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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

A fun, local story: [A Crested Butte couple just wanted better backpacking coffee. They made something so good NASA came calling.](#) Mark and Alison Drucker co-founded First Ascent in 2014, and brewed up instant coffee four years later. Now it's headed to the International Space Station at the request of an astronaut.

[Don't forget about our mental health](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller in which he discusses how the disruption of our day-to-day functioning and all the emotional challenges that come with that is often offset in some ways by our response...by our ability to help recover and cope with the uncertainty of recovery.

[Pediatric Suicide Prevention: A Practical Care Pathway for Primary Care](#) is part of an ECHO series that aims to support primary care providers in the outpatient setting by offering a practical suicide prevention care pathway based on the Zero Suicide framework.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Carman: We were winning the war on poverty last year. This year, we surrendered our ground.](#) Is a post on *The Colorado Sun* by Diane Carman about how Colorado voters can have real impact on child poverty in November by electing candidates who makes kids a priority.

[The COVID-19 Pandemic & More: A book recommendation while Omicron continues ebb in Colorado](#) is this week's update from Dean Jon Samet

recommends the book, *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century* by Fiona Hill, among other things.

[Here's how climate change impacts our health](#) is a *9 News* story by Jennifer Meckles about how doctors at the CU School of Medicine' Climate and Health Program focus on how climate change and extreme weather event impact human health.

[The Solution to America's Mental Health Crisis Already Exists](#) is an opinion piece in *The New York Times* by its editorial board who write that the policies and programs that could undo this crisis have existed for decades.



[Public Carry versus Public Health – The Harms to Come from the Supreme Court's Decision in Bruen](#) is an opinion piece by Michael R. Ulrich, JD, MPH, posted on *The New England Journal of Medicine* site that gives the author's perspective about how the majority opinion in Bruen, written by Justice Clarence Thomas, will have a devastating impact on efforts to mitigate gun violence and address racial disparities. And how the reasoning used in the decision could cause even more havoc moving forward.

[Globally, almost two in five people say their country's government doesn't care about them at all](#) is a story on *The Lloyd's Register Foundation World* site about the results from the 2021 World Risk Poll that reveals that only one in five people worldwide (19%) say their government cares 'a lot' about their wellbeing, while around two in five said their government care 'somewhat' (40%) or 'not at all' (37%).

[Bank of America-Backed Scorecard Lets Companies Assess Workplace Mental Health](#) is a post on *Bloomberg* by Matthew Boyle about how a coalition of corporate, academic, and nonprofit partners including Bank of America Corp. and insurer Axa SA has developed a tool that employers can use to measure and improve the mental health of their workers.

[Mental health crisis teams aren't just for cities anymore](#) is a post on the *NBC News* site by Tony Leys and Arielle Zionts about how programs to send mental health professionals instead of police to answer crisis calls are harder to set up in rural areas. But agencies across the country are making it work.



[The Impact of Population Health Analytics on Health Care Quality and Efficacy among CPC+ participants](#) is a post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Daniel Porreca and Niam Yaraghi about their study designed to

examine whether population health management information technologies offered through HEALTHeLINK helped practices in western NY in the follow-up program achieve better outcomes.

[Teen drinking is down but marijuana use is up and more popular, study suggests](#) is a *USA Today* story by Saleen Martin about a study among students that recently found that teens are using substances less, but using cannabis and vapes more, which has a big social aspect causing kids to often use friends' devices.

[Helping Patients By Identifying Critical Social Needs](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* website by Greg Glasgow about how CU researcher Andrea Nederveld is looking into ways to identify patients' social needs and connect them with resource that can help.

[KFF/CNN Mental Health in America Survey](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Lunna Lopes and colleagues about a survey that sheds light on growing concerns around mental health in America at a time when the country continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic and is facing uncertain economic time.

[Long waiting lists, long drives and costly care hinder many kids' access to mental health care](#) is a story by Brenda Goodman about survey results of 2,000 adults this summer by CNN and the Kaiser Family Foundation about mental health issues in America.

[The State of U.S. Health Insurance in 2022](#) is an issue brief on *The Commonwealth Fund* site by Sara R. Collins and colleagues that provides findings from the Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey.

[Study finds 35% of American families who work full time don't earn enough to cover basic needs](#) is a post on *3 News Now* by Sarah Dewberry about a study conducted by Brandeis University researchers and how the situation is especially dire for low-income families with children.

[Suicide Prevention](#) is a CDC website page packed full of [statistics](#), [risk factors](#), [prevention strategies](#), and [resources](#).



[Which Social Determinants of Health Interventions Yield Best ROI?](#) Is a post on *Patient Engagement HIT* by Sara Heath about how The Commonwealth Fund has found that housing and nutrition social determinants of health interventions have the strongest evidence for yielding good ROI.

[Webinar: Training Promising Practices to Meet the Needs of Providers and Patients](#) is part of a 4-part series to disseminate the Health Center MLP Toolkit providing information and resources on how to start, strengthen, and sustain an

MLP. The webinar is scheduled for November 1, 11AM to 12:30PM MT.

[Check out the impressive National Center for Medical Legal Partnership initiatives here.](#)

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