

### [Disapproving male teenagers' choices can increase suicide risk](#)

The team observed 99 teenagers, who had been hospitalised out of fear of committing suicide, for six months of follow-up. Along the way they assessed the teens' sense of family and peer invalidation and found that a high perception of family invalidation led to future suicide events among boys and peer invalidation predicted future self harm, among teenagers. A moderate to high perception of family invalidation proved a statistically significant predictor of a later suicide event among boys, the findings showed.

### [HIV Prevention Drug Truvada Might Lower Genital Herpes Risk, Too](#)

A combination drug used to treat and prevent HIV -- Truvada -- may have an additional benefit: lowering the risk of a genital herpes infection, a new study suggests. Researchers found that African heterosexuals who were at risk of getting HIV from their partners were about 30 percent less likely to get infected with genital herpes if they took the drug tenofovir alone or with emtricitabine. Truvada is made from the combination of these two drugs. The study isn't likely to lead physicians to use tenofovir -- alone or in combination with emtricitabine -- solely to prevent herpes, one infectious-disease specialist said.

Medline Plus

June 30, 2014

### [AAP recommends STI screening for adolescents and young adults](#)

1. Prevalence rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are higher among adolescents and young adults than other age groups. Males who have sex with males (MSM) and non-white ethnicities carry a high proportion of the disease burden in this population.
2. All sexually active adolescent females should be screened for chlamydia ( $\leq 25$  years) and gonorrhea ( $< 25$  years) annually, and adolescent MSM should be screened for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis annually.

Two Minute Medicine

June 30, 2014

### [Boys as young as five report clear and unrealistic perceptions of the male body](#)

Schools are being urged to include both girls and boys in body image awareness, following a new Flinders University study which reveals boys believe they need to be big, strong and muscular to be a man.

Medical Xpress

June 27, 2014

### [Giving Boys A Bigger Emotional Toolbox](#)

Is America's dominant "man up" ethos a hypermasculine cultural construct, a tenet rooted in biological gender difference or something in between? Educator Ashanti Branch doesn't much care or, more accurately, doesn't have time to care. He's too busy trying to make a difference in boys' lives.

NPR

June 28, 2014

### [Three Myths Hurting Young Black Men and Boys](#)

In America today, there are three myths, three fundamentally misguided beliefs that are hurting our young black men and boys -- bright young people that I have been fortunate to meet in my time as Mayor of Philadelphia. These myths chip away at the opportunities of these young men of color. As a result, we're putting an entire generation at a severe

disadvantage and wasting the lives of millions of people who, with reasonable investment, could become vital contributors to our economy and society.

*Huffington Post*

June 25, 2014

### [France Retreats on Teaching Boy-Girl Equality](#)

France is scrapping a plan to teach children the "ABCD of equality" between boys and girls after protests by some parents who feared it was a stealth effort to erase gender differences ♦ a new example of the Socialist government's failure to stick to its promises and a growing ability of conservative Catholics to weigh on policy.

ABC News

June 30, 2014

### [Boys who self-harm at much higher risk of suicide](#)

The National Suicide Research Foundation study shows wide gender differences between boys and girls around self-harm and suicide, with boys who self-harm at a far higher risk of killing themselves later. The study, of 15-17-year-olds, found that for every 16 boys that are hospitalised for self-harming, one will die by suicide later. In contrast, one in every 162 girls who present at hospital after self-harming will later kill themselves.

*Irish Examiner*

June 28, 2014

### [Young men in crisis may not be crying out for help. But it's desperately needed](#)

Boys don't cry, or at least they're not supposed to. Yes, the old, unreconstructed machismo that was once all too synonymous with being a man has been partly driven back; men are more likely to open up and talk about their feelings. But discussing anxiety, depression and mental distress is still seen as weak or unmanly; the pressure to "man up" and "stop being such a woman" remains pervasive. And let's be frank: these expectations are killing all too many men.

*The Guardian*, July 2, 2014

### [Helping boys by making them think differently about girls](#)

*Hannah Marsh meets the male volunteers working with teenage boys to challenge negative gender stereotypes and potentially damaging ideas of masculinity*

We're in a three-hour workshop, part of the Great Initiative's Great Men project, set up to challenge traditional masculine stereotypes and engage men and boys on gender issues.

*The Telegraph*

June 27, 2014

### [Do Minority Men Access Mental Health Treatment?](#)

Researchers from the Royal Holloway University have found that male members of ethnic minority groups take longer to recover from mental illness than do white men, because the minorities are reluctant to seek professional help.

Decoded Science

June 22, 2014

### [As Antidepressant Warnings Toughened, Teen Suicide Attempts Rose: Study](#)

Teen suicide attempts rose nearly 22 percent after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned about dangers of antidepressants, a new study finds.

Medline Plus

June 19, 2013

### [1,000 women of color want women and girls included in 'My Brother's Keeper'](#)

More than 1,000 women of color have signed a letter calling for gender equality in President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" program, putting the White House on the defensive about its initiative aimed at improving the lives of at-risk boys and young men.

Washington Post

June 18, 2014

### [Obamacare May Mean Healthier Young Adults, Study Suggests](#)

*Coverage through parent's plan might also protect against medical costs, researchers say.*

A popular provision of the Affordable Care Act that allows young adults to stay on a parent's health insurance plan up to age 26 may be good for their health and financial security, a large study suggests. Having that coverage is associated with a 6.2 percentage-point increase in the probability of young adults reporting excellent health and 4 percentage-point gain in mental health, compared with a group of somewhat older peers, the study authors said.

Healthfinder.gov

June 17, 2014

### [Caffeine Affects Teen Boys, Girls Differently, Study Says](#)

Kids appear to process caffeine -- the stimulant in coffee, energy drinks and soda -- differently after puberty. Males then experience greater heart-rate and blood-pressure changes than females, a new study suggests. Although the differences are small, "even what we might consider low doses of caffeine can have an effect on heart rate and blood pressure in kids," said study lead author Jennifer Temple, an associate professor at the University at Buffalo in New York.

Medline Plus

June 16, 2014

### [Marriage, Cohabitation, and Men's Use of Preventive Health Care Services](#)

Among men aged 18-64, those who were married were more likely than cohabiting men and other not-married men to have had a health care visit in the past 12 months.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

June 15, 2014

### [Stricter Laws Might Reduce Aggressive Driving in Young Males: Study](#)

Stricter laws and more severe penalties for extreme speeding and aggressive driving appear to have dramatically reduced the number of speeding-related deaths and injuries among young men, a new study finds.

Medline Plus

June 14, 2014

### [Gay 'Hook-Up' Apps Tied to Higher STD Infection Rates: Study](#)

*Men who use smartphones to locate new sex partners may be prone to riskier encounters, researchers say*

Gay men who use smartphone apps such as Grindr or Scruff to find sexual partners are more likely to acquire certain sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) than if they meet partners in bars or clubs, a new study suggests.

Medline Plus

June 13, 2014

### [Canada: Schools axe 'he' and 'she' in favour of 'xe'](#)

The school board in the Canadian city has approved a new policy which allows pupils to be

referred to as "xe, xem and xyr" instead of "he or she", "him or her", and "his or hers". "We're standing up for kids and making our schools safer and more inclusive," board member Mike Lombardi [told the Vancouver Sun](#). Another change will allow children to choose to use any toilet facilities they prefer, including a mandatory unisex option.

BBC

June 18, 2014

### [\*\*The Guys Crisis: Boys are falling badly behind the girls at school\*\*](#)

Boys in elementary school have already, on average, fallen well behind girls in literacy skills. Boys still outperform girls in sciences and math but the gap is shrinking. By high school, girls' grade point average outshines that of boys. In Canada, women make up almost 60 per cent of university students. In 2011, 14,185 B.C. males aged 20-24 had no high school diploma, according to Statistics Canada.

The Province

June 16, 2014

### [\*\*Boys doing better in all-boys' schools\*\*](#)

NCEA data from 2010 to 2012 shows boys in state and state-integrated all-boys' schools are performing higher in NCEA level 2 assessments, university entrance and scholarship exams. The percentage of school boys leaving single sex schools without qualifications is much lower than in co-ed schools.

[stuff.ca.nz](#)

June 17, 2014

### [\*\*The friendship crisis: Why are boys so lonely and violent?\*\*](#)

While there's a lot of talk about the need for tighter gun control and better treatment of the mentally ill, the roots of this horrifying trend go much deeper. Our culture prizes independence over human connection. It devalues and even discourages close friendships, particularly among boys and men. And our definitions of manhood emphasize aggression, toughness and rugged individualism at the expense of girls, women and relationships.

*Washington Post*

June 13, 2014

### [\*\*Why teenage boys do stupid things\*\*](#)

An 18-year-old boy in Georgia [drowns](#) after he is tied to a shopping cart and pushed into a lake while horsing around with friends after his high school graduation. A young man, 19, [causes a multi-car accident](#) when he faints from holding his breath while driving through a tunnel in Portland, Ore. New data from the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows just how many teens engage in hazardous behavior.

CBS News

June 12, 2013

### [\*\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Release Health Risk Behavioral Surveillance 2013 Report\*\*](#)

The [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\)](#) monitors six types of health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults, including

- Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence
- Sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection

- Alcohol and other drug use
- Tobacco use
- Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- Inadequate physical activity

YRBSS also measures the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults.

YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by CDC and state, territorial, tribal, and local surveys conducted by state, territorial, and local education and health agencies and tribal governments.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

June 12, 2014

### [Circumcision on the rise despite hospital ban](#)

Circumcision rates for newborn boys in NSW have jumped by more than 30 per cent in the past two decades, and there is now a call for the procedure to be reintroduced in public hospitals. Sydney University professor of medicine Brian Morris claims the latest evidence shows the operation is "equivalent to childhood vaccination" and it is "unethical" not to offer the procedure to all parents as a matter of routine.

*The Sydney Morning Herald*

June 7, 2014

### ['Thank Goodness We Have Boys'](#)

I have a responsibility to raise gentlemen. To raise boys into men who think unequal pay for equal work just isn't fair. To raise men who don't think mommies stay home and daddies go to work. To raise men who are equal participants in the household and have the skills -- when they finally leave the nest -- to do their own laundry, cook a meal, clean a bathroom.

*Huffington Post*

June 8, 2014

### [Little boys need encouragement, too: Guest opinion](#)

But as I was running along, I had to wonder: Where were all the little boys? Is there a Boys on the Run organization? There is not. Is there anyone out there who thinks little boys might like to run, too, in a group? Running along, flanked by my sons and daughter and all their friends, high-fiving little boys and girls sitting along the sidelines, my typical running musings became more complex. This happens while running. Why were all these little boys on the sidelines? Who champions their cause now? Have we decided boys have had it too good for too long that now only girls need empowering? Only girls need to value fitness? Only girls need to feel like a champion? Does it have to be an either/or? Do we have to pick sides: boys or girls?

Oregon Live

June 7, 2014

### [Sperm size and shape in young men affected by cannabis use](#)

Young men who use cannabis may be putting their fertility at risk by inadvertently affecting the size and shape of their sperm according to research published today (Thursday 5 June 2014).

Health Canal

June 6, 2014

### [Why 200 Black Men Raised Concerns About Obama's Initiative Targeting Men and Boys of Color](#)

More than 200 black men have signed on to [a letter](#) expressing concerns about My Brother's Keeper, the initiative launched by President Obama and the philanthropic community earlier this year to address what the White House calls "[opportunity gaps](#)" facing young men and boys of color. The signers among them actor and activist Danny Glover, scholar Robin D.G. Kelley and author Kiese Laymon take issue with the \$200 million effort's exclusive focus on boys and men.

The Nation

June 6, 2014

### **[A Time for Action: Eleven Leading Philanthropies Announce Steps to Expand Opportunities for Young Men of Color](#)**

*Recommendations and initial funding commitments set stage for long-term effort to ensure success in health, education and employment*

Eleven of the nation's leading philanthropies today announced a bold plan of action to maximize the potential of the private sector to improve life outcomes for America's boys and young men of color. The plan is bolstered by \$194 million in initial investments in key initiatives, including programs to enhance school learning environments and reduce the overrepresentation of young people in the justice system. These investments build on existing efforts by foundations to expand educational opportunities, increase access to technology, and build pathways to jobs and economic opportunities in underserved communities.

Digital Journal

June 6, 2014

### **[How Boys Teach Each Other to Be Boys](#)**

*Taking cues from family and media, young boys teach their peers how to perform masculinity, to their detriment.*

What makes a male child become a "boy," as we understand that concept socially? In her new book, [When Boys Become Boys](#), Judy Y. Chu reports on her two-year study in which she followed a group of boys from pre-kindergarten through first grade. She concluded that most of what we think of as "boy" behavior isn't natural or authentic to boys, but is something they learn to perform.

*The Atlantic*

June 6, 2014

### **[The Crisis in Manhood that Goes Far Beyond Elliot Rodger](#)**

Seldom, though, do we dig deeper. Why are we creating so many angry young men? What can we learn from this tragic incident that makes us look not just at the Elliots, *but at all of us*?

The Shriver Report

June 4, 2014

### **[Boys of Divorced Parents Twice as Likely to Be Obese](#)**

And for boys, the likelihood of unhealthy weight was even higher. They were 63% more likely to be generally overweight than boys with married parents. And they were 104% more likely to have too much weight on their waist.

*Time*

June 4, 2014

### **[Remove Systemic Barriers So Boys and Young Men of Color Can Succeed](#)**

The report also acknowledges that, to achieve equity, we must target solutions to the specific populations that need them the most, wisely recommending that the government

must "close gaps in data collection for currently invisible populations." It identifies challenges faced by particular groups, such as Black, Latino, Native American, Southeast Asian, and gay and transgender boys and young men of color.

*Huffington Post*

June 3, 2014

### **[Among New Smokers, Teen Boys More Likely to Quit Than Girls: Study](#)**

The study included 620 boys and girls in Montreal, aged 12 and 13, who had recently started smoking at least occasionally. Just over 40 percent of the teens said their parents smoked, nearly 90 percent had friends who smoked and about 80 percent said they often saw their teachers or other school staff smoking.

Health Day

June 3, 2014

### **[Boys need help to break the cycle of crime](#)**

Research shows that boys with a convicted father are more likely to commit a criminal offence themselves. Neil Lyndon, whose father spent time in prison, had a lucky escape.

The Telegraph

June 3, 2014

### **[Why are preschools expelling black boys?](#)**

In a section titled "Keeping Young Children in School and on Track," the authors of the report, called "My Brother's Keeper Task Force Report to the President," urged that something be done to reduce the number of black kids who are suspended or expelled from preschool.

[app.com](#)

June 2, 2014

### **[Why the decision to circumcise should be left in the hands of the family](#)**

What should a new or prospective parent consider when trying to decide whether to have their son circumcised? I don't think there is a single simple answer for all parents (is there ever?). So let's examine the evidence.

*The Globe and Mail*

June 2, 2014

### **[Online games addiction a cause of poor mental health?](#)**

"There is growing evidence that young men are more likely than young women to spend excessive amounts of time gaming which can have negative effects on their [mental health](#). This includes addiction and depression and can lead to difficulties with social relationships," she said.

Medical Xpress

June 2, 2014

### **[No wonder young men have a problem with self-esteem](#)**

Overstimulated by technology, warped by porn, lacking male role models, bombarded by perfect body images, it's no surprise that teenage boys struggle as much as girls when it comes to self-image

The emotional needs of young women have (quite rightly) been discussed at length by experts, journalists and politicians over the past five years. Yet what those who present low self-esteem and body insecurity as "feminist" issues fail to grasp is that their male counterparts are struggling just as much, they are simply less able to articulate their needs. After all, generations of social conditioning tells us that men don't "do" feelings.

*The Telegraph*  
June 2, 2014

### [Scientists Spot Clues to Why Males Have Tougher Time in the Womb](#)

A new study suggests that the placenta -- the organ that connects the developing fetus to the mother and provides nourishment in the womb -- plays a major role in creating differences that go beyond the obvious physical differences between the genders. "Our research has found that there are undeniable genetic and physiological differences between boys and girls that extend beyond just the development of their sexual characteristics," study co-author Claire Roberts, leader of the fetal growth research priority for the University of Adelaide's Robinson Research Institute in Australia, said in an university news release.

Health Day  
May 30, 2014

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*The Sydney Morning Herald*  
June 7, 2014

### [Some young South African men become casualties during botched rite of passage into manhood](#)

In 2012, Asanda lost his penis to gangrene in a botched circumcision ritual performed by a traditional surgeon wielding the same spear on more than a dozen initiates. He was an unusual case among thousands of men hospitalized after such ceremonies in past years because he broke a code of secrecy about the tradition and spoke out in protest. For that, he endured public humiliation and even a severe beating a few months ago.

*US News*  
June 4, 2014

### [Boston: Minority Boys Need City's Attention](#)

A sobering study completed recently by Tufts University Professor James Jennings predicts a nightmare for the city's black and Latino boys as they approach adulthood, posing the question: "If we don't [intervene] then how can Boston become a great city for all?"

*Boston Herald*  
May 30, 2014

### [Teenaged boys become first joint US spelling champions in half a century](#)

Two American teenagers of South Asian descent made spelling history on Thursday when they became the first co-winners of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in more than half a century. Ansun Sujoe, 13, and Sriram Hathwar, 14, hoisted the glittering gold cup together after they saw off 10 other finalists before taking turns to exhaust the competition's demanding word list.

*Gulf Times*  
May 30, 2014

### [Cialis Raises Hopes for Boys with DMD](#)

Tadalafil, also known as Cialis and Adcirca, is a drug designed to increase bloodpressure in



the lungs and help erectile dysfunction (ED). Although it is not a cure for ED, tadalafil has raised the hope for those suffering from Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), a fatal genetic condition that affects boys.

Guardianlv.com

May 30, 2014

### [Administration Lays Out Ways Groups Can Support Program for Minority Men](#)

The Obama administration announced recommendations on Friday on how public and private entities can participate in a White House initiative meant to support minority men and boys, including a move to focus on summer jobs and recruit adults who can serve as mentors.

*New York Times*

May 30, 2014

### [Magic Johnson to help lead effort for black and Hispanic young men](#)

President Obama will announce Friday that he has tasked former basketball star and entrepreneur Earvin "Magic" Johnson with co-leading a private effort focused on supporting boys and young men of color. Johnson will join Joe Echevarria, chief executive of Deloitte, in captaining the effort, known as ["My Brother's Keeper."](#)

*Washington Post*

May 30, 2014

### [Obama urges national commitment to help boys of color](#)

On Friday, the White House released the task force's first report -- a recitation of the challenges faced by young black, Hispanic and Native American males struggling with a legacy of poverty and accompanying hardship, as well as ways to help them persevere and succeed.

CNN

May 30, 2014

### ['Concerning pattern' of teen boys regularly viewing online porn: Canadian study](#)

A survey of thousands of young Canadian students across the country found a "concerning pattern" of teenaged boys seeking out pornography regularly, according to the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, while accounts of "sexting" were also commonplace.

*Montreal Gazette*

May 29, 2014

### [Boys Are Just as Likely as Girls to Send Sexts of Themselves, Reveals a New Study on Young People, Sexuality and the Internet](#)

There is little gender difference in those youth who have sent a sext of themselves - defined as "a sexy, nude or partially nude photo" - to someone, although sexts of boys are more likely to be forwarded,- according to a study of Canadian students released today by MediaSmarts. Boys are also more likely than girls to have forwarded a sext sent to them and are twice as likely to report having received a sext that was forwarded by someone other than the original creator.

Digital Journal

May 29, 2014

### [The Almost Forgotten Sex Crime Victims: Boys](#)

Discussion about the plight of sexually victimized boys and young male teens has been virtually absent from the national conversation. We all understand the horror and lifelong scars a rape can cause to, say, a 12-year-old female. But there remains this idea that if it

happens to a 12-year-old boy they are somehow more able to handle it, less psychologically damaged by the victimization. Some of the ill-informed even believe the boy is "lucky" to have been introduced to the joys of sex so early.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

*Huffington Post*

May 29, 2014

### [Youth Sports Concussions Initiatives Announced by White House](#)

Initiatives by public and private sector organizations related to youth sports concussions, some of which were announced Thursday by President Barack Obama:

ABC News

May 29, 2014

### [Lifting Up Black Boys: What the Experts Say](#)

They had come for the 8th annual conference of an organization called Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color, known in the trade as COSEBOC (pronounced like "close block" without the L's). Over the last decade, COSEBOC has become known as the nation's leading repository for research and practices that work best in educating black boys, and the crowd at Jackson state was the largest COSEBOC has drawn in the eight years of the conference.

Jackson Free Press

May 28, 2014

### [The brain's reaction to male odor shifts at puberty in children with gender dysphoria](#)

The brains of children with gender dysphoria react to androstadienone, a musky-smelling steroid produced by men, in a way typical of their biological sex, but after puberty according to their experienced gender, finds a study for the first time in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Endocrinology*. Around puberty, the testes of men start to produce androstadienone, a breakdown product of testosterone. Men release it in their sweat, especially from the armpits. Its only known function is to work like a pheromone: when women smell androstadienone, their mood tends to improve, their blood pressure, heart rate, and breathing go up, and they may become aroused.

Science Codex

May 28, 2014

### [SORRY BOYS: Watch a lot of porn? Your brain might suffer](#)

*Men who get their fix on the regular tend to have reduced brain buzzing in certain areas, scientists say. It's the first study linking porn and a reduction in brain size and activity.*

It's not clear, for example, whether watching porn leads to brain changes or whether people born with certain brain types watch more porn, said Simone Kühn, the study's lead author from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin, in an email.

*New York Daily News*

May 28, 2014

### [Psychiatric risks differ for boys and girls: brain blood flow diverges in puberty](#)

Though cerebral blood flow levels decrease in the same way for both boys and girls before puberty, new research reveals that they differ significantly during puberty; levels increase in females and decrease in males. Researchers say their findings give clues to sex-specific susceptibilities to certain psychiatric disorders, such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.

Medical News Today

May 28, 2014

### [Doctors call for stricter limits on checking in youth hockey](#)

Body checking should be kept out of youth hockey until boys are at least 15 years old, pediatricians said on Monday. Even then, they added, it should be restricted to the highest levels of competition.

*New York Times*

May 27, 2014

### [Lebanon, a land of fat boys: study](#)

After ranking highly on a string of top 10 lists, Lebanon can now add being one of the fattest countries for young boys to its list of achievements.

*Daily Star*

May 29, 2014

### [Recommendations Updated for Child, Adolescent Drug Testing](#) (PDF)

Drug testing is often used in children and adolescents but is invasive and can yield limited information, and results are easily misinterpreted, according to a clinical report from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The report, published online May 26 in *Pediatrics*, provides guidance on the use of drug testing for pediatricians and other clinicians.

Medscape

May 26, 2014

### [Gender Segregation in Education May Do More Harm Than Good](#)

In all the districts, the programs were based on the premise that hardwired physiological and development differences between boys and girls required different teaching methods. Teachers in single-sex classes incorporated gender stereotypes about capabilities and interests into their lessons. These included ideas that girls were not interested in math and boys preferred non-fiction reading material.

[care2.com](#)

May 24, 2014

### [NEW BOY SCOUTS LEADER: I WOULD HAVE ALLOWED GAY ADULTS IN SCOUTING](#)

Robert Gates, the new president of the Boy Scouts of America and former secretary of defense, said Friday that he would have moved last year to allow openly gay adults in the organization a step further than the Scouts ultimately took but said he opposes any further attempts to address the policy now.

Al Jazeera

May 24, 2014

### [NIDA releases updated tools to help parents talk to teens about marijuana](#)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has released an updated set of resources to help parents "sort out marijuana myths from science based facts," according to a statement released May 20 by the National Institutes of Health.

Family Practice News

May 22, 2014

### [Scientists seek to identify predictors of risky behaviors among teenagers](#)

In fact, the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among adolescents in the United States involve decisions to engage in risky behaviors, including tobacco, alcohol, and drug use, as well as sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and [sexually transmitted diseases](#). Individual differences do exist, of course and that's in part what has the research team so intrigued. "We need to understand why a subset of adolescents are at risk for making the poor decisions that lead to drug addiction, sexually transmitted diseases,

and other problematic health outcomes," said Jungmeen Kim-Spoon, an associate professor of psychology at Virginia Tech and the other study leader. "Identifying the adolescents most at risk is a critical public health priority."

Medical Xpress

May 22, 2014

### [Pay Attention To Teen Health - PAHO/WHO](#)

A new report from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) is revealing that the health of today's youth across the globe is being threatened by ten leading factors.

The Gleaner

May 21, 2014

### [How Teen Social Life Affects Drug Abuse \(And How Drug Abuse Affects Social Life\)](#)

A [study published](#) in the journal *Psychopharmacology* shows a common denominator: when a teen's social life turns south, drug abuse can follow. The opposite is also true, that drug abuse itself can destroy a teen's otherwise successful social life.

[psychcentral.com](#), May 20, 2014

### [Bisexual male teens exhibit riskiest sexual behavior](#)

Sexual health disparities emerge early in life and vary by sexual orientation and behaviors. Male teens who identify themselves as bisexual exhibit the riskiest sexual behaviors of all sexual orientations, according to study findings in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Helio

May 20, 2014

### ["Busy Boys, Little Ladies": This Is What Single-Sex Education Is Really Like](#)

Supporters of single-sex education in public schools claim that it's meant to provide the best education to both boys and girls. Critics worry that it reinforces gender stereotypes and ignores individual differences or the general needs all kids have, regardless of gender. Now a new complaint [by the ACLU of Florida against the state's second largest school district](#) suggests the critics were not only right, but may have underestimated how serious the problem is.

Slate.com

May 20, 2014

### [Read, Kids, Read](#)

I was crestfallen on Monday, when a new [report](#) by Common Sense Media came out.

It [showed](#) that 30 years ago, only 8 percent of 13-year-olds and 9 percent of 17-year-olds said that they "hardly ever" or never read for pleasure. Today, 22 percent of 13-year-olds and 27 percent of 17-year-olds say that. Fewer than 20 percent of 17-year-olds now read for pleasure "almost every day." Back in 1984, 31 percent did. What a marked and depressing change.

*New York Times*

May 12, 2014

### [Can reading make you smarter?](#)

There is evidence that reading can increase levels of all three major categories of intelligence. I believe my discovery of Spider-Man and other comic books turned me into a straight-A student

The Guardian

January 23, 2014

### [War on Boys](#)

What ever happened to letting "boys be boys?" Take these two cases: In one, a seven-year-old boy was sent home for nibbling a Pop Tart into a gun. In another, a teacher was so alarmed by a picture drawn by a student (of a sword fight), that the boy's parents were summoned in for a conference. In short, boys in America's schools are routinely punished for being active, competitive, and restless. In other words, boys can no longer be boys. Christina Hoff Sommers, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, explains how we can change this.

May 19, 2014

### [Anorexia claiming boys as young as age 7, amid unhealthy obsession with body image](#)

A TV presenter recently told of her six-year-old son doing sit-ups to try to get a "six-pack", she said. "Boys are turning to exercise, proteins powders and substance abuse (steroids)." The Australian

May 27, 2014

### [Suicide: One of top killers of young Finnish men](#)

*Three out of four adolescent suicides are committed by boys, with one of the main triggers being heartbreak brought on by the end of a romantic relationship.* According to a recently published report by the Finnish Safety Investigation Authority, mental health issues are at the heart of suicides by minors. Three out of four adolescent suicides are committed by boys, with one of the main triggers being heartbreak owing to the end of a romantic relationship. Adolescent boys find it more difficult to speak about their sorrows, and romantic break-ups negatively affect their self-confidence.

yle.fi

May 19, 2014

### [#BringBackOurGirls Misses the Real Story About What's Happening to Nigeria's Boys](#)

Back in February, Boko Haram [killed 59 schoolboys](#) between the ages of 11 and 18. Last September, they killed [50 young men](#) between 18 and 22 as they slept in their dorms. Last June, they [killed 60 schoolboys](#) between the ages of 10 and 16. Schools have been their targets for the last year, and the boys are not spared.

Policymic.com

May 21, 2014

### [Book review of The Sex EDyclopedia: An informative book for teen boys and their parents](#)

This book goes well beyond the basic birds and bees conversation you had with your tween. Langford says that it is intended for boys ages 14-20. I would stick with those guidelines.

This is for teens, not tweens.

Chicago Now

May 20, 2014

### [Sperm, Semen Defects May Be Linked to Shorter Life Spans](#)

Men rendered infertile due to defects in their semen and sperm are more likely to die early than men with normal semen, new research suggests.

Healthfinder

May 16, 2014

### [Concussion Rates Double Among High School Athletes: Report](#)

*Experts say rise likely reflects increased awareness, more legislation about concussions*

The rate of concussions in U.S. high school athletes more than doubled between 2005 and 2012, new research shows. The trend probably reflects an increased awareness and more legislation governing concussions in student athletes, and not more danger in sports, the study authors noted.

Medline Plus

May 15, 2014

### [Balancing culture, religion and health: the legal framework for male circumcision](#)

Male circumcision is an age-old practice that carries different meanings for men and women from both the cultural and religious perspectives. In some African cultures (eg, Xhosa), male circumcision is seen as a rite of passage into adulthood; it also has religious connotations and is widely practised by Jews and Muslims, although less so among Christians

International Law Office

May 14, 2014

### [Car Accidents Number One Killer Of Teens Worldwide, With Boys Dying More Often Than Girls](#)

Although teen health concerns often focus on pregnancy rates, a new report from the World Health Organization suggests that far greater dangers lurk. WHO's "Health for the world's adolescents" has identified car crashes as the number one cause of death, with some 330 teens dying each and every day.

Medical Daily

May 14, 2014

### [Depression is destroying adolescents worldwide, warns WHO](#)

Depression is the main cause of diseases and disability in boys and girls aged 10 to 19. This is the main and worrying finding of [WHO](#), that also lists the three main causes of death among them, in the order: road [traffic injuries, HIV/AIDS and suicide](#).

West info, EU

May 14, 2014

### [Complications rare with baby circumcisions, rise with age](#)

There are few reported complications after boys are circumcised during their first year of life, but the risk rises considerably if the procedure is performed later in childhood, according to a new analysis published on Monday.

Reuters

May 12, 2014

### [App for Bipolar Disorder Being Tested](#)

*Smartphone device uses voice analysis for early warning, researchers report*

A smartphone app that uses voice analysis to detect mood changes in people with bipolar disorder is being tested by researchers.

Bipolar disorder is a mental illness that causes extreme emotional highs and lows. It affects millions of people worldwide and can have serious consequences, including suicide.

Health Day

May 12, 2014

### [Boys Will Be Boys: You Can't Hide Your Gender in Video Games](#)

Boys will be boys online, according to a new study of players of the massive multiplayer online game "[World of Warcraft](#)." Men who play using female avatars still display male

patterns of movement, the [research](#) shows. And they don't act quite as feminine as actual female players during [chat](#) conversations, either.

Live Science  
May 9, 2014

### **[Syphilis Cases Climbing Among Gay Men: CDC](#)**

Cases of the sexually transmitted disease, once almost eliminated in the United States, have more than doubled among gay and bisexual men since the year 2000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

HealthFinder  
May 7, 2014

### **[For young athletes, more concussions reported](#)**

Between 2005 and 2012, concussions among high school athletes became more common with every passing academic year, according to a new U.S. study.

Reuters  
May 7, 2014

### **[The American Red Cross, seeing more males taking child care classes, added boys to course material](#)**

With more families entrusting young children to the care of male baby sitters, teenage boys many who couldn't care less about old notions of gender roles are discovering an enjoyable alternative to mowing lawns for extra cash.

*Wall Street Journal*  
May 7, 2014

### **[Intake of Sports And Energy Drinks Tied to Unhealthy and Negative Behaviour](#)**

Researchers at the [University of Minnesota](#), in collaboration with researchers at Duke [University](#), found that an adolescent's weekly intake of sports beverages such as Revive, Isostar, Gatorade and other such energy drinks was tied to a cluster of unhealthy behavior that includes cigarette smoking, excessive intake of sugar sweetened beverages and screen media use.

*Science World Report*  
May 6, 2014

### **[U.S. is 20,000 Short on Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists](#)**

According to the latest numbers at least 1 in 5 American youth live with a serious mental disorder a dramatic increase from ten years ago. Of that number, only about 20 percent receive evaluation and treatment by a medical professional, with only a fraction ever having the opportunity to meet with a specialist.

Chronicle of Social Change  
May 6, 2014

### **[Kids who abuse substance face greater health risks](#)**

If teenagers are caught drinking alcohol or using marijuana at school, meeting the teachers or principals may not be enough. They must be screened for exposure to trauma, mental health problems and other serious health risks, a study indicated.

INSlive  
May 6, 2014

### [Why Is the Math Gender Gap So Much Worse in the US Than in Other Countries?](#)

Could it be the boy crisis? A new international [study](#) released last week shows that during the past 100 years, the first in which girls have been educated en masse, girls have outperformed boys academically. I'm going to write here about what that may mean in terms of what grades are rewarding or about how that fact hasn't led to the dismantling of institutional male dominance. This is just about math and what our persistent gender gap means.

*Huffington Post*  
May 5, 2014

### [HPV VACCINE FOR BOYS: SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES DENY COVERAGE](#)

A vital vaccine for kids may be covered for your daughter, but not for your son. Some insurance companies consider the HPV vaccine experimental for boys -- even though it's recommended by the federal government as one of the best ways to prevent certain types of cancer later in life.

ABC  
May 5, 2014

### [Discrimination cited for low minority representation in academic posts](#)

A new study analyzing possible discrimination along the "pathway" into doctoral programs at the nation's top universities ♦ including the University of Iowa and Iowa State University ♦ supports that theory by showing "widespread" discrimination against underrepresented populations.

*The Gazette*  
May 5, 2014

### [Mental health problems mediate link between childhood trauma, aggression](#)

Hoeve and colleagues found a significant direct link between maltreatment and proactive aggression ( $P < .05$ ), but there was no direct link between maltreatment and reactive aggression. Instead, they found the association was mediated by mental health problems.

Helio  
May 5, 2014

### [Vision problems caused by concussion often overlooked](#)

A vision examination to specifically evaluate oculomotor function should be considered in the evaluation for concussion, according to findings presented here at the 2014 Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting.

Helio  
May 4, 2014

### [Many Ivy League Students Admit Using ADHD Drugs for Better Grades: Study](#)

*18 percent surveyed said they've used meds like Adderall to stay alert when cramming*  
Almost one in five Ivy League college students acknowledge they've used stimulants to perform better in school even though they haven't been diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), a new study shows. Varsity athletes and students in fraternities and sororities were more likely to report using the medications.

Medline Plus  
May 2, 2014



### [Sexualisation a danger to teen health](#)

*The latest report on adolescent sex is positive but not entirely reassuring.*

In the past decade, the American Psychologists Association and similar groups have expressed grave concerns about the sexualisation of children, declaring it to be the greatest single danger to their mental health. The term sexualisation, as opposed to sexuality, describes the fact that while we are all born sexual, some of us have sex thrust upon us.

The Age

May 5, 2014

### [Boys in Chairs: Navigating Our Sex, Sexuality and Sex Appeal in Attendant Care Programs](#)

Before delving into it too far, I feel it's important to unpack what I mean when I say "attendant care." I live in what is known as supportive housing -- that is, I live in rent-subsidized housing wherein care is provided in part by the state/province and charitable organizations. This means that I have personal support workers come in to assist me with my activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, toileting, etc.). These individuals are not nurses, nor can they do anything medical. That said, they have seen me in all states of undress (let that visual sink in) and have helped me with my more intimate care needs (showering, etc.). In many of these programs, sex and sexuality are not talked about in any capacity.

*Huffington Post*

May 3, 2014

### [Do schools really have a 'boy problem'?](#)

*Yes, education has a gender issue, but "fidgety" boys aren't the cause*

According to a [new paper from](#) the Third Way, a Washington-based research group, there is a correlation between college graduation rates and the behavior gap between young boys and girls. The paper's authors, Thomas DiPrete and Claudia Buchmann, argue that the gender gap in behavioral skills "is considerably larger than the gap between children from poor families and middle class families or the gap between black and white children."

The Week

May 2, 2014

### [Teachers' Tactics and Test Performance](#)

Motivation and test performance among high school students may suffer when teachers place their focus on the consequences of failure, as opposed to the benefits of success new research suggests.

Medline Plus

May 2, 2014

### [Overweight Teens Feel Stigmatized, Bullied: Study](#)

*British survey finds some young people link excess weight to laziness and lack of self-control*

"The perspectives of young people in the U.K., when synthesized across the spectrum of body sizes, paint a picture of a stigmatizing and abusive social world," researchers from the Institute of Education at the University of London wrote.

Medline Plus

May 1, 2014

### [It All Comes Back to the Reading Gap](#)

When President Obama announced an initiative focused on young men of color, he shared a statistic that took my breath away: 86 percent of African American boys can't read

proficiently in fourth grade, compared to 58 percent of white peers.  
Huffington Post  
May 1, 2014

### [News Coverage of Teen Suicides May Have Ripple Effect](#)

*Study finds possible link between prominent stories and copy-cat deaths*

Looking at several dozen teen suicide "clusters" that struck various U.S. communities, researchers found evidence that local newspaper coverage might have contributed in some cases.

Medline Plus  
May 1, 2014

### [The Masculine Mystique](#)

Bullying may be why gay and bisexual boys are using steroids at five times the rate of straight-identified boys. A recent study published in *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, has raised alarms about the way some gay teens are responding to bullying.

Researchers analyzed government surveys from 2005 to 2007 of boys whose age averaged 16, 4% of whom self-identified as gay or bisexual. While only 4% of the survey's straight respondents said they used steroids, 21% of the gay ones did.

*The Advocate*  
April 29, 2014

### [A Link Between Fidgety Boys and a Sputtering Economy](#)

All of which makes the comparisons between boys and girls in the same categories fairly striking: The gap in behavioral skills between young girls and boys is even bigger than the gap between rich and poor.

*New York Times*  
April 30, 2014

### [Body image isn't just a 'girl thing': Boys suffer too](#)

Obsessing about weight, worrying about physical flaws, or just aspiring to take a perfect selfie isn't just a "girl thing." Negativity about our body image has no gender boundaries and, increasingly, research shows it's an issue for boys, too.

Today  
April 30, 2014

### [Girls Make Better Grades Than Boys, But Boys Score Higher On Standardized Achievement Tests](#)

One of the most disturbing topics in [education](#) today is the seeming disparity between grades in math and science for boys and girls. A new study from the University of New Brunswick, however, reveals that girls have made higher grades than boys throughout their school careers for nearly a century, despite stereotypes.

Red Orbit

### [Professional Help: Understanding the teenage mind](#)

Adolescents do know about danger, but because of altering dopamine levels and hyper-rational thinking, the danger is perceived as not that important. So, with substance abuse, they just don't care. Siegel says, "They just consider the risk so unimportant, that it doesn't weigh on them at all."

*Vancouver Sun*  
April 28, 2014

[Accidents, suicide among most common causes of children's deaths in Finland](#)

Accidents such as drowning and road incidents were the leading cause of non-natural deaths among minors, according to Finland's Safety Investigation Authority. The accident investigators said suicides were the second most common cause of non-natural death and were committed mostly by boys.

*Alaska Dispatch*  
April 29, 2014

[Friends Can Be Dangerous](#)

The [paper in question](#), written with my former student Margo Gardner, appeared in the journal *Developmental Psychology* in July 2005. It described a study in which we randomly assigned subjects to play a video driving game, either alone or with two same-age friends watching them. The mere presence of peers made teenagers take more risks and crash more often, but no such effect was observed among adults.

*New York Times*  
April 25, 2014

[AACAP announces policy statement opposing marijuana legalization](#)

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) released a policy statement opposing efforts to legalize marijuana.

Your Houston News  
April 25, 2014

[Military suicide: Often young, white men with guns](#)

The Pentagon released final data on military suicides during 2012, painting a general picture of those more likely to take their own lives: Young, white men who used a gun and often had some history of mental health issues.

San Jose Mercury News  
April 25, 2014

[CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND OFFICE OF POPULATION AFFAIRS RELEASE FIRST SET OF COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR MALE FAMILY PLANNING AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES](#)

"These recommendations can serve as the foundation for further clinical recommendations and guidelines that advance male health. They will also help spur research that identifies and addresses gaps in our knowledge about males' health care needs." said Dennis Barbour, executive director of the Partnership for Male Youth. "They also underscore the importance of our [health provider toolkit for adolescent and young adult males](#) that we released earlier this year."

The Partnership for Male Youth  
April 24, 2014

[Measles on Upswing Despite Vaccines' Effectiveness: CDC](#)

Vaccinations have prevented an estimated 732,000 deaths, 21 million hospitalizations and 322 million illnesses among U.S. children born in the last 20 years, according to a government report released Thursday.

Medline Plus  
April 24, 2014

### [Bullying Rates Drop Among American Teens: Study](#)

American teens are much less likely to engage in bullying than they were a decade ago, new research suggests.

Healthfinder.gov

April 24, 2014

[Large Number of Boys on Prescription Drugs for Mental Health Issues](#) Newly released data from the National Center for Health Statistics finds more than seven percent of children ages 6 to 17 have used prescription medication during the past six months for emotional or behavioral difficulties. More boys than girls were using these medications according to the National Health Interview Survey 2011-2012. The survey finds 9.7 percent of boys used prescribed medication for emotional or behavioral issues compared to 5.2 percent of females. The highest percentage was among white children followed by blacks then Hispanics.

[wsbradio.com](#)

April 24, 2014

### [SEXUALITY MATTERS: The masculine man ♠ is he more than just a sexual beast?](#)

Men are often perceived as insatiable sexual beasts driven by a sex drive that renders them powerless to think and operate without it. Reportedly, men think about sex an astounding 8,000 times a day. However, is the key to understanding men really as simple as recognizing their urges?

Delaware News Network

April 22, 2014

### [Brief screening instrument for adolescent substance abuse shows promise](#)

A new screening test has shown promise in successfully identifying substance use in adolescents, which is crucial to pediatricians as even low levels of usage may indicate a need to intervene, according to Sharon M. Kelly, Ph.D., of Friends Research Institute in Baltimore, and her associates.

Clinical Psychiatry News

April 22, 2014

### [Too Much Codeine Still Prescribed to U.S. Kids: Study](#)

Emergency room physicians still hand out hundreds of thousands of codeine prescriptions for children every year, despite warnings that kids' responses to codeine vary wildly and the drug can cause an accidental overdose, a new study finds.

Medline Plus

April 21, 2014

### [Half of jailed NYC youths have a brain injury, study shows](#)

About half of all 16- to 18-year-olds coming into New York City's jails say they had a traumatic brain injury before being incarcerated, most caused by assaults, according to a new study that's the latest in a growing body of research documenting head trauma among young offenders.

Fox News

April 21, 2014

### [The shocking number of new STD cases each year](#)

Nearly 20 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases occur every year in the U.S., according to a recent report by the CDC. That's over 54,000 new cases per day!

And unfortunately, that number has been increasing in recent years, according to Lynn

Barclay, President and CEO of the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA).  
Fox News  
April 21, 2014

### **[Teen dating abuse is common and complex, studies say](#)**

More than a third of teen guys and girls say they've been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their dating relationships, according to new, unpublished data from a nationwide survey. Similar numbers of both sexes say they've been abusers. *USA Today*  
April 17, 2014

### **[Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Expands Male Health Services Under the Affordable Care Act](#)**

Under the new clarification Medicare will reimburse at the 90% level under the ACA for male contraceptive and STI counseling services, regardless of whether they are provided as "follow up" to a family planning visit.  
The Partnership for Male Youth  
April 17, 2014

### **[Girly Girls, Manly Men Have Higher Cancer Risk](#)**

Manly boys and girly girls are more likely to engage in behaviors that increase their risk of cancer, according to a new [study](#). New research reveals that 'feminine' girls and 'masculine' boys are significantly more likely to engage in behaviors that boost cancer risks.,  
Counsel and Heal  
April 16, 2014

### **[Boys taught it is OK to cry](#)**

Perth boys will be taught that it is acceptable to cry and encouraged to express their feelings as part of a pilot program to be held next month.  
The West Australian  
April 22, 2014

### **[Breaking the silence: why we should be talking about male eating disorders](#)**

An eating disorder doesn't consider your gender. It is indiscriminate.  
New Statesman  
April 16, 2014

### **[Trafficked Boys Overlooked](#)**

Still, males remain a largely invisible population within the dialogue on sex trafficking. According to a [2008 study by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice](#), in fact, boys comprised about 50 percent of sexually exploited children in a sample study done in New York, with most being domestic victims.  
Juvenile Justice Information Exchange  
April 14, 2014

### **[11-year-old boy's suicide attempt part of epidemic](#)**

Eleven weeks later, the brown-eyed boy who should be in school with his peers now stares blankly into space from bed after his suicide attempt left him in a persistent vegetative state.  
*USA Today*  
April 14, 2014

### **[Teen suicide: Adults need to listen to kids, and it's time to talk about the issue](#)**

Suicides, for the most part, remain in the shadows.

Unless the dead person was famous or the death occurred in a public place, the suicide is seldom noted

Friends and relatives don't necessarily want to talk about it, even though suicide is the third-leading cause of death among American teens.

*Washington Post*

April 14, 2014

### **[Increasing Opportunities for Latino Boys and Men](#)**

When President Obama announced his initiative [My Brother's Keeper](#), one of the main goals was to spur organizations to expand their efforts to focus on resources for young boys and men of color. Across the country, some community groups working with Latino young men are seeing the opportunity to expand their reach after receiving additional funding.

NBC News

April 11, 2014

### **[My Gay Brother's Keeper](#)**

For a boy or young man of color already struggling with limited economic resources and the daily realities of racism, imagine how difficult it is to also struggle with the realization that one's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression do not conform to the norm.

Imagine how few options that boy has if his own family rejects him.

*Huffington Post*

April 11, 2014

### **[Black Male Youth: Moving from surviving to thriving](#)** [Commentary]

Now, more than a month after the initiative's announcement, it's time to get to work. So what will it take for boys of color to choose to thrive and not just survive?

*Baltimore Sun*

April 11, 2014

### **[The college degree gap: women earned a majority of degrees at all levels in 2012, and the degree gap for blacks is stunning](#)**

For all four degree levels and for all four race/ethnicity groups, women earned a majority of college degrees in 2012. Overall in 2012, women earned 59% of all college degrees, which also means that 142 women received a college degree at some level for every 100 men.

Carpe Diem

April 11, 2014

### **[An Update on the President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative](#)**

The first phase of the initiative has already begun in earnest and we want to provide an update on our progress to date and a sense of what to expect in the near future.

The White House

April 9, 2014

### **[Dear Parents, You Are Being Lied To](#)**

In light of [recent outbreaks](#) of measles and other vaccine preventable illnesses, and the refusal of anti-vaccination advocates to acknowledge the problem, I thought it was past time for this post.

*Huffington Post*

April 8, 2014

### [Indigenous Elders reeling from suicide deaths](#)

Aboriginal people now make up 50 per cent of all suicides that take place in the Northern Territory, and 10 to 24 years old males make up 80% of the deaths from suicide. That's up from five percent 20 years ago and, for the Elders, the pain is unbearable, writes Keiren McLeonard.

ABC Net

April 15, 2014

### [More teens abstaining from alcohol](#)

A broad change in drinking behaviour has occurred among Australian adolescents in the last decade. The percentage of Australians aged 14-17 who do not drink alcohol has increased from almost 33% in 2001 to over 50% in 2010, research from UNSW's National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) shows.

Health Canal

April 10, 2014

### [Experts warn of trouble if Gulf boys are not properly educated](#)

When it comes to boys' education in the GCC, the time has come to make a concerted effort to keep them in school or risk dire consequences, educators heard yesterday.

*The National*

April 9, 2014

### [Mulayam shocks with 'boys will be boys' remark on rape](#)

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Mulayam Singh Yadav on Thursday landed himself in a huge controversy when he said that it was unfair to award death penalty to rapists for their 'mistakes'.

*Delhi Daily News*, April 11, 2014

### [Health bosses in Denmark, Norway resist calls to ban circumcision](#)

Resisting calls to ban the non-medical circumcision of boys, the governments of Norway and Denmark have taken steps to preserve the practice's legal status. Norway's health ministry has submitted a bill that proposes placing some limitations and fees on ritual circumcision but not banning it outright, while Denmark's health board issued guidelines stating that the practice is legal.

JTA

April 11, 2014

### [Boys Falling Behind in Norway](#)

School boys underperform, struggle more with motivation and have a higher drop out rate in Norway, reveals NOVA report.

The review shows that girls as a group of learners do significantly better at school than boys. This applies particularly in reading,

where girls on average is almost one school year ahead of boys, writes VG.

The Nordic Page

April 10, 2014

### [Teachers left to pick up pieces from cuts to youth mental health services](#)

Schools are struggling to cope with pupils' problems as council spending on therapy and counselling dries up

*The Guardian*, April 14, 2014

### [Young women are happier than men of the same age thanks to friends and having a 'worthwhile' job...but they still earn less than their male counterparts](#)

Young British women have better qualifications than men and think their jobs are 'worthwhile,' but are still earning less, according to a new survey. Published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the research was carried out on 16-24 year old men and women in Britain between 2011 and 2013.

*Daily Mail*

April 11, 2014

### [Queen Elizabeth's boys' grammar has been doing its own thing since 1573 - with impressive results](#)

"The school is very much still pursuing the tenets of its Tudor charter," says headteacher Neil Enright. It is also celebrating being one of just two schools in the country where 100 per cent of the pupils qualified for Gove's new English Baccalaureate measure. To do so, they had to obtain five A\* to C grade passes in English, maths, science, a language and a humanities subject - history or geography.

*The Independent*

April 9, 2014

### [Black boys facing chronic adversity show signs of early genetic aging](#)

By the time they have reached the fourth grade, African American boys who have run a childhood gantlet of poverty, shifting family structure, harsh parenting and a mother's low mood and educational attainment will have signs of premature genetic aging that can deepen their vulnerability to mental and physical illness, says a new study.

*LA Times*

April 7, 2014

### [Stress Hormone May Drive Risk-Taking by Teen Motorists](#)

*Study found those with lower cortisol levels were more likely to crash*

Teens whose brain chemistry is less affected by stressful situations could be at increased risk for car crashes, a small Canadian study suggests. Safe-driving teens appear to have higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol, said study author Marie Claude Ouimet, an associate professor of medicine and health sciences at the University of Sherbrooke, in Quebec.

Medline Plus

April 7, 2014

### [Childhood Obesity Adds Nearly \\$20K to Lifetime Medical Costs: Study](#)

*Losing weight while young may help kids lower future health care expenses, researcher says*

Over a lifetime, direct medical costs for an obese 10-year-old will be nearly \$20,000 higher than those of slimmer peers, according to new research. That translates to a whopping \$14 billion in additional direct U.S. medical costs over a lifetime for today's obese 10-year-olds, according to the study.

Medline Plus

April 7, 2014



### **Teenage boys who spend too much time playing computer games have weak bones and are at risk of osteoporosis in later life**

Teenage boys who spend their time outside have stronger bones; Boys who spend a lot of time in front of screens also have higher BMIs; Girls who spend a lot of time in front of screens actually have stronger bones than those who spend less time playing computer games

*Daily Mail*

April 4, 2014

### **UN Children's Fund Study Finds Nearly a Quarter Of Latino Teens Don't Attend School**

A United Nations report released earlier this week revealed that 20 percent of teenagers in Latin American countries between the ages of 11 and 18 do not attend [schools](#).

*Latin Post*

April 4, 2014

### **Caucasian boys show highest prevalence of color blindness among preschoolers**

The first major study of color blindness in a multi-ethnic group of preschoolers has uncovered that Caucasian male children have the highest prevalence among four major ethnicities, with 1 in 20 testing color blind.

Science Codex

April 3, 2014

### **Anxious Kids With Comorbidity May Need Specialized Approach**

Approximately 25% of youth with an anxiety disorder and comorbid externalizing symptoms, including aggression, hyperactivity, and conduct problems, experience exacerbation of such symptoms following effective treatment for anxiety, new research shows.

Medscape Medical

April 2, 2014

### **Pink or blue: Who cares? What colors say (and don't say) about our children**

The funny thing is, pink used to be a "boy" color. [An article in Smithsonian magazine](#) quoted a 1918 department store trade publication that said, in part:

"The generally accepted rule is pink for the boys, and blue for the girls. The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger color, is more suitable for the boy, while blue, which is more delicate and dainty, is prettier for the girl."

AL.com

April 2, 2014

### **Male College-Age Depression Linked To Later Sedentary Behavior**

A new study in the journal [Preventive Medicine](#) concluded that sedentary habits, which often stem from [depression](#), are established in the early 20s and these habits can establish a pattern of sedentary behavior later in life.

Red Orbit

April 2, 2014

### **Circumcision should be offered 'like vaccines' to the parents of baby boys, study claims**

The health benefits of male circumcision 'outweigh the risks 100 to one'; Half of uncircumcised men develop a health problem as a result, it is claimed; It would be 'unethical' not to offer it to the parents of all baby boys, the researchers state.

*Daily Mail*  
April 2, 2014

### **Feminism can prevent suicide**

*Archaic notions of masculinity endanger men*

Miles Groth, a psychology professor at Wagner College, states in his work "Boys to Men: The Science of Masculinity and Manhood," published by Psychology Today, that "Suicides among young males are four times more common than among young females and they are occurring among ever younger males, some in their early teens." What is the cause for these drastically different suicide rates?

Pipe Dream  
April 8, 2014

### **Girls Outnumber Boys in Government, Aided Schools**

As against the popular perception, the total number of girl students studying in various government and aided schools across the state is higher than that of boys.

*New Indian Express*  
April 3, 2014

### **Teen boy sunbed use linked to eating disorders**

"Teenage men who regularly use sunbeds are more prone to eating disorders," the Metro reports. A study has found that teen tanners are more likely to engage in unhealthy behaviour, such as using laxatives and vomiting after meals, in order to lose weight or prevent weight gain.

NHS Choices  
April 7, 2014

### **Top boys' school to take girls for first time in 500 years**

The alma mater of D.H. Lawrence, Ken Clarke and Ed Balls is to accept girls for the first time in its 500-year history amid a continuing decline in the number of single-sex boys' schools.

*The Telegraph*  
April 4, 2014

### **Teaching Our Boys to Face the Competitive Landscape of Today's World**

How then do we reverse this? I say that we start very young. Let's elevate the acquisition of empathy and character to the same level as math and literacy. Our educational environments must set the expectation that failure is a mandatory step in the mastery of anything. Let's make sure that every one of our students knows from the very start that their education that ultimately their success in life is utterly and completely theirs to fight for -- and fight they must, girls and boys alike, side-by-side.

*Huffington Post*  
April 3, 2014

### **Protestant boys' underachievement: Call for 'urgent action'**

The leader of a unionist working party on educational underachievement among poorer Protestant boys in Northern Ireland has called for urgent action.

BBC News  
April 3, 2014

### **Pre-K Suspension Data Prompt Focus on Intervention**

New data showing that thousands of children including a disproportionate number of boys

and black children are suspended from school before reaching kindergarten have researchers and policymakers asking tough questions about pre-K discipline, and highlighting programs that help keep challenging children in preschool.

*Education Week*

April 2, 2014

### **[STUDY: 1 In 3 American Children Has High Cholesterol](#)**

One of the largest [studies](#) of its kind finds that nearly one in three Americans children between the ages of 9 and 11 has either high cholesterol or borderline high cholesterol, raising their risk for developing cardiovascular diseases later in life and underscoring the need to screen kids' cholesterol levels.

Think Progress

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### **[Girls Are Taught To 'Think Pink,' But That Wasn't Always So](#)**

Pink has always been with us, though it was not always as gender-entrenched as it is today. Back in the 1700s, men *and* women wore pink. Curator Michelle Finamore says a painting in the exhibit gives early evidence.

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**[Boy Scouts fire openly gay troop leader](#)** Geoff McGrath's stint as a Scoutmaster for Troop 98 in Seattle's Rainier Beach was short-lived. After the Boy Scouts of America realized he was gay, they booted the Eagle Scout from the organization.

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