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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[The ongoing refugee crisis](#) is this week's newsletter by Ben Miller about how ignoring a massive humanitarian crisis does little to advance health following his participation in the Clinton Global Initiative this week.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[Refugees dealing with trauma face obstacles to mental health care](#) is a PBS story by Erica Zurek and Alander Rocha who report how refugees are 10 times as likely as the general population to have PTSD, depression, and anxiety; yet they are less likely to receive the care they need.

[Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: Signs parents should be aware of if their child is struggling](#) is a story on *11 News* by Kasia Kerridge about signs parents should be looking for in their children who are struggling according to experts from Childrens Hospital.

[Health Panel Recommends Anxiety Screening for All Adults Under 65](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Emily Baumgaertner that reports on how a panel of experts recommended for the first time that doctors screen all adult patients under 65 for anxiety, guidance that highlights the extraordinary stress levels that have plagued the United States since the start of the pandemic.



POLICY EFFORTS

[Many Colorado counties have no mental health team to respond to 911 crisis calls even though the state offers funding](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Olivia Prentzel and Jennifer Brown about how more than half of Colorado counties lack a “co-responder” program in which a mental health professional joins law enforcement on police calls, including Clear Creek County where local officers shot and killed a 22-year-old man as he sat in his car.

[Wyden, Crapo, Stabenow, Daines Unveil Mental Health Workforce Enhancement Discussion Draft](#) is a discussion draft of legislation by the Senate Finance Committee aimed at expanding the mental health workforce to make it easier for Americans to get mental health care when they need it.

[Young people are driving a rise in mental health spending](#) is a post on *AXIOS* by Jennifer A. Kingson who provides the distribution of health care spending across enrolled population in 2020, by age group.

[Launch of the WHO guide for integration of perinatal mental health in maternal and child health services](#) is a post on the WHO site about a new guide that provides the best available information aimed at supporting MCH providers in identifying symptoms of mental health problems and responding in a way that is adapted to their local and cultural context.



[Achieving Mental Health Equity Means Overcoming Flawed Policy-Shaping Data Systems](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* that reports on Dr. Shale Wong’s (director of the Farley Health Policy Center) recent presentation at the 10th Annual CCTSI academic summit in which she makes a call for disaggregation of data. Dr. Wong shared findings from, “The Economic Burden of Mental Health Inequities,” a groundbreaking report from the Farley Health Policy Center, the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, and the Robert Graham Center.

[Social Determinants of Health Influences Future Health Care Costs in the Medicaid Cohort of the District of Columbia Study](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Melissa L. McCarthy and colleagues that makes the following policy points: 1) social determinants of health are an important predictor of future health care costs, and 2) Medicaid must partner with other sectors to address the underlying causes of its beneficiaries poor health and high health care spending.

[The Disinformation Dozen: Why Platforms Must Act on Twelve Leading Online Anti-Vaxxers](#) is a report from the Center for Countering Digital Hate, a not-for-profit NGO that seeks to disrupt the architecture of online hate and

misinformation. The center's work combines both analysis and active disruption of the networks that spew disinformation.

[Can Science Curb an Alcohol Use Crisis? CU Anschutz Addiction Experts](#)

[Bank On It](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Debra Melani about how in labs, classrooms and clinics, campus members work to transform substance use recovery.

[Clinicians Can Take Basic Steps to Address Microaggressions from Patients](#)

is a story on the *University of Colorado School of Medicine* site by Rachel Suer about an article Dr. Danielle Miller published in the *Journal of Graduate Medical Education* in which she offers research-based short- and long-term action items that clinicians and medical institutions can implement to address patients as sources of microaggressions.

['In America, Why Is Being Black Bad for Your Body and Your Health?'](#) is a story on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site by Laura Veith about research on health disparity and race by Linda Villarosa, author of *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*. Her findings suggest that disparities in healthcare and health outcomes are not solely about income. Or education. Or access. They are also about race.

[University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine report finds medical-dental integration models can improve overall health care outcomes in vulnerable populations](#)

is a review posted on the *University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine* site and funded by the Delta Dental Institute. It is a critical review of the last decade and indicates streamlined communication and care team collaboration and adaptability are best practices for positive patient outcomes.

[Five Key Findings on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders by](#)

[Race/Ethnicity](#) is a brief posted on the *Kaiser Family Foundation* site by Nirmita Panchal and colleagues that draws on a series of recent KFF analyses, and presents five key findings.



[Increasing Capacity to Address Health, Justice, & Equity through Partnerships](#)

is a guide that provides tools and resources for the development of partnership among the key providers and allies who serve patients and clients who are survivors or vulnerable to domestic/intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and/or exploitation.

[Webinar: "No Wrong Door" for Veterans: Veteran Cultural Competency](#)

[Training for MLP Teams](#) aims to improve the capacity of partnerships to meet the holistic needs of Veterans and MLP staff of all backgrounds and skill sets are invited to this free training event on Veterans cultural competency.



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