diverse student body, faculty and staff in spite of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that prohibits consideration of race in admissions decisions at institutions of higher education.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

Amid Social and Political Strife, Medical Schools Seek a Modern Approachis a post on *HCP Live* by Kevin Kunzmann who spoke with Dr. Shanta Zimmer, senior associate dean of medical education at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, about how medical schools are prioritizing how optimal clinical intervention is informed by context, and are emphasizing communication and connection.

Patients benefit from UCHealth's virtual behavioral health intensive outpatient program is a story on the UCHealth site about a hospital-based virtual group therapy model, the only of its kind in Colorado, which aims to provide access and help for those experiencing mental health challenges, particularly focusing on specific issues.



<u>Third of teens in Colorado juvenile corrections held for an average of 20 extra</u> <u>days because there's no place to go</u> is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about the shortage of treatment beds and foster homes preventing timely release of children and teens past their court-approved release dates.

<u>Children's Hospital Colorado stops providing gender-affirming surgery</u> is a 9 *News* story by Cole Sullivan about how the hospital will no longer provide this surgery for people over 18 years of age to protect the safety of staff and patients due to national rhetoric.

<u>The Haze Has Lifted, but the Threat Remains: Climate Impacts on Public</u> <u>Health and the Case for Emergency Preparedness is a blog post on the</u> *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by John Auerbach and Michael Jung about how policymakers underestimate the health aspects of climate-driven emergencies.

<u>Understanding Racism and Health</u> is an article posted on *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Mary Louise Gilburg who provides a Q&A piece with Jamila Michener, PhD of Cornell and Tiffany Ford, MPH, PhD of the University of Illinois at Chicago that includes a definition of racism and describes three core principles to guide an understanding of the connections between racism and health.

RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

Experiment to pay Denver's homeless has reached \$5 million and 846 people is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a year-long study involving no-strings-attached cash payments, six months in, that is showing promise.

Evidence on Scaling in Health and Social Care: An Umbrella Review is a *Milbank Memorial Fund* article by Roberta de Carvalho Coroa and colleagues who suggest that more rigorous methodologies and systematic approaches should be encouraged in the science of scaling, which will ultimately increase the impacts of health innovations.

<u>Do Nonprofit Hospitals Deserve their Tax Exemption?</u> is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Ge Bai and colleagues in which they suggest that there are insufficient data to compare the amount of community benefit provided by individual nonprofit hospitals with the subsidies they receive. And they write that "policymakers could examine whether eligible hospitals are using their gross profit from the 340B program to provide community benefit, and other regulatory authorities might use these data for similar purposes."



<u>The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership and Association of</u> <u>Clinicians for the Underserved Launch New Partnership to Increase Access to</u> <u>Justice and Health Equity</u> is a special announcement by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership about a new partnership that aims to improve health equity, increase access to justice, and strengthen the health care workforce.

Health Center MLP Environmental Scan: Findings and Examples from the Field is a post on the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership is a webinar recording that was hosted by the center and presented findings of the 2022 Health Center MLP Environmental Scan, which aimed to increase our understanding of the accessibility and availability of MLPs to meet the evolving needs of low-income patients and communities served by HRSA-funded Health Centers and Health Center Look-Alike programs.

<u>2023 Public Health Law Conference: People. Policy. Progress</u> is a conference October 24-26 in Minneapolis, MN that aims to bring together public health professionals, administrators and practitioners; layers; researchers; leaders of community-based organizations and others who share these goals.

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