



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for February 5, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

Centerstone To Offer Youth Mental Health First Aid On February 17

Centerstone, a national leader in behavioral health care, will host a free, virtual Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training on February 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<https://www.riverbender.com/articles/details/centerstone-to-offer-youth-mental-health-first-aid-on-february-17-47590.cfm>

In the first six months of health care professionals replacing police officers, no one they encountered was arrested

DPD Chief Pazen, who is fond of the **Mental Health Center of Denver's** STAR program, says it frees up officers to do their jobs: fight crime.

<https://denverite.com/2021/02/02/in-the-first-six-months-of-health-care-professionals-replacing-police-officers-no-one-they-encountered-was-arrested/>

Open Sky's behavioral health programs receive top accreditation

Behavioral health programs at Worcester's Open Sky Community Services have received top accreditation from the third-party group Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International, the nonprofit announced on Wednesday.

<https://www.wbjournal.com/article/open-skys-behavioral-health-programs-receive-top-accreditation>

David Lawrence Center provides mental health care for increasing number of children in crisis

In a video produced by the David Lawrence Center, a Naples mental health treatment provider, Adrienne opens up about her daughter Chloe's battle with depression and cutting.

<https://www.winknews.com/2021/01/29/david-lawrence-center-provides-mental-health-care-for-increasing-number-of-children-in-crisis/>

Superintendent: Lawrence school district's use of SROs aligns with recent racial justice recommendation

The school district employs 52 guidance counselors, mental health professionals and social workers. It also has 13 school psychologists who support its special education services. Additionally, **Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center** assigns 11 specialists for the WRAP program, in which clinicians work in the schools to assist with the behavioral, emotional, familial and psychological needs of students, District spokeswoman Julie Boyle said.

<https://www2.ljworld.com/news/schools/2021/jan/29/superintendent-lawrence-school-districts-use-of-sros-aligns-with-recent-racial-justice-recommendation/>

Knoxville police and McNabb Center co-responder program aims to fight mental health stigma

A partnership between the Knoxville Police Department and the McNabb Center focusing on mental health is thriving. It pairs a behavioral health specialist with a specially-trained KPD officer who then responds to calls where someone needs treatment instead of a jail cell, such as calls involving people in a mental health crisis.

<https://www.wbir.com/article/news/community/kpd-mcnabb-center-co-responder-program-aims-to-fight-mental-health-stigma-better-community/51-18a04b0a-e80d-486a-a6ee-e9808a6dd25a>

McNabb Center discussing vaccine and mental health

As more individuals receive access to COVID-19 vaccinations, the McNabb Center is optimistic about secondary COVID-19 issues such as stress induced conditions.

https://www.citizentribune.com/covid/mcnabb-center-discussing-vaccine-and-mental-health/article_18a8b824-618c-11eb-9c1f-0b174680535e.html

Access to COVID-19 vaccines could be stress reliever needed during pandemic, mental health professionals say

Stress levels have been high for many people during the coronavirus pandemic, according to mental health professionals at the **McNabb Center**. However, they are expecting access to the COVID-19 vaccine to be a much-needed stress reliever.

<https://www.wate.com/news/access-to-covid-19-vaccines-could-be-the-stress-reliever-needed-during-a-pandemic-according-to-mental-health-professionals/>

SummitStone opens new mental health/substance use facility in Fort Collins

SummitStone Health Partners has opened the Garcia House residential treatment center in Fort Collins. Garcia House provides treatment for up to 16 residents who are working through mental health and substance use disorders at the same time, according to a press release from SummitStone, a Fort Collins-based not-for-profit behavioral health provider.

<https://www.reporterherald.com/2021/01/27/summitstone-opens-new-mental-health-substance-use-facility-in-fort-collins/>

Mental health calls can be challenge to law enforcement

Owensboro Police Lt. Randall Foster said local law enforcement is working with **River Valley Behavioral Health** (RVBH) to provide resources for mental health crises.

https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/news/mental-health-calls-can-be-challenge-to-law-enforcement/article_3c247c8d-4dd6-5674-9de2-310ff58758c1.html

Donation puts Center for Mental Health over the top for courtyard improvement

The Center for Mental Health is a step closer to being able to complete an outdoor courtyard at its crisis walk-in center, with a \$10,000 donation from QHR Health.

https://www.montrosepress.com/free_access/donation-puts-center-for-mental-health-over-the-top-for-courtyard-improvement/article_bb7cb278-5d02-11eb-a8ca-83cdfb4cf3fe.html

Cold weather brings new challenges to homeless

Spindletop Center has an outreach program called PATH (Project for Assistance Transitioning from Homelessness). "We have a group that goes to Soup Kitchens, homeless camps and get to know the people," Robin Meek with Spindletop Center said.

<https://www.orangeleader.com/2021/01/13/cold-weather-brings-new-challenges-to-homeless/>

INDUSTRY NEWS

COVID-19 Telehealth Boom Stymied Clinical Decision Support Alerts

The increase of telehealth visits during COVID-19 negatively impacted the volume of clinical decision support alerts within the EHR workflow.

<https://ehrintelligence.com/news/covid-19-telehealth-boom-stymied-clinical-decision-support-alerts>

To Improve COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution, Engage Behavioral Health Providers

States' distribution plans for COVID-19 vaccines currently outline strategies to reach health care workers, long-term care facilities, and some priority populations, but most do not explicitly address populations with serious mental illness and chronic substance use disorders.

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20210128.105637/full/>

COVID BOOSTS MENTAL HEALTH MARKETING, SOFTENS STIGMA

Health groups ramp up ads, as acceptance grows and the line between physical and mental health blurs

<https://adage.com/article/cmo-strategy/covid-boosts-mental-health-marketing-softens-stigma/2308906>

When Employers Can Require COVID-19 Vaccinations

As COVID-19 vaccines become available, many employers will have a strong case for requiring employee vaccinations, so long as their vaccination policies have certain exceptions, are job-related and are consistent with business necessity, legal experts say.

<https://www.shrm.org/resourcesandtools/legal-and-compliance/employment-law/pages/coronavirus-mandatory-vaccinations.aspx>

How Mental Health Can Impact Vaccine Efficacy

In a recent study published in the journal Perspectives on Psychological Science, investigators demonstrated that depression, loneliness, stress and poor health behaviors can cause the immune system to become weakened, ultimately impacting how it responds to a vaccine.

<https://www.contagionlive.com/view/how-mental-health-can-impact-vaccine-efficacy>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Forget Positive Thinking: How Sweatpants Managers Can Stay Motivated

Bosses are drained as the coronavirus pandemic drags into 2021. Here are ways they can recharge their batteries.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/forget-positive-thinking-how-sweatpants-managers-can-stay-motivated-11610168445?st=b2ulvhyrbecjyuu>

The Surprising Power of Business Experimentation

In the 21st century digital economy, it's possible for companies to design and conduct a large variety of experiments swiftly, inexpensively and at scale. But, learning how to do so effectively is still a work in progress.

<https://blog.irvingwb.com/blog/2021/01/the-surprising-power-of-business-experimentation.html>

Help your team talk about topics that block success

As a leader, just thinking about what's not getting talked about should scare the daylights out of you. Creating an environment where everyone is comfortable speaking truth to power -- and where it's an expectation, not an exception to talk openly about tough topics -- is one of the leader's most important and difficult challenges.

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2021/01/help-your-team-talk-about-topics-block-success?utm_source=brief

Old habits die hard, but good leaders can change

To keep up and stay competitive in a rapidly changing, ever-more-complex world, businesses need to change how they operate, and that means leaders must adapt their own behaviors as well. Most leaders and managers are aware of this. And yet many of them are still being guided by habits they formed early in their careers

<https://www.chieflearningofficer.com/2021/01/26/old-habits-die-hard/>

The transition of leadership power

A lot of your legacy as a leader and your reputation for the future is defined by how you help those who follow you become successful.

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2021/01/transition-leadership-power?utm_source=brief

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