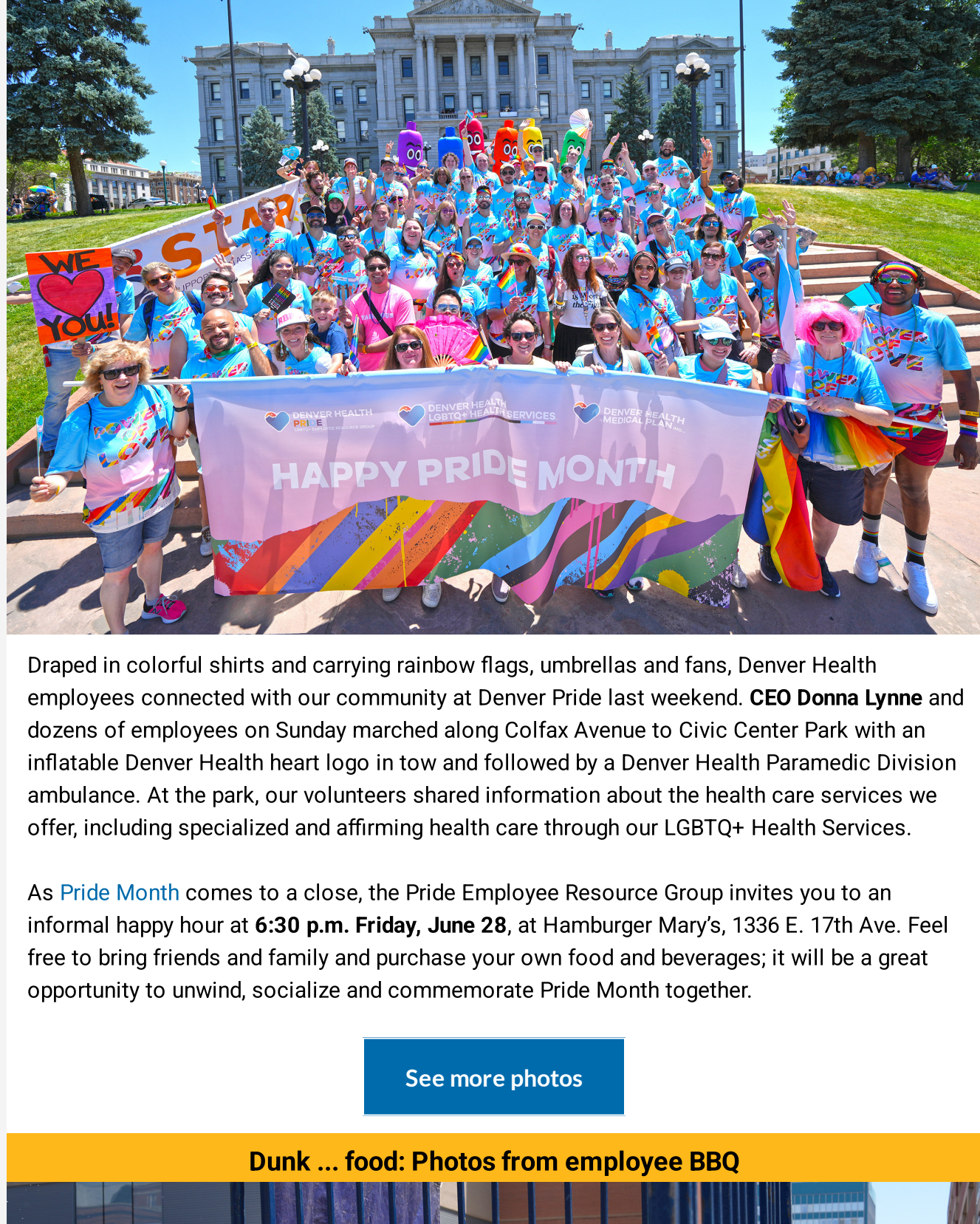


Thursday, June 27, 2024

Denver Health brings heart to Pride Parade

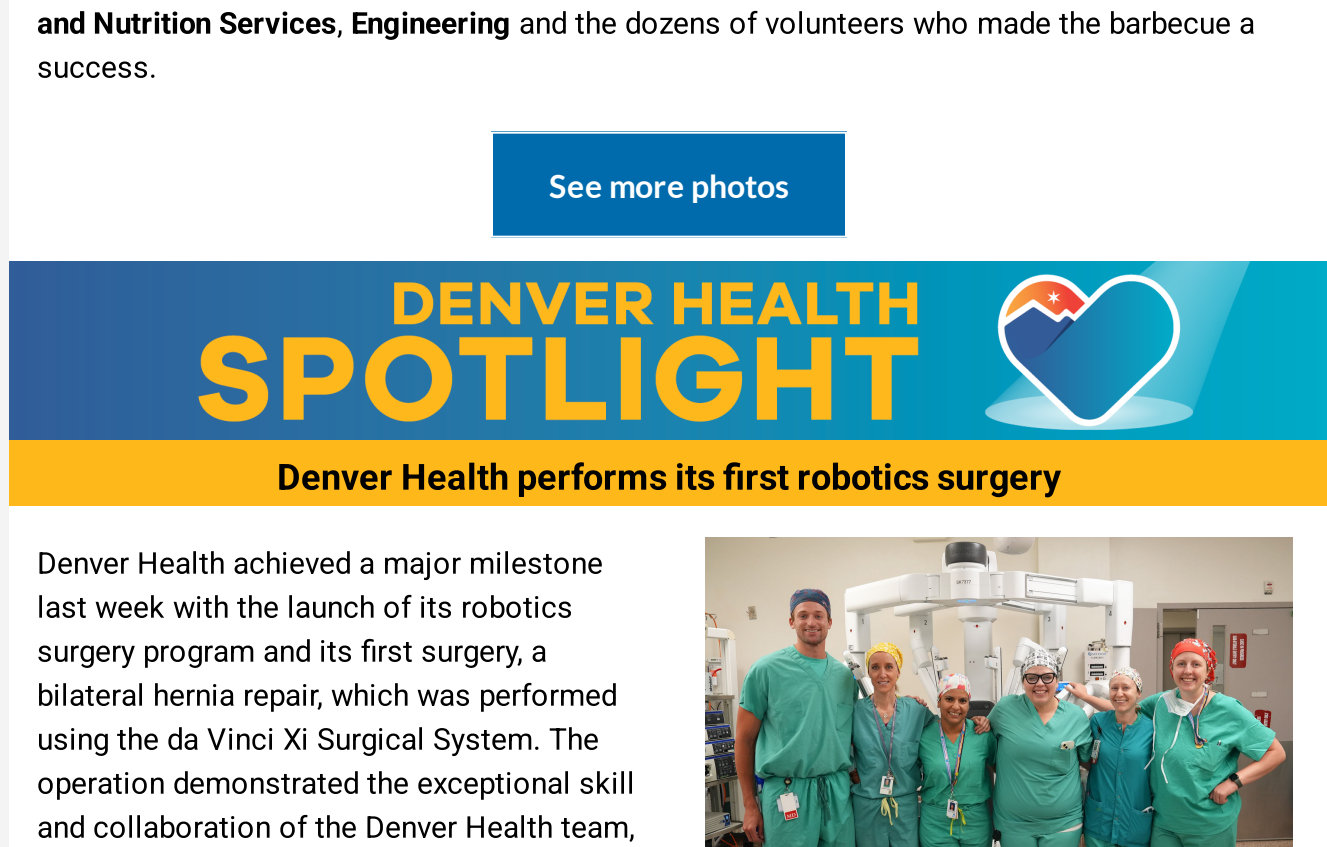


Draped in colorful shirts and carrying rainbow flags, umbrellas and fans, Denver Health employees connected with our community at Denver Pride last weekend. **CEO Donna Lynne** and dozens of employees on Sunday marched along Colfax Avenue to Civic Center Park with an inflatable Denver Health heart logo in tow and followed by a Denver Health Paramedic Division ambulance. At the park, our volunteers shared information about the health care services we offer, including specialized and affirming health care through our LGBTQ+ Health Services.

As **Pride Month** comes to a close, the Pride Employee Resource Group invites you to an informal happy hour at **6:30 p.m. Friday, June 28**, at Hamburger Mary's, 1336 E. 17th Ave. Feel free to bring friends and family and purchase your own food and beverages; it will be a great opportunity to unwind, socialize and commemorate Pride Month together.

[See more photos](#)

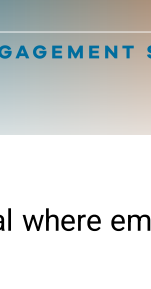
Dunk ... food: Photos from employee BBQ



Thank you to all of the employees who participated in last week's Days of Celebration, which culminated with the employee appreciation barbecue on Friday. There was a dunk tank for employees to take turns trying to "dunk an exec." Kudos to those executives who weren't afraid to get their hair wet, including **Interim Chief Financial Officer Asan Hassan**; **Chief Human Resources Officer Amy King**; **Emergency Department Chair Stephen Wolf, MD**; **Chief Operating Officer Kris Gaw**; and **Associate Chief Operating Officer Michael Moore**. The event also featured a fair with employee groups and outside vendors. See photos from last Friday's employee appreciation barbecue and the rest of our 2024 Days of Celebration. Thanks to **Food and Nutrition Services, Engineering** and the dozens of volunteers who made the barbecue a success.

[See more photos](#)

DENVER HEALTH SPOTLIGHT



Denver Health performs its first robotics surgery

Denver Health achieved a major milestone last week with the launch of its robotics surgery program and its first surgery, a bilateral hernia repair, which was performed using the da Vinci Xi Surgical System. The operation demonstrated the exceptional skill and collaboration of the Denver Health team, with **Sany Thomas, MD**, serving as



the attending surgeon and **David Wiegmann, MD**, as the attending anesthesiologist. Additionally, critical support was provided by **Christina Lynch-Maes, lead surgical technologist**; **Pavlina Gust, APP**; **Carol Jean Sanchez, RN**; and **Amanda Hesemeyer, OR RN educator**, who offered vital assistance throughout the procedure. This significant development underscores Denver Health's dedication to incorporating advanced technology to enhance patient care and surgical outcomes, ushering in a promising new era of robotic-assisted surgeries within the health system.

Pictured from left are Dr. Wiegmann, Gust, Dr. Thomas, Lynch-Maes, Sanchez and Hesemeyer.

STAY INFORMED

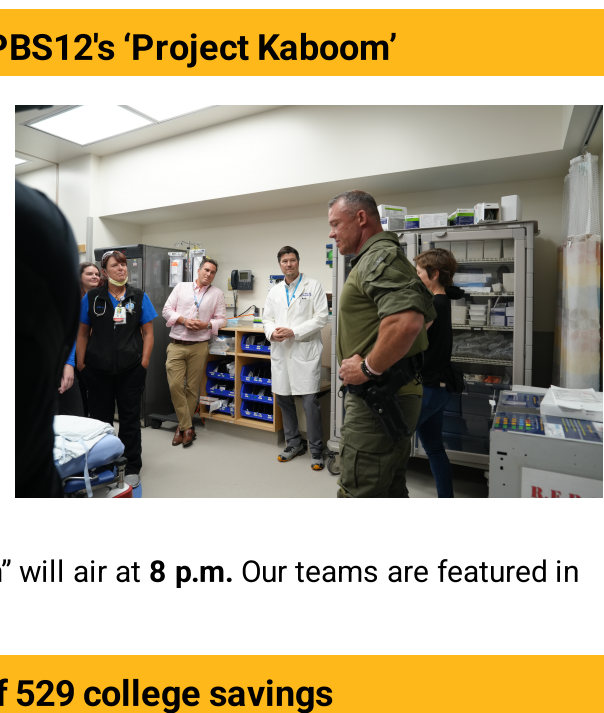
Independence Day closures and reduced hours

Denver Health reminds employees that all family health centers and urgent care clinics will be closed for Independence Day, **Thursday, July 4**. The Outpatient Medical Center pharmacy (Pavilion L) will be open from **9 a.m.-5 p.m.**, while other outpatient pharmacies will be closed. Click [here](#) for a complete list of holiday closures. Food and Nutrition Services reminds employees that the Main Street Café and OMC Café will be closed and the Good Day Café will be open from **6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Please visit the All Day Café, near the Good Day Café, or our fresh vending machines for any food and beverage needs outside of hours of operation.

Employee Engagement Survey set to launch in July

Using the theme "Your Voice, Our Vision," the Denver Health Employee Engagement Survey is scheduled to launch **July 22** and run through **Aug. 5**. The survey will be accessible in English and Spanish via Workday, allowing employees to complete it on smartphones and computers connected to the Denver Health network.



Additionally, there will be designated machines throughout the hospital where employees can log in with their employee number and first name to participate.

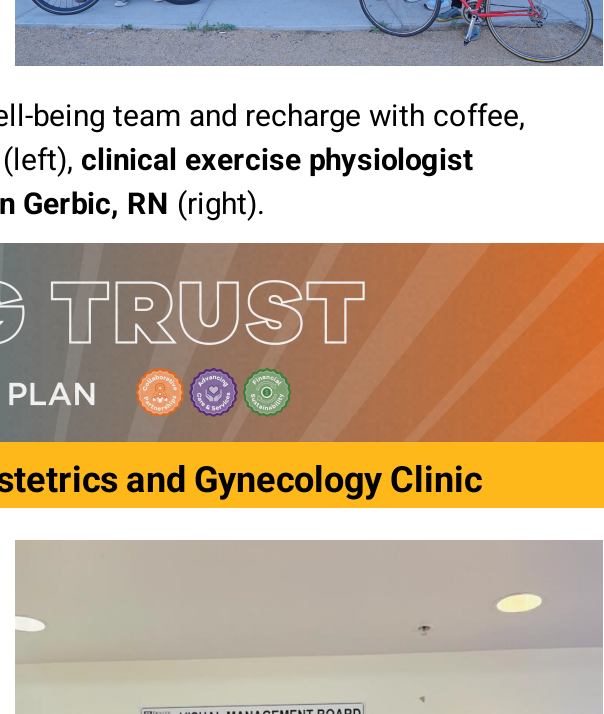
Center for Addiction Medicine 2023 report released

The **Center for Addiction Medicine (CAM) 2023 Annual Report** highlights the fifth year of achievements in delivering a comprehensive range of addiction services, conducting research and evaluation, and advancing education and promotional efforts across the Denver Health system and the communities we serve. In 2023, CAM remained dedicated to addressing the complex challenges our community members face related to substance use disorders, achieving significant milestones with the support of partners. Explore the achievements of dedicated workgroups and feel free to share this report within your networks. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

For more information, visit the [CAM website](#) or email cam@dgha.org.

Food and Nutrition Services featured in CDC video

Denver Health's Food and Nutrition Services (FANS) is featured in a national video produced for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In it, FANS **General Manager Laurie Wohlscheid** explains how the CDC's national **Food Service Guidelines** for healthier eating were implemented at Denver Health through the **Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact**.



Last year, Denver Health was one of only four Colorado hospitals to win the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact Platinum Award, meeting rigorous nutritional standards and offering healthy food and beverage options.

[Watch video here](#)

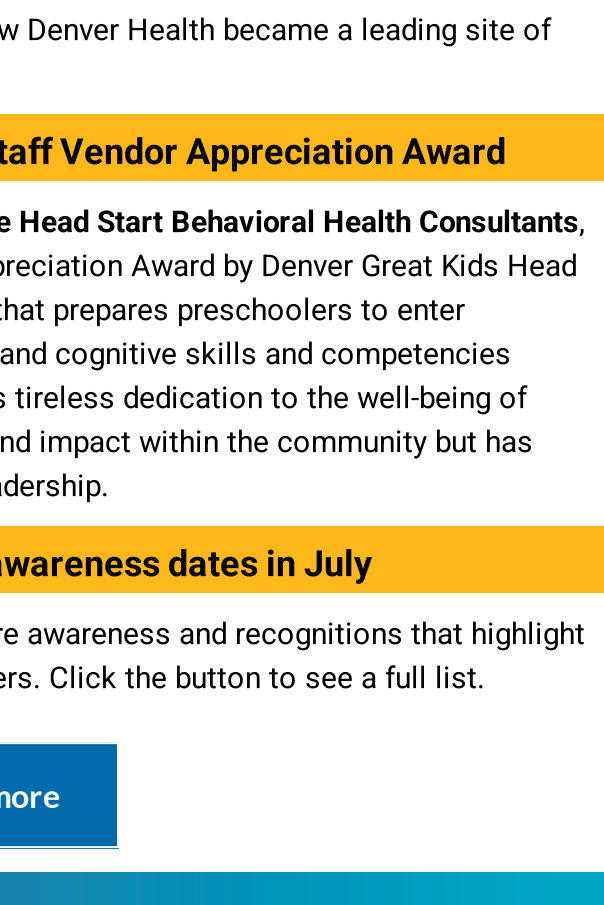
Denver Health ranked No. 1 for community benefit, inclusivity

The Lown Institute's Hospital Index released its annual rankings this week, grading health systems on metrics of health equity, patient outcomes and value of care. Denver Health received an overall "A" grade for social responsibility and ranked first in Colorado in the categories of community benefit and inclusivity. Denver Health also received "A" grades in health equity, value of care, avoiding overuse, cost efficiency and clinical outcomes. Thank you to everyone who helps make Denver Health a place where patients receive high-quality, equitable health care every day.

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Denver Health featured in PBS12's 'Project Kaboom'

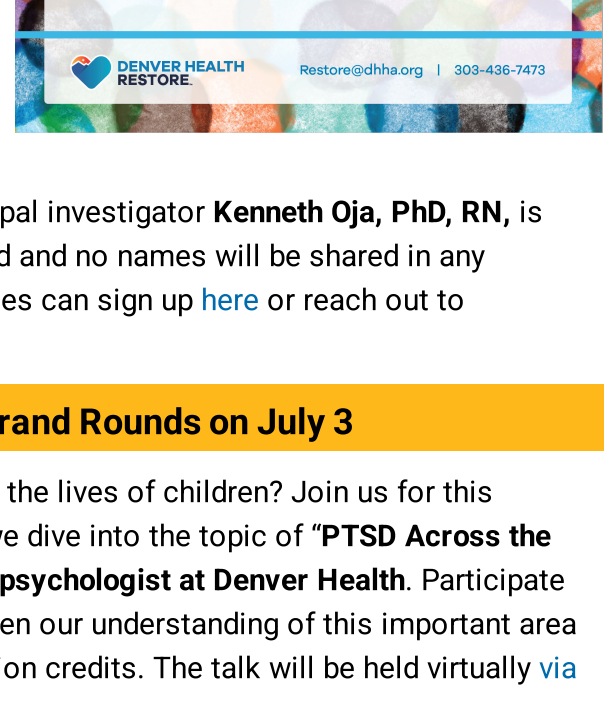
Denver Health's emergency, trauma and orthopedics teams will be highlighted in a new four-part series on PBS12 called "Project Kaboom." The project follows Denver Police Sgt. Justin Dodge, who came to Denver Health after he was injured in last year's Nuggets victory parade and shares his remarkable recovery with the support of performance coach Steve Hess.



Tonight, and for the next month, "Project Kaboom" will air at **8 p.m.** Our teams are featured in episodes three and four.

Discover the benefits of 529 college savings

Looking for a way to save for college? Denver Health is off partnered with Collegenest to offer our employees access to Colorado's 529 College Savings Program. This opportunity enables employees to strategically save for higher education costs using a tax-advantaged savings plan. Not only can this save for your children's or grandchildren's future college expenses, it



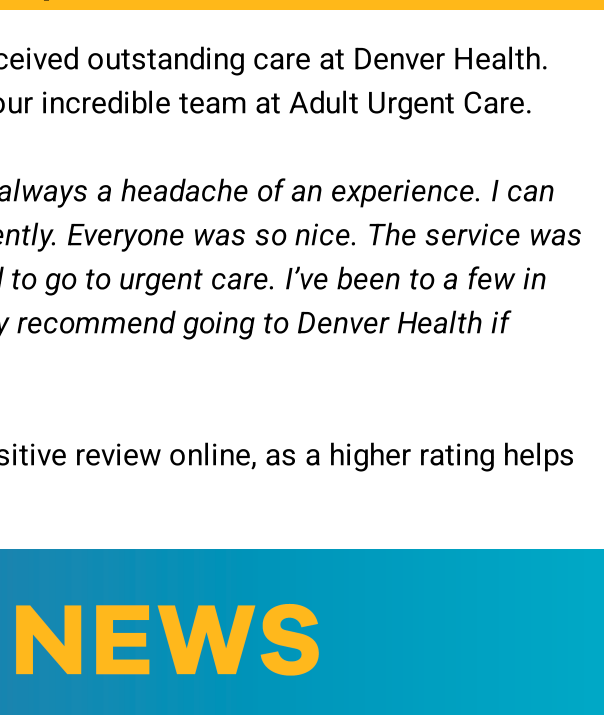
is available for employees seeking advanced degrees or certifications.

We invite you to attend an informational webinar scheduled for **noon-12:45 p.m. July 8** to learn more about the program. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

[Learn more](#)

Denver Health celebrates Bike to Work Day

Denver Health thanks all employees who participated in the annual Bike to Work Day this week. Special recognition goes to the Workplace Well-being champions (pictured) who volunteered to offer coffee and swag to cyclists outside the Outpatient Medical Center on Wednesday morning.



Dozens of cyclists visited the tent to greet the well-being team and recharge with coffee, including **Emergency Department tech Jake Losi** (left), **clinical exercise physiologist Amanda Hajoglou** (in the orange helmet) and **John Gerbic, RN** (right).

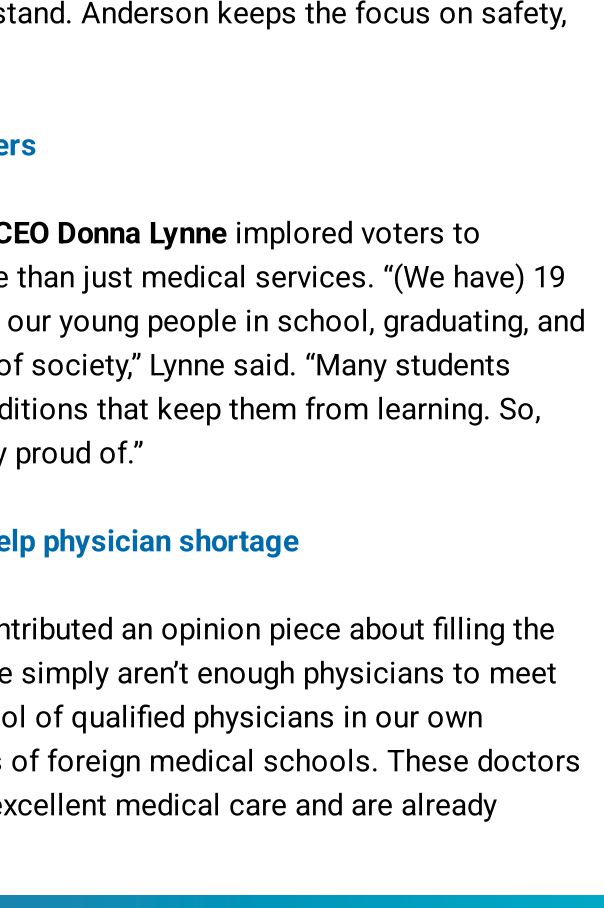
EARNING TRUST

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A Penny earned for Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic

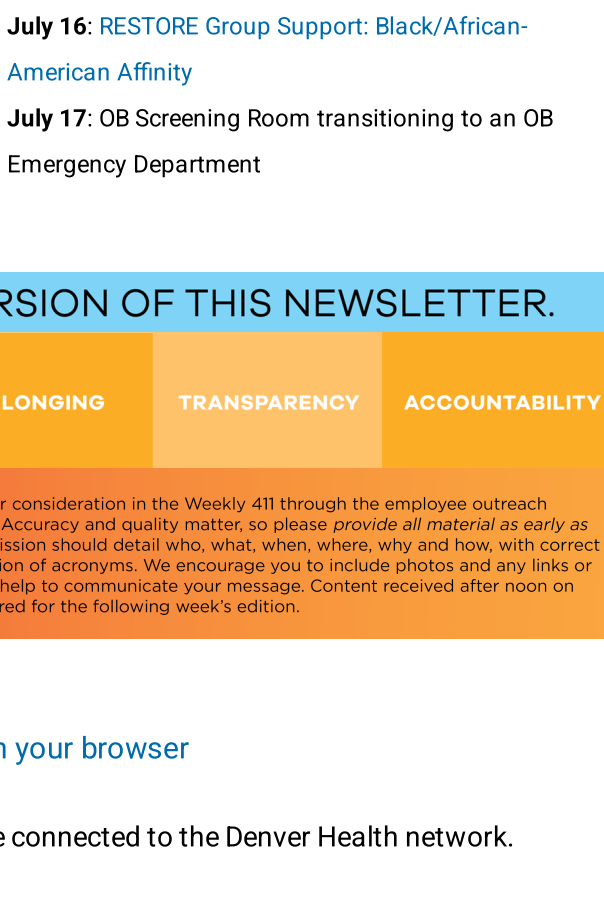
Increasing point-of-service collections by \$2.5 million this year is part of Denver Health's Revenue Cycle strategic initiative in our organization's Strategic Plan. As part of that initiative, our federally qualified health centers have a friendly competition to recognize the ACS/CHS teams with the highest copy collection percentage each month, earning them the Penny the Pig mascot. The **Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic at Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center** was awarded Penny for May and June to recognize the team's hard work to bring in more revenue. The team came in at 98.47% and 93.66% during those months, landing the highest percentages for copayments collected from patients.



RECOGNIZING YOU

Denver Health redefines medical education in new book

In most of the country, the way medical students train has not significantly changed in more than a century — unless you are part of a select group training at Denver Health. **Denver Health Chief Education Officer Abraham Nussbaum, MD**, has captured this new approach in his just-released book, "Progress Notes: One Year in the Future of Medicine." In it, he shares the experience of seven medical students who embarked on a new way of training. Their stories offer an intimate look at becoming a doctor and the possibility of changing the way doctors are trained. The book features many Denver Health physicians and essential history about how Denver Health became a leading site of medical education.



Jaime Lanin receives Caregiver Staff Vendor Appreciation Award

Congratulations to **Jaime Lanin**, **supervisor of the Head Start Behavioral Health Consultants**, for being awarded the Caregiver Staff Vendor Appreciation Award by Denver Great Kids Head Start (DGKHS) on **June 12**. DGKHS is a program that prepares preschoolers to enter kindergarten with the social, physical, emotional and cognitive skills and competencies necessary for continued school success. Jaime's tireless dedication to the well-being of children and families has not only made a profound impact within the community but has also set a shining example of compassionate leadership.

Recognizing health care awareness dates in July

July ushers in a new month of national health care awareness and recognitions that highlight crucial health topics and honor health care workers. Click the button to see a full list.

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GET INVOLVED

Do you use RESTORE? Participation needed for research study

Have you had experiences with the Denver Health RESTORE program? In an important preliminary step to establish the benefits of the program for employees, RESTORE is examining experiences with the program in a voluntary study that comprises an approximately one-hour recorded interview via a videoed interactive platform.

Participation in the research project, led by principal investigator **Kenneth Oja, PhD, RN**, is voluntary. Participants' identities will be protected and no names will be shared in any publications of this research. Interested employees can sign up [here](#) or reach out to **Kenneth**.

Join Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds on July 3

Want to learn more about the effects of PTSD on the lives of children? Join us for this month's Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds, where we dive into the topic of "PTSD Across the Lifespan" presented by **Thom Dunn, PhD, clinical psychologist at Denver Health**. Participate in an insightful discussion that promises to deepen our understanding of this important area of pediatric care while earning continuing education credits. The talk will be held virtually via **WebEx** from **noon-1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3**.

411 newsletter taking Fourth of July pause

Due to the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, there will be no edition of our 411 newsletter next week.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to continuing our regular newsletter updates July 11. Thank you for your support, and have a wonderful Independence Day with family and friends.

GRATITUDE

Denver Health Adult Urgent Care featured for excellent care

It is rewarding to hear from patients who have received outstanding care at Denver Health. This week, we're highlighting a patient review of our incredible team at Adult Urgent Care.

"I honestly hate going to urgent care because it's always a headache of an experience. I can quickly say Denver Health made me think differently. Everyone was so nice. The service was so quick and I won't hesitate in the future if I need to go to urgent care. I've been to a few in the area and have been disappointed, would highly recommend going to Denver Health if possible."

We encourage staff to ask patients to leave a positive review online, as a higher rating helps build trust in our community. Every star counts!

IN THE NEWS

The 411 highlights top stories of the week. Please visit [In the News on the Pulse](#) for a rundown of all recent stories featuring Denver Health.

How to avoid sickness during the summer heat
June 26, *Fox31*

Sarah Roark, MD, pulmonary and critical care physician at Denver Health, spoke with *Fox31* about how to stay safe and healthy during high temperatures in the summer.

Born from the tragedy of gun violence, this program teaches children how to stop a wound from bleeding out
June 25, *CNN*

It's the same kind of approach that pediatric trauma nurse **Missy Anderson** takes when she teaches Scout troops and children's groups in Denver. Anderson is the **pediatric trauma program manager at Denver Health** and describes the tourniquets as "magical bracelets" — a concept that most kids can immediately understand. Anderson keeps the focus on safety, not violence.

Council sends Denver Health tax increase to voters
June 24, *Denver Gazette*

Ahead of the November election, **Denver Health CEO Donna Lynne** implored voters to consider that Denver Health offers so much more than just medical services. "We have) 19 school-based clinics and provide care that keeps our young people in school, graduating, and hopefully coming out to be productive members of society," Lynne said. "Many students come with complex, and sometimes chronic conditions that keep them from learning. So, that's probably a program that I am so immensely proud of."

Training foreign doctors living in Colorado can help physician shortage
June 21, *The Colorado Sun*

Philip Fung, MD, hospitalist at Denver Health, contributed an opinion piece about filling the physician shortage in Colorado. "The fact is, there simply aren't enough physicians to meet the health needs of Colorado patients ... But a pool of qualified physicians in our own backyard is available to fill these gaps: graduates of foreign medical schools. These doctors have the skills, experience and talent to provide excellent medical care and are already dedicated members of Colorado communities."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June | July

- June 28:** PRIDE: wrap-up happy hour
- June 28:** Denver Health blood drive
- July 1:** Annual Education begins
- July 2:** RESTORE Group Support: Grief & Loss
- July 3:** Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds: PTSD Across the Lifespan
- July 8:** Webinar: 529 College Savings Program

- July 10:** RESTORE Group Support: Cumulative Stress & Burnout
- July 16:** RESTORE Group Support: Black/African American Affinity
- July 17:** OB Screening Room transitioning to an OB Emergency Department

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