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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Heather Cox Richardson, political historian who uses facts and history to put the news in context, writes [this piece](#) following the Uvalde murders.

[Racial Equity Statement of Purpose](#) states the Milbank Memorial Fund's intention to be accountable for all its legacy, as well as embraces new partnerships and commitments.

[Statement by NAM President Victor J. Dzau in Response to Multiple Mass Shootings in May 2022](#) is posted on the *National Academy of Medicine* site who makes a plea for us to find the courage and the creativity to stop firearm violence and provides resources on firearm violence from the National Academies.

[Child sexual abuse as a public health problem: Leveraging science to impact policy](#) is a webinar that is part of the CU School of Public Health's Pathways to Prevention series June 15th, 11AM MT by Dr. Jennie Noll, Ken Young Family Professor for Healthy Children at the Pennsylvania State University. She will showcase a unique state/university partnership and present results, as well as implementation triumphs and challenges, from a statewide universal sexual abuse prevention effort.

[Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs of Children](#) is a podcast that highlights the opportunities for Medicaid to better support the behavioral health needs of children, hosted by Gretchen Hammer, Ben Miller, and Catherine Ivy.

[Our Children Should Not Be Targets](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he further examines the problem of school shootings in America.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Opinion: Amid state audit and whistleblower allegations, Mind Springs Health is on the right track](#) is a commentary by Doug Pattison, interim CEO of Mind Springs Health & West Springs Hospital, in *The Colorado Sun* in which he reports on the organization's progress and improvement and acknowledges that challenges remain.

[Health disparities drive Ute Mountain Ute plan for new grocery store, workforce center](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about how tribe leaders are working to raise \$12 million to help build a new community enterprise to reduce high rates of diabetes and obesity.

[Opinion: I've lived in a country with gun control. It works.](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Robert Tann about how the United Kingdom has some of the strictest gun laws of any developed country and that it works.

[How to talk about gun violence with your children](#) is a CPR story by Carla Jimenez who interviewed Dr. Jenna Glover, a child and adolescent psychologist at Children's Hospital, about how to answer questions from parents, how to talk about gun violence, and how to help parents and children cope with their own emotions.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Daughters' Keeper – The Care and Treatment of Black Girls in America](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Kevin M. Simon in *The New England Journal of Medicine* who writes to recognize the curiosity, freedom to be children, and experiences of maturation of young Black girls in hopes that the same recognition will be afforded his daughter.

[Physicians Spreading Misinformation on Social Media – Do Right and Wrong Answers Still Exist in Medicine?](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Drs. Richard J. Baron and Yul D. Ejnes who write that "medicine has a truth problem." In the era of social media and heavily politicized science, truth is increasingly crowdsourced, which doesn't involve scientific methods.

[The Importance of Federal Action Supporting Overdose-Prevention Centers](#) is an opinion piece by Aneeqah H. Naeem and colleagues in *The New England Journal of Medicine* that suggests that rates of drug-related deaths will most likely continue to increase without dramatic changes in federal policy approaches to substance use, harm reduction, and substance use disorder treatment.

[Littwin: What makes America exceptional? Try this: After every mass shooting,](#)

[we ignore the truth.](#) is an opinion piece by Mike Littwin in *The Colorado Sun* in which he addresses the issue of “refusing to take on the easy access by disturbed young men to high-powered guns, guns that might as well be weapons of war, in a country that has 40% of the world’s civilian supply of guns, in a country that, remarkably, has more guns than people.”

[Nicolais: Want to end mass shootings? Don’t get distracted by other issues](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Mario Nicolais who writes, “Gun violence continues to be a problem in our country because too many people calling for reform have not committed in the same single-minded way gun rights activists have.

[Zornio: Stop stigmatizing mental health by blaming it for mass shootings](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Trish Zornio that emphasizes how for non-violent Americans with mental illness, being linked to extreme violence is harmful, even deadly.

[Direct Care Workforce Policy and Action Guide](#) is a toolkit on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Courtney Roman and colleagues that examines the challenges direct care workers face and outlines administrative, funding, policy, and regulatory levers that states can use to offer them better support.

[FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Highlights Strategy to Address the National Mental Health Crisis](#) outlines President Biden’s strategy to tackle our mental health crisis.



[Current Causes of Death in Children and Adolescents in the United States](#) is a letter to the editor of *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Jason E. Goldstick and colleagues that cites recent mortality data related to firearms, which show a sharp increase in the crude rate of firearm-related death from 2019-2020. The authors insist that the current funding momentum related to firearm violence must be maintained.

[Doctors, medical students aim to inspire the next generation of Black doctors](#) is a PBS story by Lindsey Ford and Alexis Kikoen about a retired surgeon who is dedicating time to spreading awareness about racial and ethnic disparities in health care through written articles, mentorship, and public speaking.

[Fact-checking the connection between guns and mental illness](#) is a story in *The Seattle Times* by Hannah Furfaro and colleagues who reviewed scientific studies, spoke with experts, and probed state and federal gun laws to answer basic questions about mental health, gun violence and what we know about the factors that contribute to gun deaths.

[Science Shows How to Protect Kids’ Mental Health, but It’s Being Ignored](#) is an opinion piece in the *Scientific American* by Mitch Prinstein and Kathleen A. Ethier that highlights how billions are invested annually on medical research and physician training based on centuries-old and long disproven theories of

physical and mental health as two independent systems. It provides evidence that psychological prevention strategies are available to support youth.

[Too Many Lives Lost: Comparing Overdose Mortality Rates and Policy Solutions Across High-Income Countries](#) is a post on *The Commonwealth Fund Blog* by Jesse C. Baumgartner and colleagues that compares the United States to other high-income countries in drug overdose deaths and then highlights differences in behavioral health care, drug policies, and social services; and looks at recent U.S. initiatives.



[The Medical-Public Defender Partnership: How to Create a Medical-Legal Partnership Focused on the Criminal Legal Needs of Justice-Involved Patients](#) is a webinar sponsored by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership June 23, 2022, at 11AM MT during which MLP practitioners in Rhode Island discuss a unique medical-public defender partnership.

[Using the Law to Inform Empowered Patient Care in Austin](#) is the story of the partnership between the People’s Community Clinic and the Texas Legal Services Center.

[Where Legal Services Fit within a Health Care Organization’s Response to SDOH](#) is a chart produced by the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership that graphically depicts this intervention.



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