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MEMBER NEWS

Peace River Center Celebrates Success of Outgoing Chief Executive Officer Bill Gardam

"Working with the Peace River Center team has been the single-most fulfilling experience of my career, and I am very proud of what we have achieved together. The Executive Leadership Team is focused and driven to continue our positive path forward and will ensure a positive transition for the organization," said Gardam.

<https://www.peacrivercenter.org/outgoing-ceo/>

Thresholds named one of Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in 2022

Thresholds has been named one of Chicago's 2022 Best and Brightest Companies to Work® – for the sixth time. This honor is awarded to companies with a strong commitment to a healthy, happy workplace. <https://www.thresholds.org/thresholds-named-one-of-chicagos-101-best-and-brightest-companies-to-work-for-in-2022>

Roundtable on Mental Health

The pandemic has exposed and exacerbated many workplace-related stressors. To build a happier, healthier workforce, it will take investing in employees' mental well-being. **Thresholds'** CEO Mark Ishaug joins other panelists in a discussion on mental health issues in the workplace and how employers can help address these challenges.

https://mhca.com/administrator/?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/mailling/browse/scheduled&reset=1&scheduled=true

AltaPointe Health hosts "Stepping Up for Mental Health" events for children, families for Mental Health Awareness Month

AltaPointe Health is hosting three family-friendly events throughout Alabama. "Life has been difficult for many families, with disruptions in school routines, separation from loved ones, interruptions in church and community activities, job losses, or maybe just anxiety about the pandemic," said Brandy Richardson, Associate Clinical Director for AltaPointe Health's Sylacauga Region. "We've all heard about increases in mental health concerns, substance and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and other issues. We see this day as an opportunity for our community to come together, have a good time and also find out about resources for any challenges they continue to face."

https://www.wfmz.com/news/pr_newswire/pr_newswire_health/altapointe-health-hosts-stepping-up-for-mental-health-events-for-children-families-for-mental-health/article_092ce73b-239b-52e4-a254-c582ddf43ecf.html

AltaPointe and Mobile Police Department team up police-mental health collaboration

Understanding mental health has been a big topic over the last couple of years. Members of the Mobile Police Department are set to undergo training to better understand how to address mental health issues on a call.

<https://www.fox10tv.com/2022/05/18/altapointe-mobile-police-department-team-up-police-mental-health-collaboration/>

Bridgeway's CES Team wins international IPS award

Bridgeway's Senior Vice President of Disability Services Sandy Wood discusses award on a radio podcast. Listen here: <https://977wmoi.com/2022/05/bridgeways-senior-vice-president-of-disability-services-sandy-wood/>

Trilogy's First-response Alternative Crisis Team (FACT)

FACT is our new mobile crisis intervention team that provides an alternative to 911 intervention for mental health emergencies. The segment features interviews with Trilogy team members and 49th Ward Alderwoman Maria Hadden.

<https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/chicago-behavioral-health-care-organization-helps-residents-in-mental-distress?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1c185343-011c-45b4-9c05-924bca0507df>

INDUSTRY NEWS

America's mental health care deserts: Where is it hard to access care?

Hundreds of counties across the U.S. have no mental health care providers.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/americas-mental-health-care-deserts-hard-access-care/story?id=84301748>

The top 5 predictions about the future of health from leaders in the space

Leaders from IBM Watson Health, Apple, Salesforce, Bristol Myers Squibb, Pfizer, and more share some predictions for the future.

<https://fortune.com/2022/05/13/future-of-health-predictions-brainstorm-fortune-conference/>

States prepare for summer launch of new 988 suicide prevention number

This summer, every state will be rolling out 988 as the new National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number to call for mental health crises -- similar to how people can call 911 for medical emergencies. But in some states, questions remain around funding the transition, staffing call centers and having response teams ready.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/06/health/988-suicide-prevention-number-states-prepare/index.html>

Analysis: Seeking Balance in the Hyperactive Mental Health Tech Market

Rising demand for digital health solutions, increased awareness, and loosened regulations have led to a flurry of deal activity across all mental and behavioral health sectors, with average quarterly investment volume increasing 60% from pre-COVID to post-COVID, and average quarterly investment value skyrocketing 300%. Driving these trends are rising valuations, maturing companies raising larger rounds, and eager investors looking to deploy capital into the booming sector.

<https://hitconsultant.net/2022/05/13/hyperactive-mental-health-tech-market/>

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Frequent Check-Ins Build Employee Trust and Engagement

Feedback is the cornerstone of a good manager-employee relationship and 1:1 meetings can provide an avenue for two-directional communication. During times of stress or uncertainty, it's even more important to check in with employees.

<https://people-equation.com/one-simple-way-leaders-build-trust/>

How the Best Teams Keep Good Ideas Alive

In our work as researchers, consultants, and teachers, we've seen that "good intentions" aren't enough when it comes to implementing employees' ideas. Leaders have plenty of stories and tactics to encourage people to share their ideas — and as many reasons for rejecting them. Research shows that asking people to speak up without listening to what they say can be counterproductive.

<https://hbr.org/2022/05/how-the-best-teams-keep-good-ideas-alive>

5 Risky Imbalances That Keep Businesses From The Results They Expect

Constantly having to react to crises and regain ground is not healthy for growth nor transformation. Here's how to fix it.

<https://chiefexecutive.net/5-risky-imbances-that-keep-businesses-from-the-results-they-expect/>

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