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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[A Reason to Retire?](#) is a perspective piece by Neil Berman in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about how relationships with patients are complicated.

[Countering the Health Disinformation Machine](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Alex S. Keuroghlian, director of the Fenway Institute National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center in Boston, who addresses the capacity of the far-reaching, systematic disinformation machine that crosslinks written press, social media, and broadcasting outlets to amplify and disseminate falsehoods around the world at dizzying speed.

[CU Nursing Receives \\$2 Million Grant to Expand Healthcare in Rural Areas](#) is an announcement on the *CU College of Nursing* site about how an HRSA grant will lead to the creation of the Colorado Rural Midwifery Workforce Expansion Program to be offered via the Rural Midwifery Track through the college's Nurse-Midwifery Graduate Program. It is anticipated that the program will begin in September 2023.

[Colorado School of Public Health 2023 State of the School Address](#) will be a hybrid event, including a reception for those attending in person, October 18th, 3-4PM, reception to follow 4-5PM, Elliman Conference Room, Anschutz Health Sciences Building, 1890 N. Revere Court. If you plan to stream live, [click on this link](#).



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Calling all countries](#) is Ben Miller's newsletter this week that celebrates our global shift to do more on World Mental Health Day.

[Here's what happens when freedom to speak meets intolerance to listen](#) is a post on the *AAMC* website by Patrick Boyle about how the current social climate is putting the ideals of free expression and tolerant listening on campuses and beyond through a stress test.

[Taunts, Shootings, and 3D-Printed Guns. Inside Denver's Youth Gun Violence Outbreak](#) is a feature story in *5280 Denver's Mile High Magazine* by Chris Walker who delves into what's behind the rising youth gun violence in Denver and what can be done.

[Coloradan Janice Greenwood "Lifts the Label" on the stigma related to addiction.](#) is a *CBS* story by Jeff Gurney about how a woman who has recovered from using crack cocaine is now a licensed medical case worker at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She is helping promote the "Lift the Label" campaign designed to eliminate the damaging stigma that can prevent those with addiction getting help.

[Many Parents Struggling to Find COVID Shots for Kids](#) is a post on *WebMD* by Liz Scherer and Lisa O'Mary about how parents are reporting an inability to get their kids vaccinated largely due to lack of supply. And another barrier is the flurry of information and headlines and numbers since the start of the pandemic that has overwhelmed many parents and caregivers.

[Return of the mixtape](#) is another recent newsletter from Ben Miller...this one talks about personalizing mental health so that it's actually about you. He makes his case with a fun intro about mixtapes and their value.

[What you eat matters](#) is the title of a Ben Miller newsletter about the troubling link between ultra-processed foods and mental health.



[Engaging Employers and Consumers in State-Led Health Care Affordability Efforts](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Mary Louise Gilburg and Christine Haran that discusses the idea of establishing health care cost growth target programs that bring together stakeholders to set reasonable annual goals for

statewide health care cost growth and collect spending data from payers.

[POV: Again and Again. Mass Shootings Continue Unabated in the United States](#) is an opinion piece by Dr. Sandro Galea, dean of the Boston University School of Public Health, that asserts that this is a preventable problem calling for action that can save tens of thousands of lives every year.

[Affirmative Action, Population Health, and the Importance of Opportunity and Hope](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Atheendar S. Venkataramani that suggests that previous policy debates related to affirmative action have typically focused on its effects on education, employment, and earnings. But these debates have generally neglected the important role affirmative action may play in shaping population health.

[Long-term RV camping could help alleviate Colorado's housing crisis – but only with more support](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Tracy Ross about finding a safe, clean and legal place in many Colorado counties is challenging.

[Still need to enroll your kid in universal preschool? You can now sign up directly at a Colorado preschool.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Erica Breunlin about how families wishing to enroll their students in Colorado's universal preschool program can now go directly to the school district or community provider where they want to enroll so that their child/children can begin sooner.

[Abortion-rights groups file 2024 ballot initiatives to protect abortion access in Colorado constitution](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how access would be protected in Colorado under two ballot measures; also each of the initiatives would lift the state's nearly 40-year-old constitutional ban on state dollars being used to pay for abortions

[National Academies committee probes the outcomes of Supreme Court ruling on abortion rights](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* site that reports that Dr. Ned Calonge, chief medical director of the Colorado Public Health Department, has been appointed to serve as an expert on the new Standing Committee of Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The committee's charge is to explore the health, social, and economic implications of access to reproductive health care in the United States and globally, and will address questions raised by Dobbs.

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RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[Cancer researchers form closer link to ‘real world’ via rural advisory board](#) is story on *Healio* by Jennifer Byrne and colleagues about how the University of Colorado launched a volunteer community advisory board designed to provide feedback to cancer researchers on making studies more accessible and relevant to rural populations.

[Addressing Adolescent Suicidality in Pediatric Primary Care](#) is an article in the *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics* by Dr. Jessica Kenny, Farley Center scholar, and colleagues who conducted a study to examine the prevalence rates of reported suicidal ideation (SI) in 2107 adolescents. It characterizes recommendations and interventions given by primary care providers and behavioral health clinicians in response to SI on the Patient Health Questionnaire 9-Item Modified for Adolescents (PHQ-9A) for 140 adolescents, and identifies factors associated with a decrease in the frequency of SI at follow-up visits for 85 adolescents.

[Gun Violence Prevention: An Academic Public Health Framework](#) is a 2023 report from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health that provides a framework that can guide academic public health institutions as they engage in the issue of firearm violence prevention.

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MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

The National Center for Medical Legal Partnership is launching a [new series of HRSA-funded training and technical assistance activities](#) for health centers and their civil legal services partners, designed to support both new and established MLPs. They are looking for diverse and multidisciplinary presenters, so if you are willing to share your knowledge and expertise (see the list of topics), please consider participating.

[Putting Care at the Center 2023](#) is a conference November 1-3 in Boston sponsored by the Camden Coalition designed to elevate behavioral health in whole-person care. This will be a hybrid conference.

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