



February is Black History Month

A Celebration of the Accomplishments and Contributions of African Americans

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, celebrates the accomplishments of African Americans nationwide while acknowledging the role African Americans played in American history. An extension of Historian Carter G. Woodson's "Negro History Week," Black History Month serves as an opportunity to delve into the history of African Americans.

Check out the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention's [2016 Black History Month Events Calendar](#) to get involved. The calendar includes educational, family and cultural events celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans.

To add your events to this calendar, complete the [event form](#) or contact [Philister Sidiqu](#), ILAACP Marketing and Communications Coordinator



Greetings!

Our national partners at [Prevention Institute](#) have released a terrific new report, [Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience](#), which provides a framework for understanding, addressing and preventing community trauma. SCY is proud to be part of several groups working on issues related to trauma, including the [Illinois ACE Response Collaborative](#) and [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#). We hope you'll join with us as we continue to promote healing throughout Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Debunking the Myth

The Relationship Between Nonprofit Networking and Organizational Capacity

Over the past several decades, nonprofits have been exhorted to partner more to increase their capacity and effectiveness. Funders and nonprofit consultants alike take for granted that partnering with nonprofits, businesses, and governments breeds capacity. However, to date, no research has tested this assumption. In this presentation, typical portfolios of nonprofit partnerships are discussed and evidence is presented that greater partnering does not necessarily beget greater capacity for nonprofit organizations.

Monday, February 8, 2016
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Northwestern University | Evanston Campus
Chambers Hall, Ruan Conference Room (lower level)
600 Foster Street, Evanston, IL

More information [here](#)

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VetoViolence Thunderclap

Raise Awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

February 5

Trauma and Children with Disabilities: Creating a Therapy Tool Box

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Spring 2016 High School Journalism Academy Application Deadline

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SGA's Midwest Healthy Start Initiative 2nd Annual Male Summit

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Lift Up Not Lock Up! Workshop Proposals Due

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February 17

SAFE THE DATE Strengthening Communities to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

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February 19

Emerging Adults and the Criminal Justice System: Charting the Course for Policy and Practice

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Join the movement to promote safe, violence-free relationships during Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. [Sign up](#) to share this message and resource on Facebook or Twitter at the same time as many others on **February 12, 2016** at noon EST:

Healthy relationships are violence free!
Encourage respect early. #VetoViolence #TeenDVMonth



When you sign up, this message will automatically post on February 12 from your social media account and those of leaders, organizations, violence prevention professionals, and people empowering youth to make relationships healthy. This message blast will enable many more people to see and understand that we can all help stop dating violence. A healthy relationship is built on respect and free of violence. Sign up to motivate action and prevention!



Seeking Student Applicants

Spring 2016 High School Journalism Academy

[Columbia Links](#) is recruiting for the Spring 2015 High School Journalism Academy and is seeking student applicants from grades 9 to 12. The classroom is turned into a teaching and working multimedia newsroom. Students will have access to computers, Flip videos, recorders and digital cameras. Students are also paired with a professional journalist or a journalism graduate student mentor, plus receive \$50/week and Ventra passes.

Application Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2016

Spring Session
March 15, 2016 - May 12, 2016
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Columbia College Chicago

More information and application [here](#)

February 19

ICHV Student Voices Contest
Deadline

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February 19

Sharing Learning to Support
Incarcerated Youth

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February 20

Phenomenal Black Women and
Girls

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February 20

Understanding Adulthood &
Building Partnerships with
Youth

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February 23

Resilience of Families Affected
by Violence and Other
Stressors

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February 24

L.I.F.T. (LinkedIn, Instagram,
Facebook and Twitter) for
Beginners

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February 25

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Embodied Inequality:
Unpacking the Impact of Race
& Racism on Health

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February 26

Sharing Learning to Support
Incarcerated Youth

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March 2, 9, 16

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Social Media Bootcamp
(Intermediate Training)

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MARCH 7

Lift Up Not Lock Up!

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LIFT UP NOT LOCK UP!

*Advancing Justice Reinvestment in Illinois:
A gathering of leaders hosted by Right On Justice*

This gathering is an opportunity to collectively explore long-term solutions that would reinvest taxpayer dollars from criminalizing communities of color towards education, housing, employment, health, and other critical opportunities in communities, especially those hardest hit by mass incarceration. The gathering will consist of a series of community-led workshops, keynote speakers, and networking!



Interested in submitting a workshop proposal? Download and submit the [proposal form](#) by **February 15, 2016**. Contact [Eveline Rodriguez](#) with questions.

Monday, March 7, 2016
1:00pm - 7:00 pm
UIC Forum Hall
725 Roosevelt Rd, Chicago

Male Summit

*A Movement of Evolution, Education and
Engagement*

[SGA Youth & Family Service](#)'s Midwest Healthy Start will host a Male Summit to create a movement of evolution, education and engagement of minority men who desire support and guidance in cultivating generational relationships through Fatherhood Involvement, Education and Entrepreneurship and the Penal System.

Monday, February 15, 2016
10:00am - 1:00pm
Dixon Elementary School
8306 S. St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago

More information [here](#)
Contact snewman@sga-youth.org to register



YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



March 19

SAVE THE DATE

Identity, Power and Oppression

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March 23

SAVE THE DATE

The Power of Pitching the Media

[LEARN MORE](#)

March 30

SAVE THE DATE

2016 National Violent Death Reporting System Surveillance Academy

[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](#)

April 19

SAVE THE DATE

Responding to Abuse

[LEARN MORE](#)

April 20

SAVE THE DATE

Search Engine Optimization Workshop

[LEARN MORE](#)

April 27 & May 4

SAVE THE DATE

Sharing Learning to Support Incarcerated Youth

Convening Healthcare Providers, Service Providers, and People Working in Juvenile Justice

Health & Medicine's Court-Involved Youth Project invites you to join advocates, practitioners, and providers for this city-wide skill-shares. Learn about successful policies and practices local organizations are implementing to help ensure consistent links to care for youth leaving the juvenile justice system.

[Apply](#) to lead a workshop or present a poster at the convening.

Friday, February 19, 2016

9:30am - 12:30pm

PCC Wellness

5425 W. Lake Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:30am - 12:30pm

The University of Chicago SSA

969 E. 60th Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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Phenomenal Black Woman and Girls

Transcending Disparities and Social and Cultural Violence in Multiple Systems Symposium

The [University of Chicago's School of Social Services Administration](#)'s African American Alumni Committee is hosting this symposium focused on behavioral health, the criminal justice system, violence, and the impact of each on African American girls' and women's ability to thrive in America.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00am - 3:00pm

University of Chicago's School of Social Services Lobby

969 E. 60th Street, Chicago

Fee: \$10

More information and registration [here](#)



Spokesperson Workshop
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May 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting:
Leveraging Health Systems
Reform with Innovative
Collaborations (tentative topic)
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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](#)

May 13-14

SAVE THE DATE
Peace Hub's 2016 Impact
Youth Conference
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

July 12-15

SAVE THE DATE
Integrating Primary and
Behavioral Health through the
Lens of Prevention Conference
(New Orleans)
[LEARN MORE](#)

August 11

SCY Quarterly Meeting:
Community Development as
Violence Prevention (tentative
topic)
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November 16

SCY Quarterly Meeting: SCY's
Policy Agenda Progress and
Update for 2017-2018
[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Follow SCY's Blog!

Understanding Adulthood

Building Partnerships with Youth

This interactive training led by [Chicago Freedom School](#) is for adults who work with youth. Adulthood is a form of oppression that perpetuates age-based stereotypes and limits the potential for intergenerational power-building. Participants will explore strategies to dismantle adulthood and strengthen skills to build strong youth-adult partnerships for youth-led social change. This workshop is co-facilitated by youth leaders.

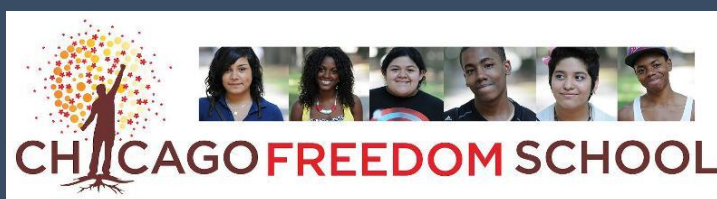
Saturday, February 20, 2016

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Chicago Freedom School
719 S. State Street, Suite 3N, Chicago

Cost: \$35

More information and registration [here](#)



Resilience of Families Affected by Violence and Other Stressors

Subtitle

This seminar hosted by the University of Chicago's [Center for Community Health and Vitality](#) will expose guest to the topic of community violence and how families affected by it have learned to cope. As part part of the Community Grand Rounds, this community-driven event will focus on connecting research to the community to collaboratively improve health on the South Side. The series includes networking opportunities, formal presentations, and audience question and answer sessions.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:00pm - 8:00pm

AKArama Foundation Inc Community Service Center
6220 South Ingleside Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



L.I.F.T. for Beginners

[LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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.



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Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Kelli Day at kday@luriechildrens.org.



Need a lift on social media? Join Public Narrative (formerly Community Media Workshop) for this workshop on the basics of LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. This training will guide you on these platforms and help you understand your next steps.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
9:00am - 12:00pm
Columbia College Chicago
33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Everyone Can Do Something

Coming Together for Effective School Climate Transformation

[Prevent School Violence Illinois](#) is hosting this 2-day gathering for school/district teams across Illinois interested in digging into the foundations and fundamentals of school climate transformation and bullying reduction. This interactive and impactful training will use storytelling, skill sharing, and action planning to learn how to support and engage positive school transformations.



Thursday-Friday, March 3-4, 2016
Hamburger University Conference Center
Oak Brook, Illinois

More information and registration [here](#)

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
Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations ↗	US Department of Justice	Deadline: February 16, 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
Violence Prevention, Recidivism Reduction, and Restorative Justice Grant Bid Number: 1653-15264, 1653-15275, and 1653-15268 ↗	Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC)	Deadline: March 4, 2016
Child Injury Exploratory Research Grant Program ↗	Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at the Research Institute of Nationwide Children's Hosp.	Deadline: March 7, 2016
Partnership Development Seed Grants ↗	Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) and the Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS)	Deadline: March 18, 2016
Accountable Health Community (AHC) ↗	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Service	LOI Deadline: Feb. 8, 2016 Appl. Deadline: Mar. 31, 2016
College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative ↗	US Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Women's Health	Deadline: April 8, 2016

