



## Policy Agenda

At the November 2012 SCY Quarterly Meeting, the collaborative developed and ranked policy priorities for this work. Those priorities were further refined down to a 12-point policy agenda by the SCY Steering Committee.

We are pleased to share the nearly finalized agenda. If you have any comments, please contact us at [info@scy-chicago.org](mailto:info@scy-chicago.org). Please download the 1-pager [here](#).

The agenda will be formally released and the top six priorities will be the focus of the discussion at the upcoming SCY Quarterly Meeting. We look forward to your feedback and strategy ideas for implementation.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### February

[Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#)

### February 14

[Valentine's Day Poster Design Deadline](#)

Dear Smith CHR,

We are excited to share this new format for our monthly mailing. Please continue to send us events and resources to promote to the violence prevention community in Chicago.

We are also excited to share the SCY policy agenda—please send us your feedback and join us at our Quarterly Meeting later this month to discuss implementation and advocacy.

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

## Quarterly Meeting

*Tuesday, February 19, 2013*

*1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

Please join us for our first Quarterly Meeting in 2013! The topic will be **Taking Action on SCY's Policy Agenda** and will include a discussion on how to transform a policy agenda into action items from experts in this process and break-out sessions to get the planning started. In addition, SCY will present our plan to engage youth in a meaningful and substantive way in the work of SCY.

### Location:

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
225 East Chicago Avenue  
11th Floor, Conference Rooms 11-152/11-160  
\*\*\*Please check in on the 2nd floor\*\*\*

Please RSVP here: [SCY Quarterly Meeting](#)

*Discounted parking validations will be provided for*

**February 19**

SCY Quarterly Meeting

**March 17**

MetLife Award Deadline

**March 18-22**

National Youth Violence  
Prevention Week

**March 22**

CROSSwalk 2nd Annual  
Procession

**April 10**

Advocacy Day

**May 22**

SCY Quarterly Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**August 7**

SCY Quarterly Meeting  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**November 6**

SCY Quarterly Meeting  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



*Huron/Superior parking garage and light refreshments will be served.*

## **Now is the Time**

*President Obama's Gun Violence Reduction Plan*

The President's plan to address gun violence is a comprehensive call to action. Highlights include universal background checks; bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; support of gun violence research; and enhanced mental health services, especially for young adults and in schools.

Download the [plan](#) or visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> to learn more.

## **Poster Design Contest**

*Sponsored by Between Friends*

In recognition of **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February)**, Between Friends is sponsoring a citywide poster design competition to engage 7th-12th grade classes in creating awareness posters promoting healthy relationships!

The theme of the competition is **=Equal Love=** and is open to any 7th-12th grade classroom/youth group in Chicago. Submissions will be uploaded to the Between Friends REACH Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/betweenfriendsREACH](http://www.facebook.com/betweenfriendsREACH)) and voted upon by the community. Submissions should be creative and involve positive messaging about teen dating relationships and are due by **Valentine's Day (February 14th)**.

**The winning classroom will receive a pizza party for the students and a \$50 gift certificate for the teacher/adult ally.**

Download the Info Packet and Registration Form [here](#).

If interested or to get more information, please contact Paul Robinson or Florencia Rojo at 773-274-5232.

## **MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards**

*Deadline: Sunday, March 17, 2013*

Winners will receive monetary awards from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Offering Excellence Awards for Community-Police Partnership in the following categories:

- Neighborhood Revitalization & Economic Vitality
- Blight Reduction
- Civic Engagement
- Diversity Inclusion
- Drug Market Disruption
- Gang Prevention & Youth Safety
- Health & Wellness
- Senior Engagement
- School-Based Programs

For more information, please visit [www.lisc.org/metlife](http://www.lisc.org/metlife).

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## **CROSSwalk 2nd Annual Procession**

*Friday, March 22, 2013*

The CROSSwalk event is a procession across the heart of the city to remember the more than 797 children and youth that have been killed since 2008 and to connect participants with opportunities to protect children and mitigate violence.

The 2nd annual CROSSwalk procession will be held on **Friday, March 22nd** - the Friday before Passover and the Christian Holy Week. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Commons (65 E. Huron), travel through the Loop to stops at Daley Plaza and Old St. Pat's, and proceed to the lawn outside Stroger Hospital. CROSSwalk is not a protest march. It is a vigil, one that connects to follow-up action.

Participants are welcome to walk the entire route or join us at any point. The event should conclude by 9 p.m., and buses will be available to transport participants back to Daley Plaza or to St. James Commons.

For more information, contact Jack Clark at 708-380-0056 or [jack@crosswalkchicago.org](mailto:jack@crosswalkchicago.org).

For more information, visit [www.crosswalkchicago.org](http://www.crosswalkchicago.org) or download the flyer and fact sheet [here](#).

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## **Advocacy Day**

*Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence*

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence is holding an Advocacy Day in Springfield on **Wednesday, April 10, 2013** in response to partner feedback. The goal is to show

overwhelming support to help pass a common sense gun law this spring.

Logistics and planning are in process and the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence is looking for help in organizing the event. If you would like to work on this effort, please contact Mark J. Walsh at [mwalsh@ichv.org](mailto:mwalsh@ichv.org).

We will update as details are finalized.



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