



SCY's May Quarterly Meeting

Leveraging Health System Reform with Innovative Collaborations

This meeting will focus on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the intersection of health care reform and violence prevention opportunities and partnerships. Expert presentations will be followed by small group discussions centered on medical homes for youth, mental health and substance abuse treatment, justice-involved populations, community and population health, and school-based services.



Join SCY and partners to discuss how reform efforts in healthcare are part of the broader violence prevention and healthy communities conversation.

Thursday, May 5, 2016
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

check-in begins at 9:00 am
meeting starts at 9:30 am

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

Greetings!

April is a busy month, filled with opportunities to spread the word about violence prevention. It's Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This is Childhood Exposure to Violence Prevention Week, and two weeks ago was National Youth Violence Prevention Week. So we hope you'll have time to join us for three exciting events SCY is supporting at the end of the month: a conversation on [trauma and resilience](#) with ACEs expert Laura Porter; a [school policy forum](#) with Robert Putnam, author of *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*; and [Awaken Chicago: The Power of All People Together](#).

Sincerely,

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

New CDC Technical Package to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and last week the CDC released [Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities](#). The package supports CDC's [Essentials for Childhood framework](#) and highlights 5 strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect:

- Strengthen economic supports for families
- Change social norms to support parents and positive parenting
- Provide quality care and education early in life
- Enhance parenting skills to promote healthy child development
- Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risk

The technical package is intended as a resource to guide and inform prevention decision making in communities and states, so that every child has safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments, in a world where every child can thrive.

If Youth Can, Then I Can

A Call to Action

[Registration](#) Required
Share the [flyer](#)!



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

April 21

*If Youth Can, Then I Can
A Call to Action*
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April 21

*Promoting Community Safety by
Design: Engaging the Planning
and Related Sectors to Prevent
Violence*
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April 22

*Youth and Mental Health:
Understanding, Engaging and
Destigmatizing*
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April 23

Youth Filmmakers for Justice
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April 26

*La Seguridad de la Familia
(Family Safety, conducted in
Spanish)*
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April 26

*What Makes a Community
Grow? Community Forum*
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April 26

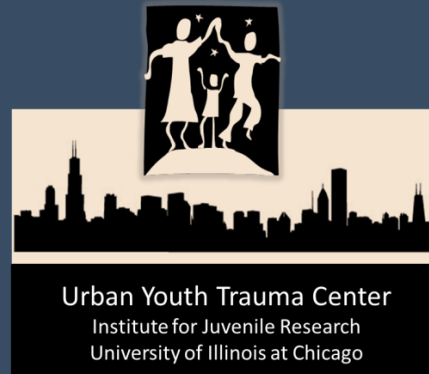
*Health Insurance Coverage
Parity - Moline, IL*
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The [Urban Youth Trauma Center](#) has launched a national youth violence prevention campaign, *If Youth Can, Then I Can*. This campaign aims to spotlight the issue of community violence affecting youth both locally and nationally. You can join the efforts in the following ways:

- Spread the word (share information and resources from this campaign)
- Take the pledge and share! Post your "If Youth Can, Then I Can" pledge (how you can play a part in youth violence prevention)
- Join the campaign call on April 21
- Download the official "If Youth Can, Then I Can" [toolkit](#)

Thursday, April 21, 2016
11:00am - 12:00pm

More information and registration [here](#)



Promoting Community Safety by Design

Engaging the Planning and Related Sectors to Prevent Violence

This upcoming web conference hosted by the [Prevention Institute](#) will explore the nexus of land use and community safety, and offer strategies to engage planning, transportation, and related sectors in comprehensive, multi-sector efforts to prevent violence.

Thursday, April 21, 2016
3:00pm - 4:30pm

More information and registration [here](#)



April 27

Using ACEs to Shift Policy and Practice with Laura Porter

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April 27 & May 4

Spokesperson Workshop

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April 29 - May 1

Awaken Chicago: The Power of All People. Together

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April 29 - May 1

Schweitzer 20th Anniversary Conference: Improving Community Health Together

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April 29

Chicago School Policy Forum Breakfast Series: Our Kids--The American Dream in Crisis

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May 4

Youth & Resilience Professional Development Training Series: What's the T? Beyond the Basics of Sex and Gender

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May 4

Creating a Culture of Wellness: A 360 Degree View

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May 4

Trauma Dialogues 3.0: Understanding Dissociation: Mind, body & Trauma

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May 4

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall

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May 5

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall

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May 5

\$2 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America

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Using ACEs to Shift Policy and Practice with Laura Porter

A Conversation of Trauma and Resilience

The [Illinois ACE Response Collaborative](#) led by Health & Medicine Policy Research Group is hosting a conversation about national developments that can improve the health and wellbeing of the residents and communities of Chicago and Illinois. As one of the country's leading experts on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Ms. Porter will discuss her work and offer a national perspective on how to use the science and theory of ACEs to change policy and influence practice to move toward healthier, more resilient communities free of violence with fewer preventable illnesses.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

9:00am - 11:00am

Northwestern University Chicago Campus

Hughes Auditorium

303 East Superior, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

Health & Medicine
POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

Youth Filmmakers for Justice

A Program of the 3rd Annual (In)Justice For all Film Festival

Join [Community TV Network](#) for the screening of two films. *Making Peace in the Streets* is a documentary about three young film crews looking for solutions to violence in their neighborhoods of Auburn Gresham, Englewood and Pilsen and *Peace House* is a youth-produced film about teaching job skills and yoga to teens.



Saturday, April 23, 2016

5:00pm - 8:00pm

University Church

5655 S. University Ave., Chicago

Health Insurance Coverage Parity

Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Care through Health Insurance Plans

Health insurance consumers and behavioral health and substance use disorder care providers are invited to an in-

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Leveraging Health Systems
Reform with Innovative
Collaborations (tentative topic)
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May 5

Under the Gun:
Documentary Screening About
Gun Violence in America
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May 6

Riveredge Hospital's May Rise
n' Learn: The Neurobiology of
Sexual Trauma
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May 8

Peacebook Submission
Deadline
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May 9-10

2016 Los Angeles Gang
Violence Prevention &
Intervention Conference
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May 11

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall
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May 11

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Afterschool Development Work
Group
Contact David Cherry for info
dcherry@allstars.org

May 11

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Inequities of Violence
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May 11

SAVE THE DATE
The View is Worth the Climb:
Health-Sector Leadership
Approaches to Address the
Social Determinants
[LEARN MORE](#)

May 11-12

person training session on health insurance coverage parity focused on what consumers and providers need to know about navigating behavioral health and substance use disorder care through health insurance plans. These training sessions includes live presentations from the state agencies involved in parity coverage issues followed by Q&A with attendees.

All sessions 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday April 26, 2016	The Project of the Quad Cities 1202 4th Avenue, Moline
Thursday May 19, 2016	Crusader Community Health 1200 West State Street, Rockford
Thursday May 26, 2016	Normal Public Library 206 W. College Avenue, Normal
Tuesday May 31, 2016	Collinsville Memorial Library 408 West Main Street, Collinsville
Wednesday June 1, 2016	Near North Komed-Holman Health Center 4259 S. Berkeley Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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Spokesperson Workshop

Keep Your Organization and Message Safe

When the media calls, will you be ready to interview like a professional? This workshop will teach you how to stay on message and in control, while sharpening your stories to increase you organization's visibility.

Wednesday, April 27 and May 4
9:00am - 12:00pm
Columbia College Chicago
33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Chicago School Policy Series

Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis

In this election season--a time of rhetoric, promises, and "silver-bullet" prescriptions--[BPI](#), [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#), and [One Hope United](#) are offering this thoughtful 2016 Chicago School Policy Forum Breakfast Series.

No Such Thing As a Bad Kid:
Two-Day Training
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May 11-14

Journey to Justice: Creating
Change Through Partnerships --
14th International Conference
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May 12

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Putting Community Back into
Community Mental Health
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May 13-14

Peace Hub's 2016 Impact Youth
Conference
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May 13-14

Rev Up 3-Day Training Institute
Professional Development to
Support Youth Activism
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May 16

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall
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May 18

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall
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May 19

Health Insurance Coverage
Parity - Rockford
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May 19

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Chicago School Policy Forum
Breakfast Series: Energy for
Change--Young People's Quest
for Meaning, Identify, and
Relevance
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May 20

2nd Annual ABCD Conference
(Autism, Behavior, and Complex
Medical Needs - Downstate)
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May 24

This first forum will feature Robert D. Putnam, an influential social scientist focused on public policy and civic engagement, and Bryan Samuels, Executive Director, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

Friday, April 29, 2016

8:00am - 9:45am

Union League Club

65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



What's the T!?: Beyond the Basics of Sex and Gender

Youth & Resilience Professional Development Series

"Gay is good," Ellen is all the rage, and marriage equality wins! However, LGBTQ youth are still 20 to 40 percent more likely to experience homelessness, compared to only 5 to 10 percent of the overall youth population. They also experience higher rates of abuse, discrimination, harassment, and rejection. This training will share knowledge around gender and sexuality, power, privilege, and oppression and discuss tangible tactics and actions steps towards building allyship and solidarity with LGBTQ people and community.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

1:00pm - 4:00pm

The Night Ministry

4711 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Creating a Culture of Wellness

A 360 Degree View

Achieving health and wellness calls for a focus on integrated care, but is your organization truly incorporating health and wellness into everything you do? Join this webinar hosted by [SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions](#) to learn how to use a self-assessment tool to increase your organization's awareness of the key components of a wellness-focused culture. Learn how to engage in a reflective process to

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Trauma and Posttraumatic Stress in Criminal Justice Populations

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May 25

Healthy Chicago 2.0 Town Hall

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May 26

Health Insurance Coverage Parity - Normal, IL

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May 26

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Illinois Mentoring Partnership Research Symposium 2016: Translating Research Into Practice

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May 27

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Put the Guns Down: 3rd Annual Faith and Action Kick Off

[LEARN MORE](#)

May 31

Health Insurance Coverage Parity - Collinsville

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June 1

Health Insurance Coverage Parity - Chicago

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June 30

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Anti-Defamation League's 2016 First Amendment Art & Essay Contest Deadline

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July 12-15

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Integrating Primary and Behavioral Health through the Lens of Prevention Conference (New Orleans)

[LEARN MORE](#)

July 25-29

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identify what you should keep doing, stop doing and start doing to truly have a culture of wellness.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
1:30pm - 3:00pm

More information and registration [here](#)



Trauma Dialogues 3.0

Understanding Dissociation: Mind, Body, & Trauma

Hosted by the [Chicago Trauma Collective](#), this is the third in a series of panel discussions bringing together practitioners and advocates with diverse areas of expertise in the field of trauma, its treatment, understanding and integration in our communities.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
6:00pm - 7:45pm

The Kedzie Center
4141 N. Kedzie Ave., Suite 2, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

\$2 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America

Author Event and Panel Discussion

Join Kathryn Edin, author of the bestselling book \$2.00 A Day, as she discusses the human struggles of the millions among us living in abject poverty. Local experts in food insecurity, housing, and income supports will then join her in a conversation around this sobering account that exposes the systems that perpetuate these conditions, and to talk about where we should go from here. The discussion will include insights from these leaders who work locally to promote well-being throughout everyone's life thereby increasing human potential in all of our communities.



Thursday, May 5, 2016
9:15am - 11:30am

Harold Washington Library Center
400 S. State Street, Chicago

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
(PCIT) Therapist Training
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SCY's bi-monthly update, email Kelli Day
at kday@luriechildrens.org.

More information and registration [here](#)

Under the Gun

*Documentary Screening About Gun Violence in
America*

The [Joyce Foundation](#) is hosting this screening with the [Brady Campaign](#), and Foundation President Ellen Alberding will introduce the film. The massacre at Sandy Hook was seen as a watershed moment in our national gun debate, but the body count at the hands of gun violence has only grown. Through the lens of victims' families, as well as pro-gun advocates, this film examines why our politicians have failed to act. Following the screening we will be joined by Executive Producer Katie Couric, Director Stephanie Soechtig, and national and local advocates for a conversation about the film and the important issues it raises.



Thursday, May 5, 2016
6:30pm

UIC - Student Center East, Illinois Room
750 South Halsted St., Chicago

More information about the film [here](#)
Register for the screening [here](#) by April 29

The Neurobiology of Sexual Trauma

Riveredge Hospital's Rise n' Learn Series

Brendan Yukins from [Rape Victim Advocates](#) will be joining Riveredge Hospital to discuss how the neurobiology of sexual trauma effects survivor reactions to intervention, community, and best practices for responding to disclosures.

Friday May 6, 2016
9:00am - 11:00am

Riveredge Hospital
8311 W. Roosevelt Road, Forest Park

More information and registration [here](#)



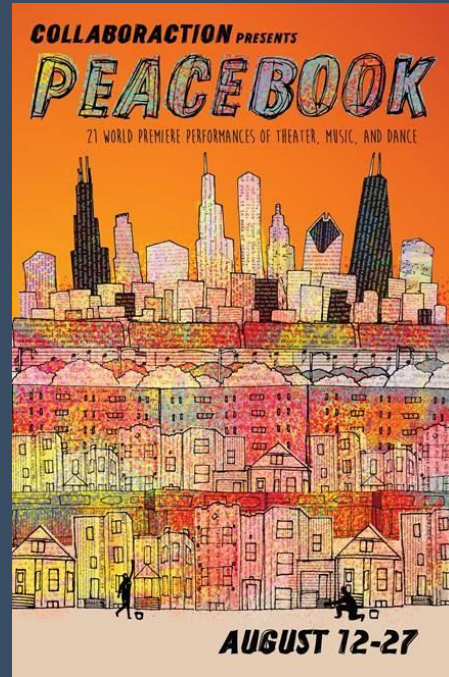


Call for Submissions: Peacebook

A Festival for Peace

Collaboration Theater is calling all writers, devisers, rhymers, dancers, directors, actors, and community partners with visions of peace in Chicago to submit to the new arts festival for peace, Peacebook. Peacebook is a free festival of 21 short works of art, theater, music and dance from new voices and collaborators for the Chicago Peace Movement. This multidisciplinary festival will perform for free at various Chicago Parks in August.

Learn more about how you can get involved and how to submit a work [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, May 8, 2016**.



No Such Thing as a Bad Kid

Strength-Based Principles and Practices 2-Day Training

Strength-based practice is an emerging approach to helping at-risk children, youth and their families that is exceptionally positive and hope-inspiring. Its focus is on strength-building rather than flaw-fixing. It begins with the belief that every individual has strengths and past successes that can be utilized to stop problem behavior and enhance decision making. This workshop will highlight many of the key principles and techniques of this life-changing, inspiring approach to guiding high-risk children, youth, and families.

Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12
10:00am - 5:00pm
Onarga Academy
110 N. Locust, Onarga, IL 60955

Cost: \$150

More information and registration [here](#)

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Journey to Justice

Creating Change Through Partnerships

The [Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's](#) 14th Annual International Conference, *Journey to Justice: Creating Change Through Partnerships*, seeks to promote, support, and encourage partnerships designed to improve health by addressing social and racial justice issues.

May 11 - 14, 2016
Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans, Louisiana USA

More information and registration [here](#)



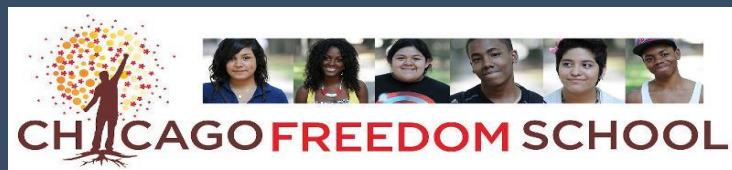
Rev Up 3-Day Training Institute

Professional Development to Support Youth Activism

Chicago Freedom School and the Youth Development Masters of Education Program at UIC are co-hosting this institute for youth organizers, teachers, and youth workers who seek to incorporate social justice, anti-oppression, and self-care practices into their work. Rev Up features workshops led by some of the most innovative youth development and social justice organizations in Chicago and provides opportunities to build strong professional networks to support youth activism.

May 13-15, 2016
9:00am - 5:00pm
University of Illinois Chicago
ETMSW Building, Room 3427
1040 W. Harrison, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



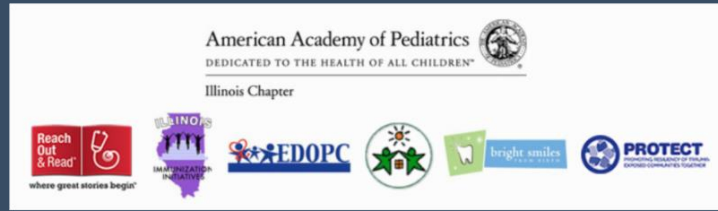
Autism, Behavior, and Complex Medical Needs Conference

A Trauma-Informed, Inter-professional Approach to Caring for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs

The 2nd Annual ABC Conference will deliver valuable information on trauma, toxic stress, and resiliency-building in order to help providers from across many disciplines recognize and address trauma when caring for children and adolescents with special healthcare needs.

 Friday, May 20, 2016
 8:00am - 4:00pm
 Regency Conference Center
 400 Regency Park Drive, O'Fallon, IL 62269

More information and registration [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
Re-Entry Community Linkages (RE-LINK) Program ↗	Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	Deadline: April 21, 2016
Research Dissemination & Implementation Pilot Grants ↗	The Center for Community Health (CCH) and the Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences (NUCATS) Institute	Deadline: April 22, 2016
GO Innovate Challenge: Supporting College Matriculation and Graduation or Reengaging Youth in Work and School ↗	Chicago Beyond	LOI Deadline: April 29, 2016
Investigator-Initiated Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence ↗	Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs	Deadline: May 13, 2016
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program ↗	Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs	Deadline: May 17, 2016
Comprehensive Antiging Strategies and Prevention ↗ Contact Rebecca Levin , if interested in SCY serving as research partner (as recommended in funding announcement)	Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs	Deadline: May 23, 2016

Resiliency in Communities After Stress
and Trauma



Substance Abuse and
Mental Health
Services
Administration
(SAMHSA)

Deadline: June 7, 2016



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