



SCY is Hiring!

Employment Opportunity & New Job Posting Section

SCY and the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC), an obesity prevention collaborative also convened by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago are seeking applications for a new position. The Program Coordinator will support day-to-day operational responsibilities for many of SCY/CLOCC's administrative and communication activities.

To learn more and apply, visit Lurie Children's Employment Listings ([#4975-177](#)).

SCY will also be adding a new section to the newsletter in response to partner requests. In our continuing effort to expand and improve, we are adding a job postings section starting with the March 16 issue. If you have a relevant position, please email the position title, organization, contact person, brief description and full job description to Kelli Day at kday@luriechildrens.org.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Greetings!

At our quarterly meeting last month, we discussed holding systems accountable for violence prevention, and throughout 2016 SCY will continue calling on everyone to play their part in preventing violence. One of the most important actions for you to take is to VOTE on Tuesday, March 15. Make sure you're calling on our elected officials to look out for the needs of children, families and communities!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH
Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY)
Strategic Director, Injury Prevention and Research Center
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Reforming Illinois' Public Health Data System

The Chicago Forum for Justice in Health Policy

Featuring Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health Nirav Shah, Chicago Department of Public Health Director of Epidemiology Nikhil Prachand, and other experts and advocates. Public health and medical data are essential for measuring progress in reducing health inequities and improving the nation's health. Join us to hear from public health experts, researchers, and advocates to explore how Illinois can better use data to improve health.

Friday, March 4, 2016
9:00am - 12:00pm

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

Cost: \$10 (fee waivers available)
More information and registration [here](#)

Health & Medicine
POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

March 3-4

*Everyone Can Do Something:
Coming Together for Effective
School Climate Transformation*
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March 4

*The Chicago Forum for Justice
in Health Policy: Reforming
Illinois' Public Health Data
System*
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March 7

*Lift Up Not Lock Up!
Check out SCY's 2/5 newsletter
to* [LEARN MORE](#)

March 8

*Using a Health Equity Model to
Promote Environmental
Approaches to Violence,
Alcohol and Other Drug
Prevention*
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March 9

*First Meeting of All Star Project
hosted Afterschool
Development Work Group*
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March 10

*Building Logic Models to Drive
Change*
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March 16

*The Center for Community
Health Workshop: Forming &
Supporting Community Advisory
Boards for Research*
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March 17

*I See You: Hyperinvisibility of
Black Women & Girls in
Dialogues on Criminalization
and Justice*
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March 18

*Pushed Out, Arrested Locked
Up: The Intersection Between
Mental Health and Juvenile
Justice*
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Afterschool Development

New Work Group

Last November, [All Stars Project](#) of Chicago was pleased to convene the second Annual Afterschool: Growth! Conference. This conference brought together more than 100 people from Chicago's education, afterschool, nonprofit and civic arenas who want to advance the impact of our work for Chicago's young people and communities.



At the conference, the formation of an Afterschool Development Work Group was announced. The purpose of this group is to consider how to work together to raise the profile of, and support for, developmental afterschool programs to engage the social crises in our poorest communities. Join All Stars Project for the first meeting to learn more.

Wednesday, March 9

9:30am - 11:00am

All Stars Project of Chicago Office
53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 1135, Chicago

Email David Cherry at dcherry@allstars.org
for more information and to RSVP

Building Logic Models to Drive Change

Organizational Support Training

Join [Thrive Chicago](#) for their Organizational Support Training focused on thinking through and creating logic models. Logic models are versatile tools that can help with program planning, program management, and fundraising. The training, facilitated by [After School Matters](#), will share the framework for developing a high level logic model including how to conduct a situation analysis, engage stakeholders, implement divisional work plans, and make organizational decisions. Participants will gain strategies and tools to begin the logic model development process. Presenters will share examples of materials, such as the logic model and a work plan template to help you get started.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

9:00am - 11:30am

Gallery 37

66 East Randolph Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

The logo for After School Matters features the words "AFTER SCHOOL" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. To the right of "AFTER SCHOOL", the word "matters" is written in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font.

March 19

Identity, Power and Oppression
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March 19

*National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Conference
Piecing It All Together:
Fostering Family Resilience*
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March 23

Podcasting Workshop
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March 23

*Stress, Meditation, & the
Adolescent Brain*
[READ MORE](#)

March 30-April 2

*The 49th Annual American
Association of Suicidology
Conference*
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March 30

*2016 National Violent Death
Reporting System Surveillance
Academy at the Annual
American Association of
Suicidology Conference*
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March 31

SAVE THE DATE

*Chicago Children's Advocacy
Center Training--"Keeping My
Family Safe: An Evening for
Parents"*

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March 31

SAVE THE DATE

*Counting for Accountability:
Police Violence, Segregation,
Jim Crow, & the People's
Health--Racism & Embodied
History*

[LEARN MORE](#)

April 4

*Illinois Children's Mental Health
Partnership 2016 Say It Out
Loud! poster contest deadline*
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Forming & Supporting Community Advisory Boards for Research

Center for Community Health Workshop

An increasing number of research teams and projects are engaging relevant community representatives, patients, and other stakeholders on advisory boards to provide ongoing input and feedback on a research project's design, conduct, and dissemination. This type of structured engagement may be required for some funding proposals for patient centered outcomes research and community-engaged research.

This [Center for Community Health](#) workshop is designed to help research faculty and academic staff that are currently or interested in forming and supporting an advisory board. Experienced faculty and community partners will share their experiences and lessons learned.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

9:00am - 10:30am

Robert H Lurie Medical Research Center

Gray Seminar Room

303 E. Superior, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Center for
Community Health

I See You

*Hyperinvisibility of Black Women & Girls Dialogues on
Criminalization and Justice*

This lecture will discuss two current campaigns -- #SAYHERNAME and #SurvivedAndPunished -- that work to bring to light the invisibility of trans and non-trans Black women and other Women of Color in depictions of police, state, and interpersonal violence. This discussion will highlight the stories of these women and girls who have been left out of discussions about the prison industrial complex and criminalization. As a group, participants will discuss tangible ways to continue to fight for justice and liberation for these women and girls.

April 6

SAVE THE DATE

Youth & Resilience Professional Development Training Series: Cultural Awareness and Competency

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April 8-9

Racial Justice in Praxis Conference

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April 12-14

Safe States Alliance 2016 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico

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April 15

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Conference Piecing It All Together: How Children's Mental Health & Mental Illness Affects Home, School, & Community

[READ MORE](#)

April 18-21

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After School Matters University: Finding Your Path Workshop, Panel, and Resource Fair

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April 19

SAVE THE DATE

Responding to Abuse

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April 20

SAVE THE DATE

Search Engine Optimization Workshop

[LEARN MORE](#)

April 27 & May 4

SAVE THE DATE

Spokesperson Workshop

[LEARN MORE](#)

May 4

SAVE THE DATE

Youth & Resilience Professional Development Training Series

[LEARN MORE](#)

Thursday, March 17, 2016

12:30pm - 1:30pm

UIC Women's Leadership and Resource Center
728 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago

More information [here](#)

UIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCE CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Pushed Out, Arrested Locked Up

The Intersection Between Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

Join the [Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission](#) and community and systems' stakeholders for a candid discussion about how racial and ethnic disparities permeate both the mental health and juvenile justice systems. The forum will feature a data presentation on mental health needs, disparities and gaps in services, and outcomes for youth of color entering and exiting the juvenile justice system. This event will also provide attendees the opportunity to participate in engaging dialogue focusing on issues such as: access to community-based treatment, cultural competency, trauma and substance abuse.

Friday, March 18, 2016

8:30am - 12:30pm

Cook County Juvenile Court
2nd Floor Multipurpose Room
1100 S Hamilton Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission

Identity, Power and Oppression

Anti-oppression Training

The [Chicago Freedom School](#) is offering this training rooted in anti-oppression practices and designed in a movement-building framework. Participants will reflect on their own identity and how their identities intersect with systems of power and oppression. Together, participants will develop practices to name, interrupt and transform oppression in communities, workplaces, schools, and day to day interactions.

Saturday, March 19, 2016

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Chicago Freedom School
1240 S. Damen, Chicago

May 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting:
Leveraging Health Systems
Reform with Innovative
Collaborations (tentative topic)
[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

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

June 30

SAVE THE DATE
Anti-Defamation League's 2016
First Amendment Art & Essay
Contest Deadline
[LEARN MORE](#)

July 12-15

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

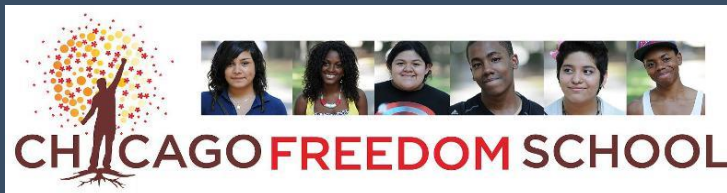
August 11

SCY Quarterly Meeting:
Community Development as
Violence Prevention (tentative
topic)
[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

November 16

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

More information and registration [here](#)



Podcasting Workshop

Telling Your Story in Audio Chapters

This training hosted by [Public Narrative](#) (formerly Community Media Workshop) will be a hands-on training to help you understand what it takes to plan out various audio stories and create them.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
9:00am - 12:00pm

Columbia College Chicago
33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago

Cost: \$95 (nonprofits)/ \$142.50 (for profits)
More information and registration [here](#)



Stress, Meditation, & the Adolescent Brain

Improving Academic Performance and Graduation Rates, Reducing Anxiety, Stress, and Violence

The epidemic of trauma and toxic stress is destructive to Chicago's urban youth -- damaging brain and cognitive development, fueling substance abuse and violent behavior, and undermining the best efforts to raise performance and promote a healthy, productive lifestyle. This educational forum will explore the growing use of a simple, evidence-based meditation technique in schools nationwide for improving grades, test scores, and graduation rates and reducing suspensions, expulsions, dropouts, and violence.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
11:30am - 1:30pm

Maggiano's Banquets
111 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago

Cost: \$35
More information and registration [here](#)



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Suicidology: A Place for Everyone

American Association of Suicidology Conference

The 49th Annual Conference of the [American Association of Suicidology](#) provides a forum for those who share an interest in suicidology, including physicians, researchers, psychologists, nurses, social workers, clinicians, educators, public policy makers, clergy, crisis center staff and volunteers, as well as those who have lost a loved one to suicide or had their own suicidal experience, to meet and share information about suicide, suicidal persons, and the repercussions of suicide. This unique event is specifically designed to meet the diverse interests and needs of attendees while creating a powerful opportunity for networking, learning, and moving the field of suicidology forward.

March 30 - April 2, 2016
The Palmer House
17 E Monroe Street, Chicago

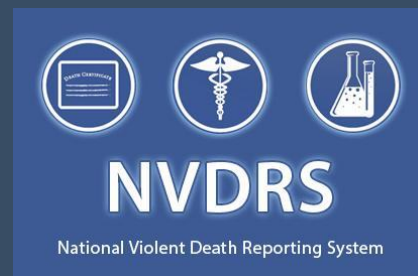
More information and registration [here](#)



NVDRS Surveillance Academy

American Association of Suicidology Conference Workshop

The 2016 [National Violent Death Reporting System \(NVDRS\)](#) Surveillance Academy is an all-day preconference workshop of the American Association of Suicidology Conference. Intended for researchers, epidemiologists and others with an interest in NVDRS data, the Surveillance Academy will provide practical knowledge about NVDRS. During this course, attendees will learn about several aspects of the system, including an overview and history of NVDRS; data sources and data collection; data analysis approaches, interpretation, and communication of data; and state and local activities, with an emphasis on suicide surveillance activities.



March 30, 2016
8:30am - 4:30pm

Lead a SCY Training

Share your expertise, experience, knowledge, and lessons learned

Strengthening Chicago's Youth hosts capacity-building 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](#).



The Palmer House
17 E Monroe Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)
Must register for AAS Conference to attend

Say It Out Loud!

2016 Illinois Children's Mental Health Poster Contest

The Say It Out Loud! Poster contest hosted by the [Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership](#) offers an opportunity for school children throughout Illinois to participate in an anti-stigma, mental health awareness campaign. Help raise awareness for children's mental health and erase the stigma through art. The contest is open to all Illinois 4th - 12th grade students.



Poster Entries Deadline April 4, 2016

More information [here](#)
Contact Alli Schuck with questions
aschuck@voices4kids.org or 312-516-5567

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.

Racial Justice in Praxis Conference

Racial Injustice: Terror, Torture, and Trauma/Collaboration, Resistance and Liberation

This conference is an opportunity for participants to collaborate and innovate with others seeking to end racial injustice, and understand the ways in which it has manifested as torture [and other human rights violations] for people of color. The conference will host voices from communities, individuals, and organizations, working towards new approaches for confronting racial injustice.

Friday-Saturday, April 8 - April 9, 2016
National Louis University
122 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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.



Piecing It All Together (PIAT)

How Children's Mental Health & Mental Illness Affect Home, School, and Community

This Piecing It All Together (PIAT) conference hosted by the [National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI\) Illinois](#) strives to bring parents/caregivers of children who have mental health conditions together with school and mental health professionals all under the same roof, hearing the same message of hope for our children.

NAMI Illinois is also hosting a PIAT Conference on March 19. [Learn more.](#)

Friday, April 15, 2016

Four Points Sheraton

319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL

More information and registration [here](#)



Safe States 2016 Annual Meeting

Lift Off! Elevating a Culture of Safety

The Safe States 2016 Annual Meeting will focus on the concept of a culture of safety, as well as the diversity and unity of the injury and violence prevention field. This 3-day conference will include presentations on public health policy, transformative leadership, federal partnerships, a variety of sessions on different facets of injury and violence prevention, and much more from experts across the country. Learn more about [Safe States](#) and their mission to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention.

April 12-14, 2016

Hotel Albuquerque - Old Town
Albuquerque, New Mexico

More information and registration [here](#)



After School Matters University

Finding Your Path Workshop, Panel, and Resource Fair

After School Matters University (ASMU) is a four-day program of workshops, panel discussions, college visits and more that gives high school freshman and sophomores the opportunity to explore and engage with life after high school during the Chicago Public School spring break.

ASMU is also seeking [workshop proposals](#), panelists, and organizations to staff tables at the ASMU Resource Fair. Contact Lauro Roman (lauro.roman@afterschoolmatters.org) with questions and to submit your proposal.

Monday-Thursday, April 18 - April 21, 2016
Gallery 37 Center for the Arts
66 E. Randolph Street, Chicago

More information and online student application [here](#)



Documentary: Making a Killing

Guns, Greed, and the NRA

Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA tells the stories of how guns -- and the billions made off of them -- affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible

legislation for the sake of profit -- and thereby putting people in danger.

There are 3 main ways to get involved in screening the totally-free film, which you can sign-up for here:

http://www.bravenewfilms.org/mak_organize

- **Host a Screening**--Brave New Films can support organizations, schools, and places of worship in putting on screenings to promote the work the groups on the ground are already doing.
- **Host a House Party**--Brave New Films has a full-time organizer on hand to help individuals and organizations run house party screenings with an average of 10-20 people.
- **Attend a Screening**--Brave New Films will be having large screenings with Q&As and panels in theaters in these cities throughout the country that you can help organize, table at, and invite members to: Chicago, New York, DC, Miami, Denver, LA.



Youth Workforce Development

Focused on Finding a Job and Preparing for College

Youth Guidance is offering youth aged 18-24 years old training and mentorship focused on career exploration, goal setting, resume writing, interviewing skills, networking, and job searching, followed by one-on-one coaching to help youth pursue employment and/or educational goals.

Share the [flyer](#) with your partners and networks that work with youth. For more information, contact Monique Shelton at mshelton@youth-guidance.org or 312-404-3227



Funding Opportunities

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

Title	Sponsor	Important Dates
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<p>Violence Prevention, Recidivism Reduction, and Restorative Justice Grant Bid Number: 1653-15264, 1653-15275, and 1653-15268</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC)</p>	<p>Deadline: March 4, 2016</p>
<p>Summer Program Funding</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Get In Chicago</p>	<p>Deadline: March 4, 2016</p>
<p>Child Injury Exploratory Research Grant Program</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at the Research Institute of Nationwide Children's Hospital</p>	<p>Deadline: March 7, 2016</p>
<p>Policies for Action: Policy and Law Research to Build a Culture of Health</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</p>	<p>Deadline: March 15, 2016</p>
<p>Partnership Development Seed Grants</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) and the Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS)</p>	<p>Deadline: March 18, 2016</p>
<p>Accountable Health Community (AHC)</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Center for Medicare & Medicaid Service</p>	<p>Deadline: March 31, 2016</p>
<p>College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Women's Health</p>	<p>Deadline: April 8, 2016</p>
<p>Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT)</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health</p>	<p>Deadline: April 18, 2016</p>

