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May the roof above us never fall in. And may the friends gathered below it never fall out. **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

[A 3rd anniversary Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey](#) of the pandemic, designed to better understand response and capacity of U.S. primary care practices to COVID-19, and takes 4 to 5 minutes to complete. This is the survey created by the Larry A. Green Center. Responses are due 3/19 at 10:59PM MT.

Introductory Overview of Community Engagement Principles and Methodologies is the topic of the March 21st community mission area meeting, 12-1PM MT. Dr. Don Nease, trainer, will provide an overview of community engagement principles and methods. [Zoom link](#).

[Let's Talk About Bipolar Disorder: A Community Lecture Series](#) is a 7-week series March 28-May 9, 6-7:30PM MT, sponsored by the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Depression Center, Colorado Bipolar Education Project.

[Colorado will soon start licensing dental therapists in effort to help expand oral health care options](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about a bill that provided the means for licensing dental therapists, a mid-level provider who could narrow the oral health equity gap. But training for them doesn't exist in Colorado.

[Michael Lewis on the Mirage that Is America's Public Health System](#) is an interview between Dr. Eric Topol and Michael Lewis about Michael's new book, [The Premonition: A Pandemic Story](#).



[The Ultimate Hack for Your Health Is Simpler than You'd Think – It's Exercise](#) is a post on *Yahoo Life* by Janet Lee about how whether the goal is to lose weight or just lead a healthier life, exercise should be regarded with as much importance as diet.

[Opinion: A tougher drug – related homicide law won't reduce overdose deaths](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Joshua Barocas in *The Colorado Sun* about how the more effective, less expensive way to save lives is to provide treatment to drug users.

[As gun deaths rise, Colorado is trying something new – a public health approach to gun violence prevention](#) is a *CPR* story by John Daley and Loretta Wimbley about a new office, Office of Gun Violence Prevention, within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that is partnering with researchers from the Injury and Violence Prevention Center in the Colorado School of Public Health to create and maintain a resource bank of regularly updated and accurate materials regarding gun violence in Colorado.

[Naloxone Resources](#) is a host of resources from CU School of Medicine for opioid harm reduction. [Another set of resources](#) can be found on the University of Colorado Practice Innovation Program site. Here you can find [Naloxone resources for patients](#).

[When Cancer Cured Pain](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Mark Earnest, internist at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, “that is a lesson in how our work is caring for body and soul, and that it is sometimes an assignment with unknowable answers despite our best efforts.”

[The park ranger, the mental health worker and the endless hurdles theyface to help people on Denver’s streets](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a program pairing mental health clinicians with the rangers who field complaints about camping in parks aims to get people into therapy, if they’re willing.

[Make a To-Don’t List](#) is a post in *The Atlantic* by Arthur C. Brooks about how focusing on the things we hate can help when we’re feeling stuck.



[She risked coming to Colorado for an abortion. Now she wants to protect others from Texas “bounty hunters.”](#) is a story in *The Denver Post* by Saja Hindi that discusses three abortion bills expected to advance Wednesday in the Colorado Legislature.

[Risk of Moral Injury May Be Increased Following U.S. Supreme Court Decision](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* site by Rachel Sauer about how health care providers may experience greater potential for moral distress in providing reproductive health care in the wake of the Dobb ruling.

[Health Cabinet Policy Summit, March 2023](#), sponsored by HCPF, took place this week. Here you will find the slides presented containing a wealth of Colorado information.

[Interested in teaching, nursing, firefighting, or construction? Colorado lawmakers want to pay for your education.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about two bills that would help students pay for education costs – including covering upfront tuition, fees and supplies – to fill critical workforce gaps.

[Colorado’s push to lower hospital costs has a catch: The state also needs hospitals’ money](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how hospitals say HB 1215 will ultimately impact funding for Medicaid.

[A Step Forward for Health Care Market Oversight: Oregon Health Authority’s Health Care Market Oversight Program](#) is a report published on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Robin L. Davison and colleagues provide an overview of the oversight program enacted in 2021 to address the unchecked rise in health care consolidation and the downstream effects on cost, access, equity, and quality.

[Opinion: Food assistance is being reduced, but hunger remains](#) is an opinion piece in *The Colorado Sun* by Erik Hicks about how the SNAP cuts are taking power away from families to decide what they need, where they want, and on their own time.



[The Value of Integrating OB and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Initial Findings](#) is a Farley Center issue brief by Susan Mathieu and colleagues about a six-clinic pilot that integrates OB services with behavioral health and substance use treatment at the same location.

[Peer Support Specialists: A critical factor in integrating medical, behavioral, and substance use care for pregnant people](#) is a second Farley Center issue brief by Susan Mathieu and colleagues that focuses on one of the key success factors (the use of peer support specialists) for the project discussed above and outlines several policy changes that can help ensure success of the program.

[3 years in: What we've learned about COVID](#) is a story on *CU Boulder Today* by Kelsey Simpkins and Lisa Marshall about what Colorado researchers learned in year three.

[The New Crisis of Increasing All-Cause Mortality in U.S. Children and Adolescents](#) is an opinion piece in *JAMA Network* by Dr. Steven H. Woolf and colleagues that warns that “a nation that begins losing its most cherished population – its children – faces a crisis like no other.”



[The Academic Medical-Legal Partnership: Training the Next Generation of Health & Legal Professionals to Work Together to Advance Health Justice](#) is a paper co-sponsored by the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance and the National Center for Medical Legal Partnership by Vicki W. Girard and colleagues that focuses on educating and preparing the next generation of health and legal professionals.

[Medha D. Makhoulouf](#), Elsie de R. and Samuel P. Orlando Distinguished Professor and founding director of the MLP clinic at Penn State, provides background on Ms. Makhoulouf and the MLP effort at Penn State.



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