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MEMBER NEWS

Mental health is no game, but therapy is in this child counseling program

Mental Health Center of Denver wanted to provide comfort and familiarity to their young patients during COVID-19, so they created a Minecraft version of the office.

<https://www.9news.com/video/news/local/next/minecraft-mental-health-denver-kids/73-f888acd4-de78-48ea-96a4-1147458a9606>

Heartland Community College looks to add mental health support program

The school's Board of Trustees met Tuesday to approve a 7 credit-hour Peer Recovery Support Specialist Program. It's being developed in collaboration with Chestnut Health Systems, and is meant to serve as a pipeline for much needed jobs to address substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health.

<https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/local-news/heartland-community-college-looks-to-add-mental-health-support-program/>

RiverValley now offers mobile crisis team

RiverValley Behavioral Health recently formed the region's first mobile crisis team, which offers around-the-clock mental health services at a client's home, jail, school, workplace or other locations.

https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/rivervalley-now-offers-mobile-crisis-team/article_c13a069e-a2b7-5c72-a531-593274ceafff.html

Using the IPS Model for Persons with Mental Illness and Intellectual/Developmental Disability

Bridgeway, a mental health, employment, and family services organization in Illinois, began using the IPS model almost 15 years ago. While they started providing IPS to people with serious mental illness, they also began using it to serve their intellectual/developmental disability (IDD) population.

https://ipsworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/newsletter_fall20-final.pdf (See page 4)

Watch now: How Bloomington-Normal health pros are getting ready for another COVID spike

Lori Laughlin, director of marketing and communications for **Chestnut Health Systems**, said, "The biggest challenge early on was it came up so suddenly and we had to put protocols and procedures in place and ramp up telemedicine. ... We're in a good place now."

https://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/watch-now-how-bloomington-normal-health-pros-are-getting-ready-for-another-covid-spike/article_84c46ea6-ec47-502d-9795-4ea1fbd6b7ad.html

CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness celebrates 60 years of services

"We are proud to continue to be one of the premier behavioral health providers for the seven counties in our catchment area," Amanda Cunningham, Chief Executive Director, said. "We have exceptional staff who hold our mission close to their hearts and work tirelessly everyday to help others. I am truly humbled to be a part of such an amazing team."

http://www.emporiagazette.com/free/article_f6334faa-25ec-11eb-89aa-2708cfaf288f.html

OTC, Burrell pact provides free mental health help for students, staff

Ozarks Technical Community College, in partnership with Burrell Behavioral Health, will provide mental health services — free of charge — to all OTC students and employees, including part-time staff and adjunct instructors.

<https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/education/2020/11/17/ozarks-technical-otc-burrell-free-mental-health-help-students-staff/6281052002/>

Porter-Starke Cuts Ribbon on Medication-Assisted Treatment Facility in LaPorte

Porter-Starke Services says it opened a new medication-assisted treatment facility in LaPorte back in April and was finally able to host a small, private ribbon-cutting ceremony. Recovery Center LaPorte specializes in methadone services as part of a comprehensive treatment, according to a Porter-Starke press release.

<https://wkvi.com/2020/10/porter-starke-cuts-ribbon-on-medication-assisted-treatment-facility-in-laporte/>

Mental Health Partners Offers Support, Resources Virtually

Individuals and communities have reported increased mental health concerns, such as anxiety, stress, burnout, and fear, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on all areas of daily lives. In response, Mental Health Partners (MHP) is offering a variety of free, virtual events for community members to receive support and resources, as well as build key coping skills during this challenging and unprecedented time. Visit our website to learn more and register: <https://www.mhpcolorado.org/mental-health-partners-offers-support-resources-virtually/>

INDUSTRY NEWS

Industry innovation: How has COVID-19 changed global healthcare?

While the COVID-19 pandemic has placed unparalleled demands on modern healthcare systems, the industry's response has vividly demonstrated its resilience and ability to bring innovations to market quickly.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/11/healthcare-innovation-covid-coronavirus-pandemic-response-health/>

Researchers find nearly one in five COVID-19 survivors is diagnosed with a mental health disorder

Researchers looking into the effects of COVID-19 on the brain have found that nearly one out of every five people diagnosed with the virus is also diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder within three months.

<https://www.9news.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/researchers-find-nearly-one-in-five-covid-19-survivors-is-diagnosed-with-a-mental-health-disorder/73-c015c28e-f4a2-4f1d-8e17-de787e3f40c6>

CDC: Pandemic led to more mental health emergencies in children

Emergency room visit data was analyzed between March and October of this year and compared with last year.

<https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/health/centers-for-disease-control-and-prevention-covid-pandemic-led-to-more-mental-health-emergencies-in-children/71-fa67bbc1-2317-4460-bc19-0653643373f5>

Talkspace purchased Lasting, a startup specializing in couple's therapy

Talkspace's acquisition confirms our prediction that consolidation would be inevitable as competition heats up in the booming telemental health space.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/talkspace-purchased-lasting-to-expand-offerings-consumer-base-2020-11>

Amazon jumps into the pharmacy business with online prescription fulfillment, free delivery for Prime members

For Amazon, the announcement is well timed. Americans are increasingly relying on getting their medicines via mail to avoid possible exposure to the coronavirus. That shift could be permanent, as more people than ever before are learning about new ways of receiving medication.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/17/amazon-pharmacy-free-prescription-delivery-for-prime-members.html>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Three Leadership Imperatives from The Biggest Little Farm

I'm recommending the film to my Executive coaching clients because it's a lesson in overcoming setbacks and the interconnectedness of everything. The Biggest Little Farm provides three big insights for leaders.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lisaearlemcleod/2019/09/04/three-leadership-imperatives-from-the-biggest-little-farm/?sh=5bc56c0434a0>

The Big Lessons From History

How do people think about risk? How do they react to surprise? What motivates them, and causes them to be overconfident, or too pessimistic? Those broad lessons are important because we know they'll be relevant in the future. They'll apply to nearly everyone, and in many fields.

https://www.collaborativefund.com/blog/the-big-lessons-from-history/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+collabfund+%28Collaborative+Fund%29

Experimentation Works: The Surprising Power of Business Experiments

All too often, we discover that ideas that are truly innovative go against our experience and assumptions, or the conventional wisdom. Whether it's improving customer experiences, trying out new business models, or developing new products and services, even the most experienced managers are often wrong, whether they like it or not.

<https://innovationmanagement.se/2020/11/12/interview-with-stefan-h-thomke-author-of-experimentation-works-the-surprising-power-of-business-experiments/>

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