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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

ECHO Colorado series January 5- February 9, 2023: [Adolescent Reproductive Health in Primary Care.](#)

[Democrat Yadira Caraveo wins close race in Colorado's new 8th Congressional District](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Sandra Fish about how a Colorado pediatrician will be the first Latina to represent Colorado in Congress.

[CU Anschutz Faculty Drive Innovation in Confronting Nation's Mental Health Crisis](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site about a lecture series that examined new frontiers and discoveries in treatment to

[Medicaid Expansion Revisited](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who writes how "small political wins like what happened in South Dakota are actually big wins for our community."



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

["The future of housing" takes shape at Buena Vista factory](#) is a story by Jason Blevins for *The Colorado Sun* about how a housing crisis solution with modular homes, philanthropy, unique lending, and free land is threatened by local zoning and code regulations.

[To keep people from returning to jail, Mesa County follows other communities' reentry roadmap](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Sharon Sullivan about how many people transitioning from jail or prison struggle to renter society without

support. Mesa County's new program helps with housing, jobs, transportation, and mental health services.

[Eagle County and CMC hold groundbreaking ceremony at new affordable housing site](#) is a post in *Vail Daily* by Carolyn Paletta about two 36-unit buildings that are scheduled to be complete in August and October of next year.

[With school shootings at record high, new grant aims to curb violence in Colorado schools](#) is a post on the *CU Boulder Today* site by Lisa Marshall about a \$2 million grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder aims to help 40 Colorado schools get a handle on the crisis by tackling the social and cultural roots of violence.

[New Tool Helps Employers Gauge How Well They Support Mental Health](#) is a story in *Med City News* by Marissa Plescia about a tool designed to provide a score and a list of recommendations to improve mental wellness for employees.



[Voters approve Prop. FF, clearing way for new school meals program funded by cutting tax breaks for the wealthy](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Bruenlin about a program that will give all Colorado public school students access to free breakfasts and lunches, regardless of household income.

[Informing the Debate about Telemedicine Reimbursement – What Do We Need to Know?](#) is an opinion piece by Drs. Ateev Mehrotra and Lori Uscher-Pines in *The New England Journal of Medicine* that suggests answering several critical questions during the next two years would help lay the foundation for permanent telemedicine policy.

[South Dakota votes to expand Medicaid](#) is a post on *Politico* by Megan Messerly about how voters in the Republican-controlled state approved a measure to expand the state's Medicaid program under the ACA.



[The Path to Coordinated Federal Leadership to Strengthen Primary Health Care](#) is a report by Robert L. Phillips and colleagues posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site that highlights the need for a triad of a coordinating council in HHS, an advisory committee, and an Office of Primary for the country to be successful in addressing health inequities, pandemic response and resilience, the opioid epidemic, and access to mental health services.

[Peer Programs in College Student Mental Health: An Essential Approach to Student Well-Being in Need of Structure and Support](#) is a report by Dana Humphrey and colleagues commissioned by the Ruderman Family Foundation and the Mary Christie Institute that provides a history of peer support in college, the ways peer support is currently used on campuses, the benefits and drawbacks of common programs, and the student experiences that compel the field to move forward in strengthening this practice.

[Mindfulness worked as well for anxiety as drug in study](#) is an *AP News* story by Lindsey Tanner about a study that tested a widely used mindfulness program that includes 2.5 hours of classes weekly and 45 minutes of daily [practice at home](#).

[Alcohol death toll is growing, US government reports say](#) is an *AP News* story by Mike Stobbe about new data that shows the death rate that can be directly attributed to alcohol rose nearly 30% in the United States during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.



[Literature review: Making the case for medical-legal partnerships, 2013-2020](#) is an issue brief posted on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site by Caitlin Murphy that contains the salient literature on MLPs including the need for MLP intervention, the essential components of the approach, and emerging evidence of the intervention's impact.



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