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The Farley Center is excited to share with you its [2023 Impact Report](#) in which we reflect upon the impact of our work with a glimpse of what lies ahead. We believe that health is shaped by policies, structures, and systems that either strive for equitable health or perpetuate inequities. We are grateful for our partners' support in accomplishing what you see here. We welcome questions and learning how we can work together.

[Putting the pieces together](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller about why small policy wins don't always feel significant.

[Colorado's first abortion clinic is turning 50, celebrating with "condom couture" and expansion of sex education](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about the Boulder Valley Health Center and why its dropping "women" from its name.

Technical assistance and consultation services information for integrating care into your organization from the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association [can be accessed here](#).



[How to diversify Colorado's behavioral health workforce. A new effort starts by training teens.](#) is an NPR story by Leigh Paterson about the Hummingbird initiative designed to provide young people from high schools in Denver, Aurora and the San Luis Valley with the support they need to finish high school as well as help them get the certification that can be required to begin a career in behavioral health.

[COVID infections are increasing in Colorado, with one important caveat](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how COVID hospitalizations remain relatively low, though they are proof of the ability of the virus to cause harm.

[Policing and Population Health](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Mary Louise Gilburg that is part of a series about the challenges and opportunities regarding the future of population health. The author talks about how policing in the United States is a form of racial violence.

[Gun violence prevention panel features CU Boulder expertise, research](#) is a post on the *CU Boulder Today* site by Julie Poppen about how the CU Boulder's Center for Study and Prevention of Violence played a feature role in a panel on gun violence prevention that included Colorado Rep. Joe Neguse and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries for a moderated conversation that featured a panel of local leaders and advocates.

[New Program Aims to Improve Health Outcomes for the Incarcerated](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* site by Greg Glasgow about how the Wellness, Opportunity, Resiliency through Health program at the CU School of Medicine helps people transitioning from jail learn to manage their health care.

[ColoradoSPH takes on climate threats to human health with first-of-its-kind PhD program](#) is a post on the *Colorado School of Public Health* website about how the Doctor of Public Health program trains students for public health leadership and training for those interested in transdisciplinary research and education as the next generation to tackle the impact of climate health.

[The Iron Cage of Violence Prevention](#) is an opinion piece on *The Milbank Quarterly* site by Harold A. Pollack, PhD, Helen Ross Professor of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, and colleagues discuss how viewing community development and public health policies through a crime prevention lens is dehumanizing and can lead to unintended negative consequences and misses opportunities to “engage young people as critical assets, rather than the objects of behavior change interventions.”



[Colorado governor loses second effort to lift federal judge's block on new state law raising age to purchase all guns to 21](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul about how Senate Bill 169 would raise the minimum age to purchase rifles and shotguns in Colorado to 21 and was supposed to go into effect in early August. The law also would make it illegal to sell any gun to someone younger than 21. For the second time a federal court denied Gov. Polis's request to overturn a judge's ruling to block the law.

[Sexual and Gender Minority Refugees – Preparing Clinicians for the International Anti-LGBTQI+ Crisis](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Carl G. Streed, Jr. and colleagues about how clinicians should be prepared to assess and

address their health and legal needs given how at least 67 countries ban sexual conduct between consenting adults of the same sex.

[The Supreme Court and the Importance of Diversity in Medicine](#) is a perspective piece in *The New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Clyde W. Yancey and colleagues about how those seeking to overturn diversity and inclusion initiatives have asserted that focusing on diversity when selecting a class is discriminatory and divisive and undermines merit. In reality, data reveal improved patient outcomes with a more diverse medical community, and lessons from U.S. corporations validate the importance of increased diversity, particularly diversity of ideas, as a path to achieving business objectives.



[Low value care costs patients and payers \\$134 million per year](#) is an NPR story by Eric Galatas about a new report that points to how “avoiding low-value care procedures, which can include certain tests and overprescribing drugs, is not about saving money. Many treatments can lead to complications and negative health outcomes.

[Models for Delivering weight Management in Primary Care: Qualitative Results from the MOST Obesity Study](#) is an article in the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* by Jodi Summers Holtrop, a family medicine colleague, and co-authors about how she and fellow researchers examined how practices that implement weight management services do so sensibly.

[A Fitness Tracker for Brain Health’: Headband Seeks Early Signs of Alzheimer’s During Sleep](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Kelsea Pieters about a large-scale study in which CU Anschutz researchers find promise in early detection of dementia with brainwave-monitoring device.



[Helping Family Caregivers through the Lens of a Medical-Legal Partnership](#) is a post on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site by Randye Retkin and Naji’a Tameez about a pilot study called Project Assist designed to better equip caregivers to assist their loved ones and alleviate the barriers and stress that come with being responsible for the family members in their charge.

[2023 Public Health Law Conference: People. Policy. Progress.](#) is a conference October 24-26 in Minneapolis to address structural inequities

to achieving health equity, access to reproductive health care, use of public health data to improve community health, and the role of law in facilitating system change.

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