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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[CU Anschutz exhibit highlights disparities in care for LGBTQ elders](#) is a story by Jaleesa Irizarry for *9 News* about a photo project by a researcher and CU School of Medicine associate professor, Dr. Carey Candrian, titled Eye to Eye, on display at the Fulginiti Pavilion.

[Rising Above: The intersection of reproductive health and mental health](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who addresses the Supreme Court's move to prepare to overturn *Roe v Wade*, and the possible impact on the mental health of women.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Nicolais: Our Share communities – from soccer bar to the church pews – make sure we never walk alone](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Mario Nicolais who writes how after two years of broken interactions with various communities, it is life-affirming to be back among the people who know him.

[SunLit Excerpt: “The Mike File” reveals one family’s story of a boy lost to the mental health system](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* about Stephen Trimble's memoir that tells the tale of his brother, Mike, committed to the Colorado State Hospital in Pueblo in 1957, after sequential diagnoses of “retardation,” schizophrenia and epilepsy. The author was 6 at the time, Mike was 14. Mike never lived at home again.

[There's a Shortage of Mental Health Providers. Now What?](#) is a post on *Oprah Daily* by Israel Burton that provides guidance for how to find someone to talk to

and get the professional care needed.

[Why Forced Addiction Treatment Fails](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Maia Szalavitz about how voluntary rehab has a better track record and is less likely to harm the people it is intended to help.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Opinion: Colorado's medical residencies are less welcoming to international graduates than the rest of the United States](#) is a commentary in *The Colorado Sun* by Wafa El-ejmi who describes the situation from her viewpoint/understanding and indicates how the facts are only going to make the state's looming shortage of doctors worse.

[Lawmakers in 19 states, including Colorado, want legal refuge for trans youth](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Holly Ramer about how Democratic lawmakers are following California's lead in working to offer legal refuge to displaced transgender youth and their families.

[Making It Easy to Get Mental Health Care: Examples from Abroad](#) is a post on the *Commonwealth Fund* site by Martha Hostetter and Sarah Klein about lessons on prioritizing mental health, making care more convenient, and scaling treatment approaches to help more people provided by other countries.

[When will COVID vaccines be approved for young Colorado kids? Here's what we know.](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how Gov. Jared Polis has pressed the federal government to speed up the approval timeline.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Doctors are uneasy as Colorado collects providers' diversity data](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* about research that shows that when patients see health providers who share their cultural background, speak the same language, or mirror their experiences; their health care outcomes improve.

[Jail Health Care in the Southeastern United States from Entry to Release](#) is an article on *The Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Jessica Carda-Auten and colleagues about how jails incarcerate millions annually who have profound and expensive health care needs and how resources allocated for jail health care are scarce, likely resulting in treatment delays, limited access to care, lower-quality care, unnecessary use of emergency medical services and emergency departments, and limited services to support continuity of care upon release.

[Unlocking the potential of health data to help research and treatments](#) is a post

on *Nature* by Jyoti Madhusoodanan about how medical records can be tricky to access because of confidentiality and variability, but data-sharing efforts are helping to overcome these hurdles – without compromising patient privacy.

[Over 63% of Family Members of COVID-19 ICU Patients Experienced 'Significant Symptoms of PTSD,' Study Finds](#) is a post on *Self* by Serena Coady about a study led by Dr. Timothy Amass at the CU School of Medicine after which the study authors encouraged health care practitioners to allow for more “participation and control” at the bedside with the hope of improving mental health outcomes for family members of ill patients.

[The Mental Health Crisis That's Causing Teachers to Quit](#) is a story in the *New Republic* by Stephen Noonoo that provides data about the dire situation among our teachers.

[Trends in Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking Among US Adults with Major Depression or Substance Use Disorders, 2006-2019](#) is a JAMA article by Dr. Beth Han and colleagues about findings of a serial cross-sectional study that included 558,960 adult participants and showed a statistically significant decline in the prevalence of self-reported cigarette smoking from 2006-2019 among those with major depressive episode, substance use disorders, or both.

[The education culture war is raging. But for most parents, it's background noise](#) is an NPR story by Anya Kamenetz about how a national poll finds that parents across the political spectrum are satisfied with their children's schools and feel well-informed about controversial topics.



[Understanding the No Surprises Act & the Role of MLPs in Helping Patients](#) is a webinar May 9th at noon to 1:30PM MT during which MLP practitioners from the Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance and Whiteman-Walker Health as well as representatives from CMS/CCIIO help us understand the NSA; how MLPs play a unique role in helping patients to navigate complex systems for care, coverage, and payment; and where MLP practitioners can find information and resources for their patients, providers, and advocates.

[The SDOH Academy Innovations Showcase Competition Closing Webinar](#) is scheduled May 12th 1-2:30PM MT during which the winners of the competition will showcase their outstanding innovative work to address the SDOHs.

[Medical-Legal Community Partnership - Meeting Legal Needs to Advance Health Equity in the Safety-Net: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic March 22](#) is a report from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services in partnership with others that addresses social determinants of health by integrating legal services into the healthcare system.



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