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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

To sign up for livestreaming the July 24-26 Colorado Health Foundation Symposium about how safe, stable and affordable housing is fundamental to good health, [click here](#).

The Child Health Research Enterprise has been established to align and develop joint pediatric research efforts between Colorado Children's Hospital and CU Anschutz Medical Campus. A [newsletter](#) has been created to keep everyone informed.

[It's not just Quest: LabCorp says it was also hacked](#) is a story covered by *CNN Newsource* about how in early June the American Medical Collection Agency reported that its online payment system had been hacked...a breach that took place between August 2018 and March 2019.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[For those with dementia, friendship is a powerful medicine](#) is a story in the *Highlands Ranch Herald* by David Gilbert about a Littleton, CO-based group that offers love, camaraderie, outings and socializing activities for people in their earlier stages of dementia.

[New firearms think tank in Colorado Springs aims to reduce suicide deaths using guns](#) is a story in *The Gazette* by Debbie Kelley who reports on a group of ~50 participants who are focusing their energy on data-driven solutions that should be enacted immediately. The next think tank meeting, open to the public, will be July 10th at the Lane Center, 4863 N. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs.

[California's 1st Surgeon General Spotlights Health Risks of Childhood](#)

[Adversity](#) is an *NPR* story by Erika Stallings about Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, a pediatrician with robust experience in addressing health disparities in her community, research on ACEs, and author of “*The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity*” who was appointed California’s first surgeon general.

[Calling the cops on someone with mental illness can go terribly wrong. Here’s a better idea.](#) is a story on *Vox* by Sigal Samuel about the wisdom of sending a mental health expert in response to 911 calls involving a person with a mental health issue, rather than police officers. Oakland is the latest city to explore this approach...tried to good effect in Oregon and in Sweden.

[The self-inflicted death of the physician](#) is an essay posted on *KevinMD.com* by an anonymous emergency physician who attempts to make sense of the demise of a profession, as he sees it, and his look back and reflection upon a bygone era.



[New York made mental health education mandatory. One year later, how’s it going?](#) is a story on *WBFO Buffalo* by Kyle S. Mackie about the country’s first mandated schools to incorporate mental health into K-12 health education, and the value of a uniform curriculum that supports quality and consistency.

[State Lawmakers Eye Federal Dollars to Boost Mental Health Counseling by Peers](#) is a story on *Kaiser Health News* by Rob Waters about Medicaid funding for certified peer-support workers in states that have a formal certification process.

[A Radical Way to Stop Heroin Overdoses](#) is an article in *The Atlantic* by Olga Khazan about how, in a nationwide first, New Jersey will allow paramedics to initiate buprenorphine, a medication that can treat opioid addiction by softening withdrawal symptoms following revival.

[Improving access to mental health services is key to reversing U.S. life expectancy decline](#) is an opinion piece on *The Hill* by Andy Slavitt and Ben Miller who reiterate how 1 in 10 people with substance use disorders receive recommended treatment, 39% of American adults have delayed getting care due to cost concerns, and 4 in 10 adults with insurance say they can’t afford their deductibles. The authors state that all elected officials should be working to ensure every single person has access to quality mental health care regardless of their ability to pay.

[Pete Buttigieg Proposes National Service Programs for Climate Change and Mental Health](#) is a story in *The New York Times* by John Ismay about how Mayor Pete is proposing a major expansion of voluntary public service programs that aims to attract 250,000 Americans in the near term and potentially grow to one million a year by 2026. He would expand existing organizations (Peace Corps, etc.) and add new ones focused on climate

change and mental health and addiction.

[*Price Transparency in Health Care Is Coming to the United States – But Will it Matter?*](#) is an article in the *Harvard Business Review* by David Blumenthal and colleagues who question whether price transparency will lower health care costs given how “health care is a really strange economic sector, and it doesn’t always follow the usual rules.” But they feel it must be tried so we have a better idea of the efficacy of markets as a solution to our health cost problem.



[*Well-being in the Nation Measurement Framework*](#) is a tool created by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement with 100+ organizations and communities and supported by the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics; and shows connections among social conditions, health, community, and well-being. These measures will help you understand the big picture of our well-being as a nation. [*A New Tool to Improve Community Health*](#) is an article in *USNews* by Gaby Galvin who further discusses how this tool can help consolidate data and make it accessible to those working to improve population health. And more... [*How Do You Measure Health?*](#)

[*Scientists develop new way to predict who will get diabetes*](#) is a story covered by TMJ4 Milwaukee about University of Exeter researchers who found a new test that is nearly twice as effective at identifying babies who will develop type 1 diabetes.

[*The Chilling Mystery of High-Altitude Suicides*](#) is a story by Shayla Love for *Vice* about how U.S. counties above 4,000 feet have twice the suicides as counties at 2,000 feet.

[*Research shows majority of those incarcerated suffer from poor mental health*](#) is a story on *WRVO* by Take Care Staff about a subject not news to most, but the authors approach the topic from the viewpoint of the impact the criminal justice system has had on inmates according to research done by Tim Edemon, a doctoral student in the Dept. of Sociology at the University of GA.

[*To sleep, perchance to dream. Ah, here's the rub: the morning school bell*](#) is a story in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* by Maureen Downey about a Colorado study of how pushing back the first school bell complemented the natural sleep patterns of teenagers and reduced absenteeism and boosted academic performance.

[*The Continued Social Transformation of the Medical Profession*](#) is an article in the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* by Stefan Timmermans and Hyeyoung Oh who examine the medical profession’s transformation over the past decades that includes how sociologists have viewed the profession the past 50 years, and then examining recent challenges to the profession that exemplify the tension between self-interest and collective altruism to act in the best interest of patients.



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS

[*Reno group pioneering the use of medical-legal partnerships, a new assessment of illness*](#) is a story by Maribel Cuervo and Brian Bahouth for *Nevada Capital News* who discuss the benefits/successes of medical legal partnerships via a program two years in...the Northern Nevada Alliance for Health and Justice, that is funded through May 2020 via grants.

[*White Paper: Clinician perceptions of medical-legal partnerships – Lessons for Adopting Social Determinants of Health Interventions in Health Care Settings*](#) is a posting on the *National Center for Medical Legal Partnership* site by Jennifer Trott and colleagues who interviewed 40 clinicians caring for vulnerable populations, and offer access to civil legal services. The authors examined clinician perceptions related to their role and preferences when addressing social determinants of health.

[*Webinar: Tapping into Medicaid Financing Streams*](#) is a recent webinar that provided strategies for funding medical-legal partnerships.

[*ABC Law Group LLP*](#) in Everett, WA, has launched the F.I.R.S.T. Clinic (family intervention response to stop trauma) that offers free services to moms who are at risk of losing their babies because of drugs and/or alcohol.



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