



**National Youth  
Violence Prevention  
Week (April 3-7)**  
***Striving to Reduce  
Youth Violence  
Everywhere***

This public health awareness campaign is an opportunity to both raise awareness of youth violence prevention, [STRIVE](#) and how it relates to partnerships between organizations for youth violence prevention. Everyone can play a role in supporting young people and it is not too late to get involved.

Throughout National Youth Violence Prevention Week, SCY will continue to share various actionable messages via social media and our latest [blog](#) post. This is part of an effort to help our partners get started in participating and increasing the visibility of youth violence prevention programs, resources, and activities.

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[More information here](#)  
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Greetings!

SCY was launched 5 years ago to take a public health approach to violence. In recognition of [National Youth Violence Prevention Week](#) and [National Public Health Week](#) (April 3-9), we are now proud to be part of the launch of the [Movement Towards Violence as a Health Issue](#). Please sign the [petition](#) and join us in calling for investment in health approaches to violence prevention.

Sincerely,

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

## Hoops in the Hood

### 2017 Request for Proposals (RFP)

[LISC Chicago Sports Program](#) has an RFP opportunity for this summer's 2017 Hoops in the Hood, a traveling summer series that involves reclaiming a public space in the neighborhood to create opportunities for youth to compete and play basketball in their communities.

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**Q&A Session**

Thursday, April 6, 2017

10:00 am

Breakthrough

3330 W. Carrol Avenue, Room 212

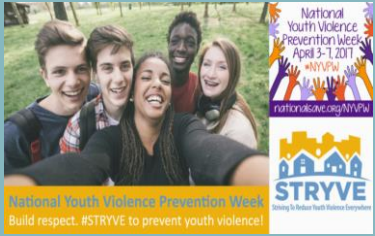
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**Deadline for Proposals**

Friday, April 21, 2017

5:00 pm

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### April 5-6

2017 EverThrive IL Annual Conference: *Uniting Voices, Creating Solutions*  
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### April 6

*Youth Voices and Verses for Violence Prevention*  
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### April 6

*Hoops in the Hood: Q&A Session*  
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### April 8

*Countering Violent Extremism*  
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### April 10

*Changing our Understanding of Youth with Sexually Problematic Behaviors*  
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### April 11

*Trauma-Sensitive Program Design for Sports-Based Youth Development Programs*  
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### April 11 or 18

*How to Make an Awesome Facebook Page*  
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# Youth Voices and Verses for Violence Prevention

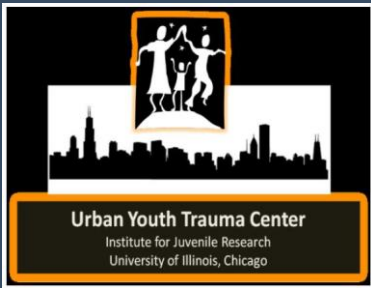
## Lessons in the Cycle

This event marks the launch of the [Urban Youth Trauma Center's](#) (UYTC) violence prevention campaign, [If Youth Can, then I Can](#). As part of the campaign, UYTC has partnered with [Free Write Arts & Literacy](#) and Batta Productions to develop a series of videos highlighting the everyday experiences that youth have when growing up in areas where there is chronic community violence exposure.

Thursday, April 6, 2017  
5:00 pm

The Chicago Arts Center  
1932 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)



# Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)

## The Solution to Violent Extremism Begins in Your Community

Listen to expert Caitlin Ambrozik from [Cornell University](#) explain why CVE was developed to address violence inspired or motivated by violent ideologies.

## April 12

*Afterschool Development:  
Working Group Meeting*  
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## April 13

*Keeping My Family Safe*  
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## April 14

*Ethics & Cultural Competency:  
Creating a Framework for  
Decision Making*  
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## April 15

*PEACEBOOK: Call for  
Submissions Deadline*  
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## April 18

*Understanding the Gender  
Spectrum*  
[READ MORE](#)

## April 20

*Sharing Back Office Services  
to Add Significant Values to  
Non-Profit Organizations*  
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## April 20

*ReEntry Mentoring*  
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## April 21

*Supporting Non-offending  
Caregivers after Child Sexual  
Abuse*  
[READ MORE](#)

## April 21

*Hoops in the Hood: Deadline  
for Proposals*  
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Saturday, April 8, 2017  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Elgin Community College  
1700 Spartan Drive

B-181 (Community Room behind cafeteria)  
Elgin, IL 60123

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Think Before You Shoot

### Casting Call

Roles continue to be cast for this film in a series that magnifies the importance of thinking before participating in the act of gun violence. Submit head shot(s) and resume with credits if available along with requests for available roles to [TB4YSfilms@gmail.com](mailto:TB4YSfilms@gmail.com).

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More information and registration [here](#)  
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**#TB4YS**  
THINK BEFORE YOU SHOOT

## How to Make an Awesome Facebook Page

### A Step-by-Step Guide for Nonprofit Communicators

Presented by John Haydon and hosted by [CharityHowTo](#), learn how to help your nonprofit engage supporters, launch fundraising campaigns, enhance donor relationships and spread awareness about your organization's cause.

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Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Online

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## April 24-25

University of Michigan Health System Annual Conference on Adolescent Health (Ypsilanti, MI)

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## April 25-26

Family Acceptance Project

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## April 25-27

Illinois First-Line Supervisor Institute on Violence Against Women (Naperville, IL)

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## April 26

Keeping Children Safe

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## April 28

3rd Annual Autism, Behavior, and Complex Medical Needs-Downstate (ABC-D) Conference (O'Fallon, IL)

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## April 29

Beyond Reimagining, Accelerating Praxis: Social Medicine in Practice Today

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## April 29

Beauty for Ashes: The Art of (Re)conciliation

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## May 1

Freedom Fellowship Application Deadline

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## May 3

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Vulnerability as a Trauma Therapist

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## Afterschool Development

### Working Group Meeting

This month's [All Stars Project of Chicago](#) meeting will use two recently released research reports as a jumping off point for conversation and will include small break-out groups. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the research and deepen conversation on the impact of this work.

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Wednesday, April 12, 2017

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Goodman Theatre

170 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60601

RSVP via email to [David Cherry](#)  
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## PEACEBOOK Call for Submissions

### City-Wide Arts and Peace Festival

[Collaboration](#) is calling writers, devisers, rhymers, dancers, directors, actors and partners with visions of peace in Chicago to participate in the 2nd Annual PEACEBOOK event.

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Submission Deadline:

Saturday, April 15, 2017

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

## May 3-6

10th Annual Conference on  
Health Disparities (New  
Orleans, LA)  
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## May 5-6

Impact Youth 2017  
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## May 16

On the Table  
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## May 17

Health Care Summit on  
Domestic Violence, Human  
Trafficking & Sexual Assault  
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## May 18-21

RevUp 4-Day Institute  
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## May 23

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Lunch & Learn: Resolving the  
Data Wars on Human  
Trafficking  
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## May 24-26

**SAVE THE DATE**  
The Whole Student:  
Intersectionality and Well-Being  
A Bringing Theory to Practice  
Project National Conference  
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## May 31

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Communities for All:  
Supporting Inclusion and  
Positive Gender Norms for  
Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Prevention  
[LEARN MORE](#)

# Understanding the Gender Spectrum

## Supporting Transgender/Gender Expansive Youth in School

The [Children's School](#) is an independent, not-for-profit elementary school that embraces a philosophy of progressive education. The event will feature a speaker panel on the topic.

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The Children's School

1428 Wesley Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402

More information and registration [here](#)  
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# Sharing Back Office Services to Add Significant Values for Non-Profit Organizations

## Facing Resource Challenges

In this panel discussion hosted by the [Association of Consultants to Nonprofits](#), leaders from nonprofits with extensive experiences in using back office service sharing, such as IT services and supply chain purchasing services, will share the best practices for successfully engaging in such collaborative efforts.

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Thursday, April 20, 2017

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Lumity, 55 W. Van Buren, Suite 420

Chicago, IL 60605

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## June 21

### SAVE THE DATE

*From Private to Community  
Accountability: Building  
Capacity to Make Sexual and  
Domestic Violence Prevention*  
[LEARN MORE](#)

## June 22

### SAVE THE DATE

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
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## July 19

### SAVE THE DATE

*Organizing for Economic  
Opportunity: Movements and  
Strategies to Improve  
Economic Opportunities for  
Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Prevention*  
[LEARN MORE](#)

## August 16

### SAVE THE DATE

*A Safe Place to Call  
Home: Strategies and  
Movements to Transform the  
Physical/Built Environment for  
Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Prevention*  
[LEARN MORE](#)

## August 30

### SAVE THE DATE

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
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## September 18-20

### SAVE THE DATE

*Society for Advancement of  
Violence and Injury Research  
(SAVIR) 6th National  
Conference (Ann Arbor, MI)*  
[LEARN MORE](#)

## September 20

### SAVE THE DATE

*From Research to  
Practice: Addressing Shared  
Underlying Factors to Prevent  
Sexual and Domestic Violence*  
[LEARN MORE](#)



THE ASSOCIATION  
OF CONSULTANTS  
TO NONPROFITS

## ReEntry Mentoring

Conversations from the Field on Working with  
System-Involved Youth

Join this [National Mentoring Resource Center](#) webinar  
to learn evidence-based strategies for how your mentoring  
program can support system-involved youth.

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Thursday, April 20, 2017  
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm  
Online

More information and registration [here](#)



**MENTOR**  
THE NATIONAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

## Supporting Non-Offending Caregivers after Child Sexual Abuse

A Crucial Role in Healing

The goal of this [Chicago Children's Advocacy Center](#) training  
is to educate professionals on common reactions caregivers  
have after learning about their child's sexual abuse and ways  
community professionals can support non-offending  
caregivers.

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Friday, April 21, 2017  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center  
1240 S. Damen Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)

## November 1

### SAVE THE DATE

SCY Quarterly Meeting

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## November 4-8

### SAVE THE DATE

APHA 2017 Annual Meeting  
and Expo (Atlanta, GA)

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updates, click the button below



## Newsletter Content

To have an event or article  
included in SCY's bi-monthly  
update, email [Kirstin Grabski](#).

## Follow SCY's Blog!

### Join the Discussion on Youth Violence Prevention in Chicago

SCY's [blog](#) is another avenue  
to share information, connect  
with partners, 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.

If you interested in being a  
guest blogger, check out our  
[Blog Guidelines](#) to get started.



## Family Acceptance Project (FAP)

The Evidence-Informed Family Intervention and  
Support Model

Attendees of this event will receive training on family support  
needs for LGBTQ children and youth and on the FAP's  
research and family support approach to help diverse families  
to support their LGBTQ children.

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017 and  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
Detroit, MI

More information and registration [here](#)  
or email [Malisa Pearson](#)

## Keeping Children Safe

Preventing, Recognizing, Responding To and  
Reporting Sexual Abuse

As [Chicago Children's Advocacy Center's](#) signature training,  
this session will educate professionals and community  
members about child abuse and has a focus on responding to  
child sexual abuse.

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Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
9:30 am - 3:45 pm  
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center  
1240 S. Damen Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)

Contact [Kelli Day](#) with questions!



## Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunity details are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

For assistance developing research projects or connecting with research partners, please contact [Rebecca Levin](#).

## Job Postings

Details for the job postings are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

If you have a position you would like posted here, please send the position title, organization, contact person, brief description and full job description to [Kirstin Grabski](#).



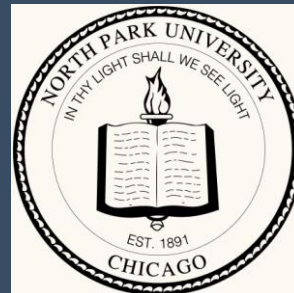
## Beauty for Ashes

The Art of Radical (Re)conciliation

At this [North Park University](#) event, four speakers will discuss what reconciliation is and how breaking the cycle of violence can be accomplished through truth, justice, mercy, and peace.

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Saturday, April 29, 2017  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
North Park University  
5159 N. Spaulding Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625

More information and registration [here](#)



## 10th Annual Conference on Health Disparities

A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities

By presenting current thoughts and perspectives on the impacts of such social determinants and environmental stressors as income, educational attainment, housing, air and water quality, gun violence, drug dependence and access to healthcare, this conference points the way toward a model of individual responsibility, community well-being and proactive healthcare that may reduce and eventually eliminate health disparities.



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Wednesday, May 3, 2017 through  
Saturday May 6, 2017  
JW Marriot New Orleans  
614 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Impact Youth 2017

3rd Annual Conference

This year's [Peace Hub](#) event with dynamic panels will also include nationally acclaimed trauma specialist and author Dr. Bruce Perry as a speaker. The conference is designed to provide support to youth and those who work with youth.

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Friday, May 5, 2017  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
**Youth Advocates**

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
**Youth & Youth Advocates**

Gary Comer Youth Center  
7200 S. Ingleside, Chicago, IL 60619

More information and registration [here](#)  
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**PEACE \* HUB**

## Rev-Up 4 Day Institute

Professional Development to Support Youth Activism

[Chicago Freedom School](#) is partnering with [University of Illinois-Chicago](#) to hold a training for youth organizers, youth workers, and educators who seek to incorporate social change practices into their work.

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Thursday, May 18, 2017 through  
Sunday, May 21, 2017  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
University of Illinois-Chicago  
1040 W. Harrison  
Chicago, IL 60607

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Teddy Gun

New Campaign for Common Sense Gun Laws

Teddy bears need to follow strict safety regulations unless that teddy bear is a gun. The [Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence](#) has launched a new and highly provocative campaign called Teddy Gun that aims to expose the discrepancies in relaxed gun regulations, and create constructive conversation, and ultimately political pressure, for common sense gun laws.

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Learn more and get involved [here](#)  
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