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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce in Your State](#) is a webinar May 20<sup>th</sup> 11AM MT sponsored by the Milbank Memorial Fund designed to explore state levers for change and key areas for action, such as raising wages and collecting and using data to inform interventions in support of developing comprehensive means of addressing the economic insecurity of the workforce and improving its capacity.

[Honoring 50 Years of Mental Health Leadership](#) is a post on *The Carter Center* site that pays tribute to Rosalynn Carter's unrelenting activism over five decades.

[Back to Basics](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he provides a vision for mental health.

[Donna and Mark Memorial Trust](#) is a trust that focuses its financial support on the mental health areas of suicide prevention, crisis intervention, teens, deaths of despair, and grief. It will identify local funding opportunities in these areas, including and not limited, to grants for research and policy.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Opinion: While Colorado gets its mental-health act together, the village must step up](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Vincent Atchity about how the scarcity of mental health care leaves many of us to our own devices.

[The COVID-19 pandemic: Grim pandemic tolls, clinical trials of therapeutics,](#)

[and more](#) is this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean of the Colorado School of Public Health.

[Is Trust Enough? Anti-Black Racism and the Perception of Black Vaccine “Hesitancy”](#) is a report from The Hastings Center by Yolonda Wilson about how “Why don't Black people trust doctors/nurses/health care/vaccines...?” isn't a sufficient question.

[How Colorado's changing climate is putting children's health at risk](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Helen Santoro about how exposure to air pollution can lead to long-lasting health problems for kids, including asthma and diminished lung development.

[Colorado's overdose rates for teens and young people have skyrocketed](#) is a story in *The Denver Gazette* by Seth Klamann about how the pandemic and the stressors it brought are key in understanding increasing youth overdoses, as is fentanyl.

[4 high school students talk mental health and how the pandemic changed them](#) is an NPR story by Anya Steinberg about an interview with four high school students who marked the pandemic's two-year anniversary with a newfound sense of self, and big dreams for the future.



[100 bills debated at the Colorado legislature this year that you should know about](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and colleagues about the content of legislative bills affecting the public.

[Here's what's in the Colorado fentanyl “accountability and prevention” bill just sent to the governor](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Shannon Najmabadi and Jesse Paul about how House Bill 1326 was one of the most contentious measures debated at the Colorado Capitol this year.

[New Payment Models for Advanced Primary Care: Data Collections Needs to Catch Up with Policy](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Rachel Block about how relatively little attention has been given to setting standards for the data collection and analysis needed to track whether and how these payment models support primary care.

[Health Care Reform under the Biden Administration – Broad Ambitions, Narrow Majorities](#) is an opinion piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Jonathan Oberlander about how the Administration struggles to enact a broader reform agenda, which reflects the daunting political constraints that limit U.S. health policy.

[Mayors tackle mental health](#) is a post on *Axios* by Jennifer A. Kingson about new programs that aim to combat the rising loneliness, anxiety, and unhappiness that COVID-19 has caused.



## RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Supporting Innovation in Medicaid Policy – Interventions to Increase Adoption of RCTs](#) is a NEJM article by Dr. Jacob Wallace and colleagues about how RCTs remain underutilized, and the barriers to implementing RCTs in Medicaid, and how their use can be increased.

[Study: PTSD more costly than other common mental health condition in U.S.](#) is a story by Chloe Nordquist for *The Denver Channel* about a new VA study that shows that post-traumatic stress costs an estimated \$232.2 billion in 2018, exceeding the cost of other common mental health conditions.

[COVID rates were higher in Denver’s homeless shelters than encampment, according to study](#) is a story in the *Denverite* by Kyle Harris about a Denver Health study done in 2020.

[Firearm Deaths Grow, Disparities Widen: Comprehensive Strategies Can Prevent Violence and Help Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities](#) about how the reasons for the increasing rates and widening disparities are likely complex, but multiple stressors associated with the COVID-19 pandemic may have contributed to the increases.

[Leading cause of death for American children is now gun violence](#) about a new study that found guns to be the leading cause of death for children in the United States since 2017, surpassing car crash deaths.



## MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[Collaborating to Address the Health and Legal Needs of Patients Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence and Exploitation](#) is a webinar that took place last month sponsored by The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership about collaborations between health care providers and legal service providers to address intimate partner violence and exploitation and to promote prevention.

[Using the Law to Inform Empowered Patient Care in Austin](#) is a post on the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership site about the Austin team’s planning process for its MLP.

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