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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Strengthening Primary Health Care](#) is a webinar March 22nd (8-11AM MT) and 23rd (8-10:10AM MT) hosted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in collaboration with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health primary health care team. It will build on the consensus report, [Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care](#).

[The Mental Health Impact of Anti-LGBTQ Laws](#) is the title of this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how anti-LGBTQ legislation and rhetoric is harming an entire generation.

[Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity](#) is a one-year global fellowship program based at the George Washington University Health Workforce Institute in Washington, D.C. Applications are due by May 1st. The fellowship is designed for those who want to become global leaders in the elimination of health disparities.

[Improving Rural Health Equity Learning Collaborative](#) is a webinar series April 7, 14, 21, and 28; 11AM-12PM MT that involves the National Center for Equitable Care for Elders and Migrant Clinicians Network in which strategies to enable patients in rural areas to successfully age in community by identifying and addressing their social determinants of health needs will be discussed.

[Firearm life plan website offers new peace of mind to firearm owners and families](#) is a post on the Colorado School of Public Health site that announces a [new website](#) launched by researchers at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus along with colleagues from the Rocky Mountain Veteran Affairs Medical Center that provides resources and downloadable documents to preserve firearm legacy and maintain safety.

Ellie Titarenko, NP and owner of Arvada West Family Medicine, will share her

personal experiences of supporting the Denver metro Ukrainian population and what is needed to support the medical teams and people in Ukraine [via Zoom](#) March 15th at noon MP.

A blue banner with a white silhouette of a diverse group of people of various ages and heights. Below the silhouette, the text "COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Evolution of Addiction Treatment: A Reflection with Don Egan](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz* website by Danielle Davis who writes about Dr. Egan's career and how he created Addiction Research and Treatment Services (ARTS) at the CU School of Medicine, and led other innovative efforts that gave people battling substance issues some semblance of a normal life.

[How the pandemic has worsened Colorado's part in America's overdose death epidemic](#) is an NPR interview with Sam Bourdon, the hard reduction grant coordinator with CDPHE and George Babatsikos, harm reduction manager with the Works Program in Boulder County, who have worked for decades providing services to reduce the risk of disease and overdose death.

[Delivering Tea and Comfort](#) is a story on *Inside Higher Ed* by Maria Carrasco about mental health kits provided to students with notes of encouragement, fuzzy socks, and access to the professional services they need at the University of Alabama, and how this idea is becoming popular on other campuses as well.

[Child abuse victims can now avoid police stations, reduce trauma at first-of-its-kind center in Colorado Springs](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown that describes Safe Passage, home to the city's Crimes Against Children Unit, child protection caseworkers, forensic nurses, therapists, and an abuse prevention nonprofit. A place where children can tell their story just once.

[28 Mental Health Charts that Literally Every Last One of Us Can Benefit From](#) is a post on *Buzz Feed* by Syd Robinson that contains some fun charts about mental health.

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POLICY EFFORTS

[We're tracking how Colorado lawmakers spend \\$1 billion of federal aid on affordable housing, behavioral health](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Sandra Fish about how the publication is tracking the stimulus bills, what they do and how much each one would allocate. The money was sent to Colorado through the American Rescue Plan Act.

[Opinion: 10 years in, Marijuana legalization hasn't changed the youth usage rate](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Kevin Gallagher who

discusses how studies found no significant associations between enactment of recreational marijuana laws and use among high school students, and how the Colorado system is safe and a model for the rest of the country.

['Scum of the earth': Drug victims face Purdue Pharma owners](#) is an AP story by Geoff Mulvihill and Jennifer Peltz about how more than two dozen Americans whose lives were upended by the opioid crisis confronted the Sackler family in a virtual hearing this week.

[Exclusive: A new bill could help frontline workers access mental health care through their insurance](#) is a post on *The 19th News* by Mariel Padilla about a bill that would guarantee more health coverage for firefighters, policy officers, public school teachers and city and state workers.

[Georgia House passes broad changes to mental health programs](#) is a post on *Times Union* by Jeff Amy about a House Bill that aims to require that insurers pay for mental health care the same way they pay for physical illness.



[Op-Ed: As climate change wrecks our health, we'll need climate doctors](#) is a story in the *LA Times* by Jay Lemery that reports the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change dropped its latest [assessment report](#) this week and reinforces the overwhelming conclusion that our ecosystems are under such stress that widescale human suffering is all but certain.

[Language and Culturally Responsive Care in Colorado: Barriers, Access, and Room for Improvement](#) is a recent report from the Colorado Health Institute, which indicates that people who speak a language other than English at home are less likely to have accessed health care in the past 12 months than English speakers. And suggests that policymakers and providers can take steps to more effectively support the health care needs of people whose primary language is not English.

['They're just trying to survive': Colorado doctor dispels myth about people experiencing homelessness](#) is a *9News* story about how Dr. Josh Barocas, CU School of Medicine public health researcher, discusses the erroneous belief that most homeless people are harmful.

[How COVID Changed the World](#) is a story in *Scientific American* about the lessons from two years of emergency science, upheaval, and loss.

[Teens create first-ever local mental health survey for peers, released with help of City of San Antonio](#) is a story on *KSAT* by Courtney Friedman about results from a local survey created by teens for teens aimed to inform the city of San Antonio and Metro Health if current programs should be tweaked, scrapped or new programs are needed.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Reductions in Hospitalizations among Children Referred to a Primary Care-based Medical-Legal Partnership](#) is an article in *Health Affairs* by Andrew Beck and colleagues about a retrospective cohort study that examined the effect of referral to a medical-legal partnership on hospitalization rates among urban, low-income children in Greater Cincinnati, Ohio, between 2012 and 2017.

[Cincinnati Children's reduced hospital admissions 38% by offering legal help to remedy poor living situations](#) is a story for WVXU by Ann Thompson that relates to the article above...a success story of the MLP that forced a large Cincinnati landlord to correct toxic housing conditions.

[Private investments in housing are critical – and not enough](#) is a story on the *Kaiser Permanente* site by John Vu that stresses how public policy changes and private investments together are needed to end the homelessness crisis.



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