



SCY's Training Series Resumes for 2016!

Peace through Placemaking

Place matters. The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.

In East Garfield Park, Little Village and South Chicago, sports and arts/culture are doing more than just making the neighborhood lively and fun - they are creating peaceful, public places that promote healing and build community. Join [LISC Chicago](#) and other community leaders in a conversation about creative placemaking strategies and activities that reimagine outdoor space, engage residents, and deter crime.

Tuesday, February 2, 2015

9:00 am - 11:30 pm

check-in begins at 9:00am

training starts promptly at 9:30am

Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago
225 E. Chicago Avenue

**More information and
registration [here](#)**



Help us spread the word, please
share the [event flyer!](#)

Greetings!

This week President Obama [announced new executive actions](#) to curb gun violence, including improving the background check system and recommending greater investment in mental health. SCY applauds [these measures](#) and President Obama for taking these important strides in efforts to reduce gun violence. We hope you will join us and partners like the [Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence](#) (ICHV) as we continue to work on common sense gun violence prevention policies.

Sincerely,

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Call for Workshops, Presentations & Trainings

2016 Los Angeles Gang Violence Prevention & Intervention Conference

This conference hosted by the [Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles](#) will focus on the criminalization of young people and promises to be a robust conversation and opportunity to share best practices, engage in changing the narrative around our young people, and meeting others leading this work. The conference emphasizes multi-stakeholder collaborations, and cross-field dialogue and partnership, with a goal of changing the framework of gang prevention and intervention practice to incorporate the public health model.



If you are interested in submitting a proposal, learn more [here](#).

Proposal Deadline
Friday, January 8, 2016

Responding to Abuse

Know the Signs and Speak Up to Protect Children

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

January 8

Call for Workshops, Presentations & Trainings
Deadline for the 2016 Los Angeles Gang Violence Prevention & Intervention Conference [READ MORE](#)

January 9-13

Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training
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January 12

Responding to Abuse: Know the Signs and Speak Up to Protect Children [READ MORE](#)

January 13

Beyond the Personnel Handbook: A Workshop on Key School Policies for School Climate Transformation
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January 13

Addressing Trauma and Disproportionate Ethnic Minority Contact in Juvenile Justice through Empowerment: It's About More Than a Seat at the Table [READ MORE](#)

January 13

Webinar: Public Health Strategies for Violence Prevention [READ MORE](#)

January 15

The Chicago Forum for Justice in Health Policy: Creating New Vision for Illinois' Budget
[READ MORE](#)

January 15

Safe States Alliance 2016 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission and Scholarship Application DEADLINE
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 20, 27

This training, facilitated by [Chicago Children's Advocacy Center](#) (ChicagoCAC), equips professionals, caregivers and other adults to identify child sexual abuse and take action. The training covers definitions of abuse, warning signs, behaviors to watch out for, the impacts of trauma and how ChicagoCAC helps children and families.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
1240 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Beyond the Personnel Handbook

A Workshop on Key School Policies for School Climate Transformation

Join Prevent School Violence Illinois (PSVI) for this free, interactive workshop of school climate transformation. Through storytelling, skill shares, and facilitated action planning, participants will learn about ways to coordinate and put into action 1) ISBE's Social and Emotional Learning learning standards, 2) Illinois new discipline reform law, and 3) Berwyn South School District 100's first-of-a kind set of transgender student support guidelines to create schools where students thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.



Wednesday, January 13, 2016

9:00am - 4:00pm

Lawndale Christian Health Center
Skyline Conference Room
3750 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago

Breakfast and lunch included
Questions? Contact [Sarah Schriber](#)
Registration [here](#)

It's About More Than a Seat at the Table

February 3, 10, 17

5-part Professional Media Relations Workshop

[LEARN MORE](#)

February 5

SAVE THE DATE

Trauma and Children with Disabilities: Creating a Therapy Tool Box [LEARN MORE](#)

February 19

SAVE THE DATE

Emerging Adults and the Criminal Justice System: Charting the Course for Policy and Practice [LEARN MORE](#)

February 19

ICHV Student Voices Contest Deadline [LEARN MORE](#)

March 2, 9, 16

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Social Media Bootcamp (Intermediate Training) [LEARN MORE](#)

March 23

SAVE THE DATE

The Power of Pitching the Media [LEARN MORE](#)

April 8-9

SAVE THE DATE

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 12th Annual Conference
Piecing It All Together: How Children's Mental Health & Mental Illness Affects Home, School, & Community [LEARN MORE](#)

April 12-14

SAVE THE DATE

Safe States Alliance 2016 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico [LEARN MORE](#)

April 14-15

SAVE THE DATE

Creating a Community Action Plan for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse [LEARN MORE](#)

Addressing Trauma and Disproportionate Ethnic Minority Contact in Juvenile Justice through Empowerment

Trauma and disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice system are intimately related constructs that evolve out of powerlessness. Disproportionality has many causes, but at its core, there is a historical component that has consistently and methodically stripped ethnic minorities of power. This removal of power is further experienced in the number of traumatic events to which these individuals are exposed within their families, communities, and systems with which they have contact. This webinar will explore both the historical and current causes for disproportionality and the relationships between trauma responses, violence and disproportionality. The presenters will also pose potential avenues to truly engage families and communities in the formation of new systems and services, which are built upon principles of empowerment.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

11:00pm - 12:30pm

More information and registration [here](#)

NCTSN

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

New Public Health Strategies for Violence Prevention

Interactive Webinar Presentation and Discussion

This webinar is hosted by the [National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse \(NHCVA\)](#) and will discuss how violence prevention can be integrated into efforts to address social determinants of health and how both risk and resiliency can be incorporated into violence prevention planning. Additionally, new strategies for public health surveillance that incorporate trauma exposure and how violence exposure can be integrated into a health equity framework to better address disparities in health related to violence will be discussed.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Register for the webinar [here](#)

National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse



April 20

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Search Engine Optimization
Workshop [LEARN MORE](#)

April 27 & May 4

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Spokesperson Workshop
[LEARN MORE](#)

May 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting
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[LEARN MORE](#)

May 9-10

SAVE THE DATE

2016 Los Angeles Gang
Violence Prevention &
Intervention Conference
[LEARN MORE](#)

May 11-14

SAVE THE DATE

Journey to Justice: Creating
Change Through Partnerships --
14th International Conference
[LEARN MORE](#)

August 11

SCY Quarterly Meeting
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November 16

SCY Quarterly Meeting
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SCY's bi-monthly update, email Kelli Day
at kday@luriechildrens.org.

Creating a New Vision for Illinois' Budget

The Chicago Forum for Justice in Health Policy

In the face of the ongoing budget crisis, this forum will explore what a reasonable Illinois budget would look like: How much revenue is needed, how that revenue should be raised, and how much the state should spend on critical services, especially healthcare and human services. The dialogue that comes out of this event will contribute to progressive thinking about how the budget of a wealthy state like Illinois should be constructed and examine how we can move beyond short-term budget crises to stable solutions.

Friday, January 15, 2016
9:00am - 1:00pm

Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Room 1040
25 East Pearson, Chicago

Registration: \$10

More information and registration [here](#)

Health & Medicine
POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

Follow SCY's Blog!

*And join the discussion on youth violence prevention
in Chicago*

SCY's [blog](#) is another avenue to share information, connect stakeholders, and encourage conversations. This platform allows us to take a deeper look at timely topics and relevant resources, highlight partners and evidence-based programs, promote and raise awareness, and reflect on issues of social justice and violence prevention.

We encourage you to use this blog as a space for open dialogue, debate, and brainstorming to realize community-based solutions to youth violence and the various factors playing into it.



Lead a SCY Training

Share your expertise, experience, knowledge, and lessons learned

Strengthening Chicago's Youth hosts monthly trainings on violence prevention in Chicago. Past topics have included mental health, youth programming, data-driven advocacy, media, restorative justice, and trauma-informed care, among others. Trainings frequently involve information sharing, networking, and interactive action planning. If you or your organization are interested in partnering with SCY for a future training, learn more [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

For assistance developing research projects or connecting with research partners, please contact Rebecca Levin at rlevin@luriechildrens.org.

Title	Sponsor	Important Dates
Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health ↗	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Deadline: Open
Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health ↗	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Deadline: January 12, 2016
Criminal Justice Research Projects ↗	Laura and John Arnold Foundation	LOI Deadline: January 16, 2016
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative - Category III Community Treatment and Services (CTS) Centers ↗	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Deadline: February 4, 2016
The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community- and Policy-Level Prevention ↗	Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Deadline: February 17, 2016
Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01) ↗	Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Deadline: March 1, 2016

Accountable Health Community
(AHC)



Center for
Medicare &
Medicaid Service

LOI Deadline: February 8, 2016
Application Deadline: March 31, 2016



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