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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Program Working with Hispanic and Latino Community Partners to Lessen Impact of Childhood Obesity](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* site by Rachel Sauer about how Dr. Matt Haemer and his colleagues developed the Healthy Living Program/La Vida Saludable with community partners to support families in cultivating healthy lifestyle habits.

[Aurora hospital opens outpatient mental health center amid growing need for adolescent services](#) is a story in the *Sentinel* by Kara Mason about the opening of the Medical Center of Aurora's first outpatient facility designed to treat children with needs too complex for therapy alone.

[When our system fails](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about how the lack of accountability, data, and transparency hurt our communities.

[Creating capacity for us all to help](#) is last week's newsletter from Ben Miller that contains another reminder on why we need to change how we approach our mental health.

[Alanis Morissette, Halsey, Garbage and More Voice their Support for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention](#) is a story on *Forbes* by Jeff Conway who writes about a benefit that raised \$750,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[A common respiratory virus is spreading at unusually high levels.](#)

[overwhelming children's hospitals. Here's what parents need to know?](#) is a *CNN Health* story by Jen Christensen and Raenu Charles about an unprecedented rise in RSV cases among children in the United States.

[Kids' health is impacted most by life outside a doctor's office, so Children's Hospital is treating social-economic wellness, too](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how Children's Hospital Colorado's Resource Connect helps families get fresh food, rental assistance, help with their electric bills, diapers, and schools supplies.

[Older Adults Embrace New Careers in Research](#) is a story on the *Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute* site by Wendy Meyer about an innovative project that aims to make clinical research more inclusive and relevant.

[CU Anschutz Hosts Rep. Crow for Talk on the Health Impacts of Climate Change](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Laura Veith about how faculty and researchers presented effects on the health of children, workers and immigrants during a roundtable discussion that included U.S. Rep. Jason Crow.

['Do You Look After Your Neighbors as Close as Your Crop or Herd?'](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by Cassady Rosenblum about the paradox when it comes to mental health in rural places. Our friends' efforts from the High Plains Research Network are called out in this story about a tool that aims to address both challenges and strengths of eastern Colorado and more.

[Peer Programs in College Student Mental Health](#) is a report commissioned by the Ruderman Family Foundation and the Mary Christie Institute that describes an essential approach to student well-being in need of structure and support.

[A psychiatry wait list had 880 patients; a hospital couldn't keep up](#) is a story in *The Washington Post* by Rachel Zimmerman about how therapists are resorting to unconventional methods such as Tik Tok support groups to meet the unmet demand for mental health care as the needs surge.

[The Mental Health Care System Is Finally Recognizing the Value of Peer Support](#) is an essay on *Slate.com* by Ken Duckworth about the severe shortage of licensed professionals to help, especially if you are not wealthy.



[Saving Money or Improving Health? Reconsidering Payment Reform](#) is an opinion piece in *The Milbank Quarterly* by Kushal T. Kadakia and Zirui Song who address the disconnect between controlling spending and patients' definitions of success.

[An Intergovernmental Approach to Leveraging Infrastructure to Advance Health Equity](#) is an opinion piece on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by

Richard F. Callahan who calls for an approach that identifies the successes and failures of past infrastructure programs in advancing health equity; the role of local, regional, and state governments; and ways to integrate infrastructure into public health.

[Medicaid denials for Colorado children with severe disabilities set off “sheer panic” among parents](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about a 60-day reprieve on pending denials but the urgency for a permanent solution is critical.

[The Public Responds to HHS Request for Ideas to Improve Primary Health Care](#) is an article posted on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Samuel Han that reviews responses from the public and identifies themes across the recommendations for HHS.

[More than 200,000 Colorado kids could lose Medicaid coverage starting next year, though many remain eligible for government help](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how State officials are urging families who rely on government health insurance plans to make sure their addresses are up to date and complete their renewal package.

[WA needs to expand mental health care. What happens when neighbors object?](#) is a story in *The Seattle Times* by Hannah Furfaro and Esmey Jimenez about a proposed new mental health facility expected to open in early 2023 and three more facilities are set to open in Clark County beginning in 2024 on Tulalip Tribe land.



[Financial help for renters during COVID slashed Colorado evictions by nearly 60%, new study finds](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Tatiana Flowers about an analysis by two nonprofits of 150,000 eviction filings that found stark disparities for those without legal representation.

[Zornio: Proposition 123 is as much about public health as it is affordable housing](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Trish Zornio about how research shows children are likely to be among the largest beneficiaries of passing Colorado’s Proposition 123.

[The Impact of Population Health Analytics on Health Care Quality and Efficacy Among CPC+ Participants](#) is a report on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Daniel Porreca and Niam Yaraghi about a study designed to examine whether population health management information technologies offered through a health information exchange platform achieve better outcomes.

[Exploring the Healing Power of Pets](#) is a story on the *CU College of Nursing* site by Bob Mook about how a PhD student studies how animal-assisted therapies improve health and well-being.

[The Economic Cost of Poor Employee Mental Health](#) is a story posted on

*Gallup.com* about how workers with fair or poor mental health are estimated to have nearly 12 days of unplanned absences annually compared with 2.5 days for all other workers, an estimated cost of \$47.6 billion annually in lost productivity.

[Estimated Deaths Attributable to Excessive Alcohol Use Among US Adults Aged 20 to 64 Years, 2015 to 2019](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Marissa B. Esser and colleagues who set out to learn the estimated proportion of deaths among US adults aged 20 to 64 years attributable to excessive alcohol consumptions, and whether there are differences by sex, age, and US state.



The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership is seeking to engage a group of thought leaders to join a small, voluntary working group designed to gather information, and identify shared outcomes and strategies for MLPs on gun violence prevention. If interested, [submit your brief interest form by November 19<sup>th</sup>](#).

[Tapping medical-legal partnerships to boost children's health](#) is a post on the *Yale News* site by Mallory Locklear about a new study in which researchers set out to better understand what other stressors families experiencing energy insecurity encounter – and make the case for the value of a model known as medical-legal partnerships in addressing them.

[It Takes a Village: Proceedings of the Maternal Health Incubator](#) is a report posted on *AAMC Center for Health Justice* that points to the fact that racism, not race, drives maternal health inequities in the United States.

[How Medical Providers and Partners Can Work Toward Children's Health Equity](#) is a *US News* story about how community-level partnerships and addressing social determinants of health can help make care more accessible for all.



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