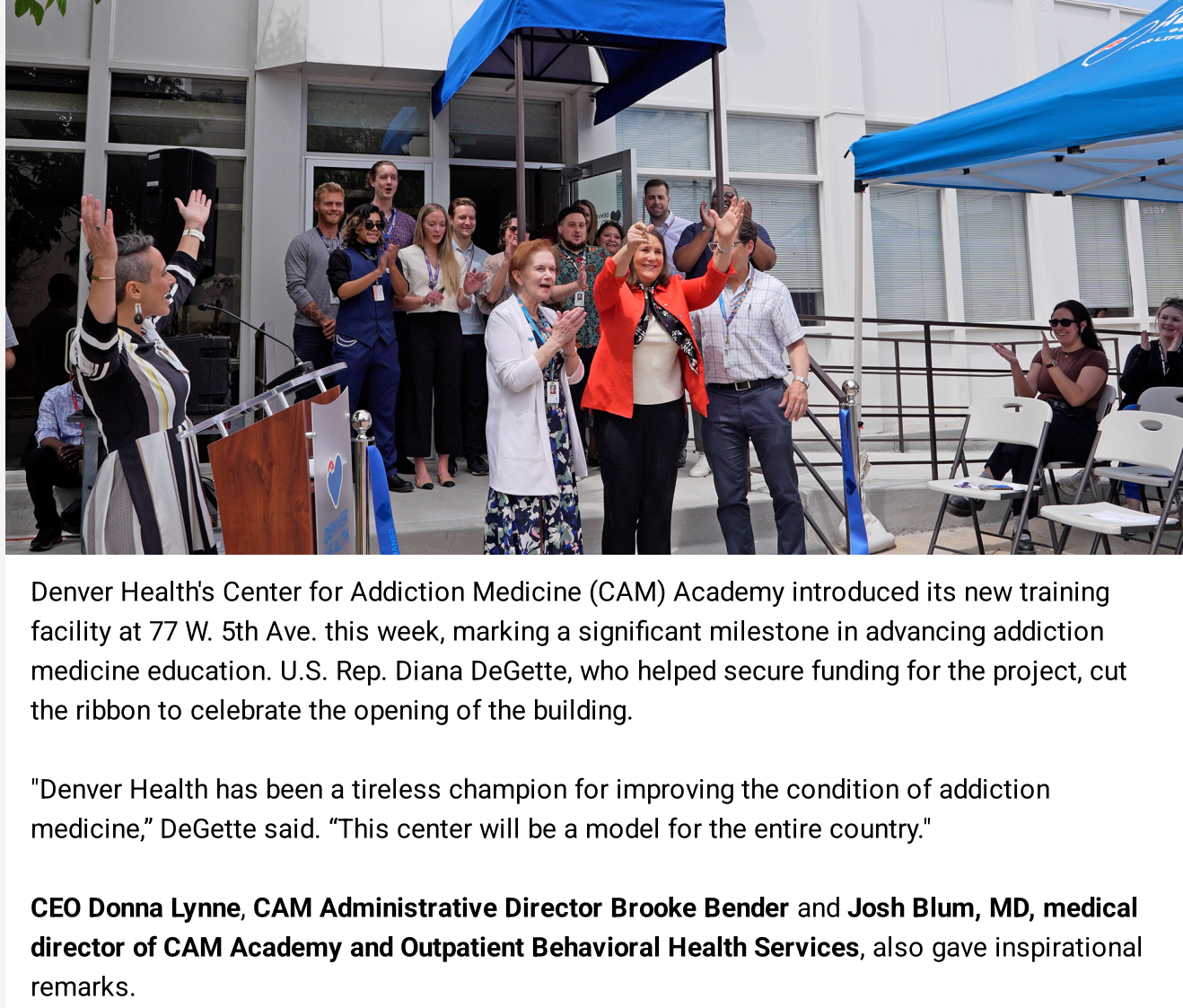


Thursday, May 30, 2024

## CAM Academy unveils new facility



Denver Health's Center for Addiction Medicine (CAM) Academy introduced its new training facility at 77 W. 5th Ave. this week, marking a significant milestone in advancing addiction medicine education. U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, who helped secure funding for the project, cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the building.

"Denver Health has been a tireless champion for improving the condition of addiction medicine," DeGette said. "This center will be a model for the entire country."

CEO Donna Lynne, CAM Administrative Director Brooke Bender and Josh Blum, MD, medical director of CAM Academy and Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, also gave inspirational remarks.

"The power of Denver Health isn't buildings; its power is its people," Dr. Blum said, underscoring the institution's commitment to human-centric care.

Adding a touch of creativity and inspiration, the ceremony featured artwork by Myra Nagy, an artist in recovery and CAM Community Advisory Meeting member. Nagy's art will enhance the space dedicated to providing training and technical assistance on comprehensive trauma-responsive substance use disorder treatment for Colorado and surrounding regions.

Thank you to all the teams and individuals who helped make this facility a reality. You can learn more about CAM Academy and how to register for classes [here](#).

### Nominate your colleagues for Values Awards, recognize achievements

With the deadline fast approaching, nominations for this year's Values Awards are significantly lower than anticipated. To ensure deserving individuals receive recognition, all employees are urged to submit nominations.



The nomination process is straightforward and brief, requiring only a few minutes to complete. Those who have not yet nominated are encouraged to acknowledge their peers' exemplary contributions.

All submissions must be received by **Thursday, June 6**, to be considered for this year's awards.

For more information or to submit a nomination, please [click here](#).

Let's come together to honor the exceptional efforts of our colleagues. Submit your [nominations](#) today.

## DENVER HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

### Daisy Award goes to MICU nurse Rebecca Taft

Rebecca Taft, RN, received a Daisy Award last Friday for the "amazing" care she recently provided a patient with heart failure in the MICU. Daisy Awards honor Denver Health nurses and nursing support teams for their compassionate and skillful care.



"I think the reasons (patient) was able to make the progress he made is because of the incredible care he received from Rebecca Taft," according to the nomination.

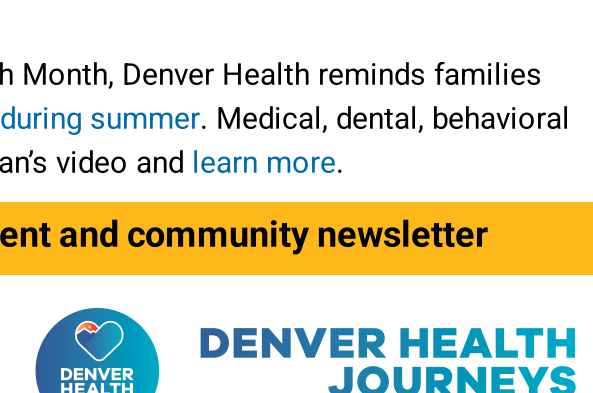
"She went so far above and beyond to make (patient) comfortable, to keep him motivated and inspired for his recovery and to keep pushing him to gain strength even when it was hard. She did it all with the sunniest demeanor and just absolutely lit up the room every time she was in it. ... I have so many stories from her time caring for (patient) that demonstrate what an exemplary caregiver, nurse and human being she is."

Daisy Awards are given out quarterly; you can nominate colleagues [here on the Pulse](#).

## STAY INFORMED

### Dress for success: Empowering economic independence

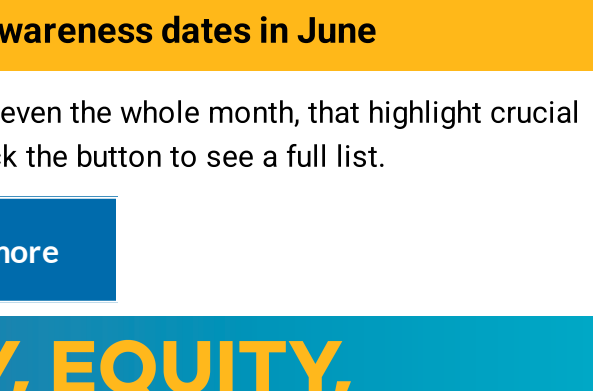
Workforce Development is proud to present Dress for Success whose mission is to empower women by providing professional attire and the tools needed to achieve economic independence. We encourage you to [nominate yourself or someone you know](#) who would benefit by receiving professional attire. Dress for Success also has access to scrubs and other clinical wear.



This resource will support Women, those who identify as Women, and Non-Binary by providing clothing items that fit your style preferences. Workforce Development will have information for men and those who identify as men. For any questions, please contact the Workforce Development Center at [Workforcedevelopment@dhha.org](mailto:Workforcedevelopment@dhha.org).

### Summer break, year-round care: School-based health centers offer care all summer long

Juan, an 11-year-old who enjoys playing soccer, used to feel intense pain from asthma whenever he played his favorite sport. After seeing a provider at one of Denver Health's school-based health centers and getting an inhaler, Juan learned to treat his asthma and is able "run faster and play much better."



Juan's family is one of thousands who get their care from our school-based health centers, with appointments often available the same or next day to any Denver Public Schools student and their siblings.

As we near the end of National Adolescent Health Month, Denver Health reminds families that some school-based health centers are [open during summer](#). Medical, dental, behavioral health and other services are available. Watch Juan's video and [learn more](#).

### Subscribe to Denver Health's patient and community newsletter

Employees are encouraged to sign up for our new patient and community newsletter, [Denver Health Journeys](#), to learn more about the comprehensive health care services we offer and some of our employees who are leading their fields in research.

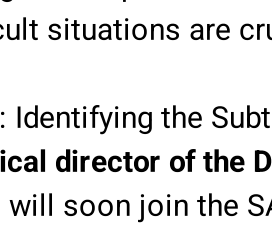


This [month's issue](#) includes features on youth researchers who are leading a prevention campaign against substance misuse and family members spanning three generations who have worked at Denver Health. [Click to subscribe](#) or [read past editions](#).

## RECOGNIZING YOU

### Recognizing health care awareness dates in June

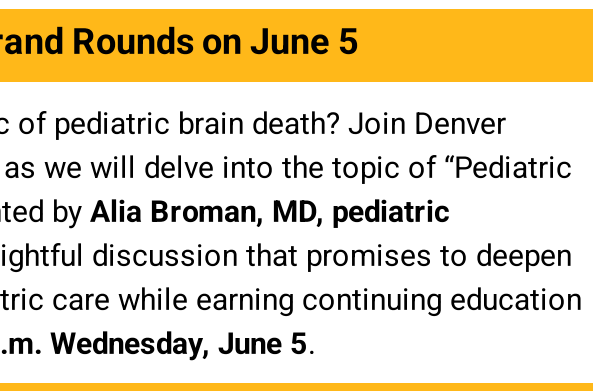
June is filled with awareness days and weeks, or even the whole month, that highlight crucial health topics and honor health care workers. [Click the button to see a full list.](#)



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING

### Join the Pride Month Kick-off Party Friday night

Rich Z. has been a Denver Health employee for four years, proudly bringing his whole self to work every day. Rich is a professional drag entertainer who will host Denver Health PRIDE Bingo and the Pride Month Kick-off Party at **5 p.m. Friday, May 31**, at #Vybe, 1027 N. Broadway. Enjoy food, live entertainment, PRIDE bingo and free swag. Friends and family (**21 or older only**) are welcome.



Visit the [PRIDE subsite](#) for the full event calendar.

Volunteers are needed to help make these events a success. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out our [volunteer form](#). Volunteers will get a 2024 Pride Month T-shirt.

## GET INVOLVED

### Learn about child safety strategies with leading experts

Don't miss an opportunity to learn from Denver Health's leading experts on non-accidental trauma, including tools to assess for child abuse, red flags for human trafficking, key concepts around mandatory reporting and steps to ensure child safety. Education and advocacy for providers in these difficult situations are crucial for saving lives.

"First to Respond, First to Recognize: Identifying the Subtle Signs of Child Abuse" will be presented by **Coral Steffey, MD, medical director of the Denver SAFE Center at Denver Health**, and **Kelly Finnegan, MD**, who will soon join the SAFE Center as a pediatrician. In-person attendees can earn continuing education credits.

The free presentations are set for **11 a.m.-noon Monday, June 3**, and **9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 5**, at Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St., in Thornton, or via [Webex](#), using meeting number 2461 969 7177.

### Join Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds on June 5

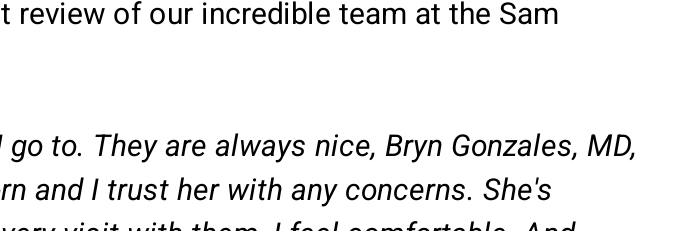
Want to learn more about the tough medical topic of pediatric brain death? Join Denver Health's monthly Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds as we will delve into the topic of "Pediatric Brain Death/Death by Neurologic Criteria," presented by **Alia Broman, MD, pediatric intensivist at Denver Health**. Participate in an insightful discussion that promises to deepen our understanding of this important area of pediatric care while earning continuing education credits. The talk is held [via WebEx](#) from **noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, June 5**.

### Volunteers needed for Special Olympics State Summer Games

Denver Health is looking for clinical and non-clinical volunteers interested in participating in the 2024 Special Olympics State Summer Games in Grand Junction on **Saturday, June 8**. **Captains Sharif Abdelhamid, senior director of patient experience**, and **Nick Gagner, DMD, lead general dentist**, are organizing a group of Denver Health employees to assist with vital health screenings, health education and general operations of the Healthy Athletes health fair. While the games take place in Grand Junction, many of the athletes are from Denver and receive care at Denver Health. View and complete [this form](#) to learn more about how you can get involved.

### Join the Pride Month panel on faith at work

Schwartz Rounds offers health care providers an opportunity to discuss the social and emotional challenges of patient care openly and honestly, emphasizing the human aspect of medicine. The initiative aims to foster compassionate health care and enhance connections between patients and caregivers.



In observance of Pride Month, the Schwartz Rounds committee is hosting a LGBTQ+ panel, "Faith (However, You Define It) at Work." The event is open to all staff from **8-9 a.m. Wednesday, June 26**, in the Sabin lab classroom in the basement of Pavilion C or virtually via [Webex](#). You can learn more on the [pulse](#).

If you'd like to be added to the Schwartz Rounds distribution list and receive calendar invites for future panels, email [DHSchwartzRounds@dhha.org](mailto:DHSchwartzRounds@dhha.org).

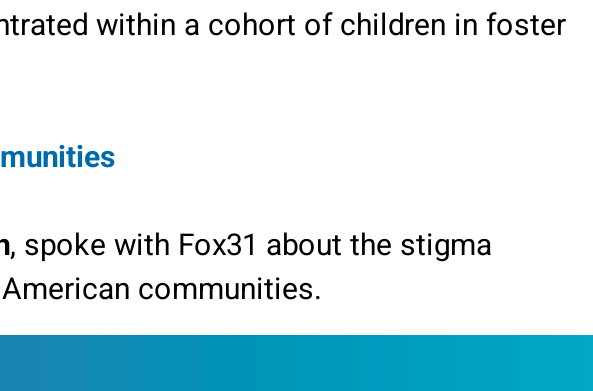
### Register for June 28 blood drive at Rita Bass

A mobile blood drive hosted by Denver Health in collaboration with Children's Hospital of Colorado is set for **8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Friday, June 28**, in the Rita Bass Trauma and EMS Institute parking lot. This event allows us to extend our celebratory goodwill by making a vital contribution to help support our patients. It's a wonderful chance to give back and make a difference. [Sign up](#) today.

## PERKS & DISCOUNTS

### Enter drawing to win a free massage from RESTORE on June 7

The Denver Health RESTORE Support Center, on the first floor of Pavilion B, will offer Denver Health staff free 15-minute chair massages with a licensed Zeel massage therapist from **noon-4 p.m. Friday, June 7**. [Click here](#) to enter a drawing for your chance to win a massage. Winners will be contacted by email on **Wednesday, June 5**, and offered time slots.



Names on the sign-up list and winners will be kept confidential. Email questions to [RESTOREcenter@dhha.org](mailto:RESTOREcenter@dhha.org). Additionally, if you would like to receive our monthly newsletter and stay in the know about Center programming, including chair massages, email [RESTOREcenter@dhha.org](mailto:RESTOREcenter@dhha.org)

## GRATITUDE

### Westside Family Health Center praised for excellent care

It is rewarding to hear from patients who have received outstanding care at Denver Health. This week, we would like to highlight a patient review of our incredible team at the Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center.

*"Denver Health is the only hospital and clinic I go to. They are always nice, Bryn Gonzales, MD, has seen both my children since they were born and I trust her with any concerns. She's amazing!!! And my provider is also amazing; every visit with them, I feel comfortable. And staff at the pharmacy have always been nice to me! Thank you, Denver Health and Westside Family Health Center, for the constant work you guys do for our community!"*

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.

**Study: What data Colorado should track on medical psychedelic use**  
May 24, 9News

"We want to ensure we're collecting the right information now, so in the future we can make decisions around safety, around efficacy, around whether individuals need to change the way substances are being used to maximize the benefit, and minimize the harm," **Joshua Black, senior research scientist at the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Safety Division of Denver Health and Hospital Authority**, said.

**Foster children experience more health disparities compared to other low-income youth**  
May 29, *Hospital Case Management*

"We wanted to compare children in foster care to other children enrolled in Medicaid without foster care," says **James Kaferly, MD, lead study author and director of the Connections for Kids Clinic at the Denver Health and Hospital Authority**. "We found that physical and behavioral chronic health conditions were concentrated within a cohort of children in foster care."

**How mental health impacts Asian American communities**  
May 29, *Fox31*

**Eileen Chen, PsyD, psychologist at Denver Health**, spoke with Fox31 about the stigma around mental health care and its effect in Asian American communities.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May | June

- May 30: Fidelity retirement planner on campus
- June 11: PRIDE table event at the Good Day Café
- May 31: PRIDE kick-off party
- June 12: RESTORE Group Support: Cumulative Stress & Burnout
- June 1: American Heart Association Heart Walk
- June 13: Fitness Center trail registration deadline
- June 3: "First to Respond, First to Recognize: Identifying the Subtle Signs of Child Abuse"
- June 17-20: 50th anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Trauma & Emergency Medicine Conference
- June 4: RESTORE Group Support: Grief & Loss
- June 19: PRIDE: Queering black art
- June 5: "First to Respond, First to Recognize: Identifying the Subtle Signs of Child Abuse"
- June 20: Days of Celebration: Yoga Class
- June 5: Pediatric Trauma Grand Rounds: Pediatric Brain Death/Death by Neurologic Criteria
- June 22-23: PRIDE Fest
- June 6: Values Awards nomination deadline
- June 23: PRIDE Parade
- June 7: PRIDE table event at the Good Day Café
- June 24: RESTORE table event at the Good Day Café
- June 7: RESTORE free massage
- June 25: PRIDE: Cultivating Belonging Class
- June 8: Special Olympics State Summer Games
- June 26: Schwartz Rounds: Faith at Work
- June 8: PRIDE: Summer Dog Paw-ty
- June 28: PRIDE: Wrap up happy hour
- June 10: PRIDE Chalk Art Time
- June 28: Denver Health blood drive

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