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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Visualizing the whole of health](#) is this week's commentary from Ben Miller about why our reductionist approach to mental health misses the mark.

[Research Powerhouse: CU Anschutz Strengthens Women's Mental Health Focus](#) is a post on the *CU Anschutz Medical Campus* site about Tracy Bale's, PhD, the Anschutz Foundation endowed chair, appointment in women's integrated mental and physical health research brings expertise, community focus to this leadership position that intends to help close the knowledge gap.

[Learning to Let Go: How Art Can Help Regulate Healthy Mental States](#) is a webinar by Dr. Brittany Harker Martin from the University of Calgary, May 19th noon to 1pm MT whose research investigates relationships among arts, brain, and cognition through a transdisciplinary lens that draws on arts-based methodologies, psychometrics, and neuroscience.

[Autism: Core Concepts for Primary Care, Part 1](#) is one of several ECHO sessions May 17th, 12-1PM MT that is designed to support providers in the screening, diagnosis and management of patients with an autism spectrum disorder and related developmental delays.

[Consortium's Work Leads State of Colorado to National Recognition](#) is a post on the *Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences* site by Brad Bobel about how this group's opioid litigation principles are being seen as blueprint for rest of the country.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[The schools that take Colorado's "most vulnerable" students are disappearing. Should they be saved?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Melanie Asmar about how Colorado is racing to save the schools that serve children whose home

districts can't or won't meet their intense needs.

[Social Media Growth Gives Rise to Mental Health Self-Diagnoses](#) is a post on the *CU School of Medicine* site by Rachel Sauer about how experts recommend a measured approach to consuming the information found on those social media sites as they utilize more open discussion of mental health.

[23 Pandemic Decisions that Actually Went Right](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Rachel Gutman-Wei and colleagues about now that the emergency is officially over (via the World Health Organization announcement), we have the opportunity to consider which pandemic policies, decisions and ideas worked the best.

[Sesame Street commits to focusing on children's mental health](#) is a post on *3 News Now* about how in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Sesame Workshop launched a 45-minute video that features Elmo dealing with different emotions.

[Here's How We Can Rebuild Trust in Vaccines](#) is a post on *Medscape* by Dr. Ann Thomas who talked with Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center and professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as well as Dr. Judith Shlay, associate director of the Public Health Institute at Denver Health. They believe a multi-pronged approach is needed that includes outreach to under vaccinated populations.

[Increasing awareness of our youth's mental health](#) is a *Fox 21* story by Maggy Wolanske about how when people refer to this mental health crisis more broadly, they're talking about availability of services for children and adolescents who need mental or behavioral health is limited.

[Grand Junction school board rejects on-campus health center, citing concerns over parental rights and a lawsuit](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Sharon Sullivan about how the Mesa County Valley School District board voted against the health center at the new Grand Junction High School campus.



[The defining moments of the 2023 legislative session in Colorado](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jesse Paul and Elliott Wenzler that reviews what happened under the gold dome in Denver this year that shaped the 120-day lawmaking term.

[Parents of kids with medical needs say they've been battling Medicaid over in-home nursing care for years](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how Colorado families with children on ventilators and using feeding tubes say they continue to receive denials from Medicaid.

[Zornio: Is 120 days enough or should Colorado's legislature move toward full-time?](#) is a story in *The Colorado Sun* by Trish Zornio about how hundreds of bills were left on the table at the end of the session and raises the question if

there is a better solution to manage the work.

[The Impact of Income Support Policies on Children's Health](#) is an article on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Christine Haran in which Dr. Natasha V. Pilkauskas discusses what the evidence shows about the role of different types of income support policies in children's health.

[Corporate Citizenship and Institutional Responses Post-Dobbs – Critical Lessons from Two Restrictive States](#) is a perspective piece by Dr. Justin R. Lappen and colleagues in *The New England Journal of Medicine* about the ways in which health care organizations have interpreted their societal obligations, often called corporate citizenship, have significant consequences for access to care, clinical practice environments, and public health.

[Top-to-bottom changes to mental health system needed, says expert](#) May is mental health awareness month, and emeritus scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, Norm Ornstein, joins Morning Joe to discuss necessary reforms to the mental health system.

[After Allen shooting, Texas Republican leaders downplay guns, focus on mental health](#) is a post in *The Texas Tribune* by Sneha Day and Joshua Fechter about how this rhetoric/strategy does not work.



[How Primary Care Investments Can Advance Equity](#) is a blog post on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* site by Diane Rittenhouse and colleagues about legislation designed to strengthen primary care and a report that summarizes decades of research that demonstrates the link between primary care and improved health equity. More needs to be done and done differently to rebuild the foundation of our health care system in an equitable way.

[What are the health impacts of high-potency THC? Colorado researchers looked at 452 studies to find out.](#) is a post in *The Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about a review ordered by the state legislature over concerns to determine how high-potency cannabis might be impacting public health in Colorado.



[Using Legal Services as Part of a Community Strategy to Improve Maternal and Child Health | 2023 Learning Collaborative](#) is a link on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site to a recording of a four-part series aimed to help health centers and civil legal services' staff improve how they use the MLP approach to improve maternal health outcomes.

[Housing help brings stability to patients' lives](#) is a post on the *Kaiser*

Permanente site about how Kaiser is helping prevent evictions along with MLPs. Patients with safe places to call home can more easily focus on their basic health needs.

[Medical-Legal Partnership Effects on Mental Health, Health Care Use, and Quality of Life in Primary Care: A Randomized Clinical Trial](#) is about a study in the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* by Winston Liaw and colleagues that aimed to determine whether an immediate referral to an MLP, compared with a 6-month waitlist control, improved mental health, health care use, and quality of life.

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