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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[*Collaborative Family Healthcare Association's Annual Meeting*](#) to be held at the downtown Sheraton in Denver, October 17-19. Registration opens today.

[*Doctors + designers = improved patient care*](#) a story in *CU Anschutz Today*, shines a light on how inventors are collaborating with Inworks (joint innovation initiative of the University of Colorado Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campus) to hone cutting-edge models and simulations.

[*CoBank Contributes \\$500,000 for Opioid Abuse Prevention Research and Education*](#) is a post on *PR Newswire* about how a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States is donating \$500,000 to the University of Colorado's Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention to address the ongoing public health issue of opioid and prescription drug abuse through research and education.

[*Your Patients Are Waiting: Action Steps to Integrate Behavioral Health Into Primary Care Practice*](#) is a PCPPC-sponsored webinar June 21st, 11am-noon MDT, hosted by Julie Schilz and featuring Drs. Larry Green, Stephanie Gold and others who will discuss best practices for primary care to integrate behavioral health in ways that reflect the diversity of patient needs. This topic is the essence of Larry's and Stephanie's recent book, [*Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care: Your Patients Are Waiting*](#).

[*2019 Biennial Society for Community Research and Action Meeting*](#) will be held in Chicago June 26-29 at the National Louis University.

[*Colorado is creating a network of doctors to diagnose child abuse and keep kids from slipping through the safety net*](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by Jennifer Brown about how there are only six Colorado physicians certified in child abuse pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics...five in Denver and one in Colorado Springs, leaving the rest of the state without adequate expertise when it comes to informing decisions about whether a child is in danger. New legislation allows Colorado to create the Colorado Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Network. The agency that wins the bid (the Kempe

Center is a likely pick) will set up a training program for medical providers with multiple training sites statewide and potentially an online program to significantly increase the number of folks better able to decipher whether child abuse occurred.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[*Drone deliveries are advancing in health care*](#) is a post in *The Economist* about how drone start-ups are making progress with regulators and investors, and are now charting the course for other aerial deliveries such as blood, medicines and vaccines, and other medical products.

[*Can You Reshape your Brain's Response to Pain?*](#) is an NPR story by Patti Neighmond who discusses how repeated exposure to psychological trauma or deep anxiety or depression, especially in childhood, can leave a physical imprint on the brain that can make some people more vulnerable to chronic pain...through "Jeanine's story."

[*Barbershops' Hair & Health provides easy health monitoring for African-American men*](#) is a story in *The Advocate* by Pam Bordelon who talks about how the barbershop is the place where men of color hang out, even when they don't need a trim. It was there that Rev. Raymond Jetson, founder of the nonprofit MetroMorphosis, launched "Hair & Health," a program that deals with health issues facing African-American men.

[*As E-Cigarettes Get More Sophisticated, Questions Mount about Privacy, Potential to Maximize Addiction*](#) is a CPR story by John Daley about the significantly evolved technology of e-cigarettes and questions around privacy and maximizing addiction and dependency.

[*Inside the Elementary School Where Drug Addiction Sets the Curriculum*](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by Dan Levin who discusses how an elementary school staff in Minford, OH, works with children who struggle with behavioral and psychological problems related to the drug addiction situations in their home lives.

[*'Deaths of despair' from drugs, alcohol and suicide hit young adults hardest*](#) is a story in *USA Today* by Jayne O'Donnell who discusses the need for targeted programs that address Millennials' health, well-being and economic opportunity; as this age group (18-34) are more likely to die from drugs, alcohol and suicide more than any other.



POLICY EFFORTS

[*Senators Seek Drop-In Centers for Youth in Mental Health Crisis*](#) is a story in *California Health Report* by Claudia Boyd-Barrett about a California that seeks to establish 100 youth drop-in centers across the state to support young people with mental health, substance use and physical health issues.

[*Improving access to mental health services is key to reversing U.S. life expectancy decline*](#) is an opinion piece posted on *The Hill* by Andy Slavitt and Ben Miller who charge elected officials to work to ensure all people have access to quality mental health and to prioritize prevention by supporting evidence-based programs that identify early warning signs. Finally, it's imperative they help connect people to the services they need, especially the nation's youngest.

[*Strong Support for Expanding Mental Health Education in NJ Schools*](#) is a post on *NJ Spotlight* by Lilo H. Stainton about how legislators in NJ voted for age-appropriate mental health curriculum in public schools, beginning in kindergarten.

[*Prevention: the new holy grail of treating mental illness*](#) is a story in *The Guardian* by Mark Rice-Oxley about how investing in prevention could save many lives and much money as pointed out in a recent paper in *Lancet Psychiatry* authored by researchers from Spain, Australia, the United States, Canada and the Netherlands. The authors suggest prevention strategies that include screening, education and policy changes critical in moving the dial.

[*Opioid Crisis could be easing, report says*](#) is a post on *WTAP* about a recent AMA report that says opioid prescriptions have decreased and naloxone prescriptions have increased three-fold. Yet deaths from heroin and fentanyl remain at a historic high. Needed: policymakers to end barriers to treatment and get insurance providers to support non-opioid alternatives to treatment.

[*Medicaid Acceptance by Psychiatrists Before and After Medicaid Expansion*](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. Hefei Wen and colleagues whose study, using NAMCS 2010-15, aimed to compare trend differences in physician acceptance of new patients with Medicaid across 2-year spans by physician specialty, grouping physician specialties into three broad categories (psychiatrists/ primary care/other specialties) and more.



RESEARCH, DATA, EVALUATION

[*LGBTQ+ Youth Prefer to Seek Mental Health Help Digitally*](#) is a post on *Wired* by Emily Dreyfuss about the severity of mental health problems among LGBTQ+ youth, and the Trevor Project survey that provides insight into how these kids want to be reached in times of crisis.

[*Data Note: Americans' Challenges with Health Care Costs*](#) is a *Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation* post by Ashley Kirzinger and colleagues who summarize findings from a recent Kaiser poll about the public's experiences with and worries about health care costs.

[*Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard*](#) allows each state to review their health rankings. Colorado moved up to 9th overall, with many opportunities for improvement.

[*New Poll by BPC and American Heart Association Shows Rural Health May be a Powerful Issue in 2020 Election*](#) is a story on Bipartisan Policy Center about how the center launched its rural health task force and, in partnership with the AHA, released a national poll that examined the health care challenges facing rural America.

[*'It's OK to not be OK: How One High School Saved Lives with a 34-Question Survey*](#) is an article by Ann Schimke for KQED News who discusses a universal mental health screener rolled out in Cañon City, Colorado, designed to identify those who have/had thoughts of hurting themselves; and ensuing conversations about how "it's ok to not be ok."



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*How Medical-Legal Partnerships Create Health Care Efficiencies*](#) is a story on the *Milken Institute School of Public Health* site by Amit Chitre, CEO/Founder of R3Communications, who discusses the benefits of adding legal expertise to the health care team for better population health.

[*When Legal Problems Make People Sick*](#) is a story by Michael Booth for *The Colorado Trust* that describes how the Salud clinics include legal support (Medical Legal Partnership Colorado) as part of their care teams, which can make all the difference in a person's health.

Funding, Measurement and Sustainability of MLPsis a 2014 slide presentation about the Salud experience/challenges with creating/evaluating and sustaining a legal partnership.



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