



SCY Monthly Training Series: Mentoring

Co-hosted with Illinois Mentoring Partnership

January is [National Mentoring Month](#) and SCY is partnering with the [Illinois Mentoring Partnership](#) to host a training titled "Using the Elements of Effective Practice in Mentoring Programs" for organizations and individuals interested in learning about starting or expanding a mentoring program, improving your current mentoring program, or sharing some of your own lessons learned from established programs.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
1:30pm to 5:00pm
(registration starts at 1:30pm,
training begins promptly at
2:00pm)

Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago
225 E. Chicago Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60611
Conference Center

Mentoring can be extremely rewarding for the youth and mentors in our programs, but it can also be hard work for the staff that manages the program. Learn about mentoring best practices and find out how you can strengthen your program using evidence-based approaches.

Learn more about this training and register [here](#).

Happy New Year!

SCY is starting off 2015 with some exciting new announcements:

First, I would like to introduce the newest member of SCY's team, Community Programs Coordinator Ed Boone. Ed will focus on building relationships with community organizations to support their involvement in violence prevention efforts. Check out [SCY's latest blog](#) to learn more about Ed's journey and what he brings to the SCY team. Feel free to contact Ed at eboone@luriechildrens.org.

Second, SCY is pleased to release an updated 2015-2016 Policy Agenda available [here](#). As Illinois welcomes a new gubernatorial administration and opens a new General Assembly session next week, SCY will be working to advance the policy agenda. Stay in the loop by signing up for the policy update [here](#).

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

SCY Quarterly Meeting

Collaboration with the Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago

SCY joins over 130 other violence prevention stakeholders across the city on the [Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago](#). The Commission recently released its first report on its strategic plan to address youth violence. This report is focused on strategies designed to identify and intervene with youth at risk for becoming involved in violence. Read the full report [here](#) to learn more about the recommendations the Commission made in each of the five issue areas.

SCY would like to invite all partners to join representatives of the Commission and the Mayor's Office at our upcoming Quarterly Meeting to learn more about the recommendations and to think about ways that community-based organizations can be involved in the implementation of the report.

Thursday, February 5, 2015
1:00pm to 4:30pm

(registration starts at 1:00pm, meeting begins promptly at



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

January 8

Expanding the Boundaries: Health Equity and Public Health Practice Web Forum
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 11

Gospel Nonviolence: Jesus' original teaching on peacemaking
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 13

Professional Development for School Transformation
****Updated Location** Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center**
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 14

Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community
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January 15

Chicago Children's Museum Community Festival Program Application Deadline
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 18

Gospel Nonviolence: Jesus' Practice of Creative Nonviolence
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 19

DEADLINE: LOI for Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence

1:30pm)

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Learn more and register [here](#)

National Mentoring Month

Illinois Mentoring Partnership

[Illinois Mentoring Partnership](#) (IMP) has secured a proclamation from Governor Quinn declaring January Illinois Mentoring Month! Also, be sure to check out the [Chicago Sun Times](#), which is featuring a mentoring program and mentor/mentee pair each day.



IMP is giving the same training as the one co-hosted with SCY in Bloomington, IL on Thursday, January 15 from 10:30am to 2:00pm at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church (801 W. Market St. Bloomington, IL 61701). To learn more and to register, please contact Cheryl Howard-Neal at chneal@ilmentoring.org.

Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community

Chicago Justice for Youth Institute and Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation

Kay Pranis and Carolyn Boyse-Watson will be rolling out their new book, *Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community* in Chicago next week. This is a great opportunity for teachers, administrators, counselors and social workers, students, parents, RJ practitioners, education advocates, and organizers to hear from RJ advocates and authors to learn more about how to successfully build a restorative school community.



Wednesday, January 14
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Roosevelt University Library, 10th Floor

Research Funding
Opportunity (Funding
Opportunity # RFA-
CE-15-003)
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 19
MLK Youth Peace
Initiative 2015
[READ MORE](#)

January 20
SCY Monthly Training:
Using the Elements of
Effective Practice in
Mentoring Programs
[REGISTER NOW](#)

January 21
Self-Care Energy
Techniques
[READ MORE](#)

January 23
Professional Media
Relations Training
Begin (every Friday
through February 20)
[READ MORE](#)

January 25
Gospel Nonviolence:
Conclusion and Call to
Action for Peace
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 29
Economic
Empowerment Project
Symposium
Registration deadline: Jan. 14
[LEARN MORE](#)

January 30
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Untied Way LIVE 2020
Community Fund
[LEARN MORE](#)

430 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL
More information [here](#)

Student-Centered Approaches for Deeper Learning Outcomes

Generation All

Please join [Generation All](#) for their upcoming presentation and community discussion on how student-centered learning is different from other education approaches and how research findings can be translated into actionable strategies in classrooms.

[Rebecca E. Wolfe, Ph.D.](#), Director of Students at the Center, Jobs for the Future will examine the role that student-centered approaches can play to deepen learning and prepare young people to meet the demands and engage the opportunities of the 21st century. Come share your perspective on how these approaches can be implemented successfully so that all students benefit.

Wednesday, January 14, 2015
4:00pm to 6:30pm

After School Matters Gallery 37
66 East Randolph St., 5th FL Chicago, IL 60601
Learn more and register [here](#)



MLK Youth Peace Initiative 2015

The Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago and Mikva Challenge

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, the [Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago](#) and [Mikva Challenge](#) will bring over 100 young people from across the city together to discuss the issue of violence -- how it affects young people, and how young people can be a force for change and peace. Attendees will explore the root causes and impact of youth violence in Chicago, and begin to work on ideas to create peaceful communities throughout the city.

Youth will then learn about how to apply for the Youth Peace Grant program, through which they can receive funding for youth-designed projects to address violence and promote peace in their communities!

January 30

LOI DEADLINE: CDC
Violence Research Grant
[READ MORE](#)

January 30

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE: Illinois Suicide
Prevention Conference
[READ MORE](#)

February 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting:
Collaboration with the Mayor's
Commission for a Safer
Chicago
[READ MORE](#)

February 6

The 8th Annual Health
Disparities and Social Justice
Conference
[LEARN MORE](#)

March 5

DEADLINE: Application for
Intimate Partner and Sexual
Violence Research Funding
Opportunity (Funding
Opportunity # RFA-CE-15-003)
[LEARN MORE](#)

March 11-13

SAVIR 2015 Conference in
New Orleans
[LEARN MORE](#)

March 15

Chicago Children's
Museum Community
Festival Program
Application Deadline
[LEARN MORE](#)

March 16

APPLICATION
DEADLINE: CDC
Violence Research
Grant
[READ MORE](#)

Monday, January 19th, 2015
9:00am-2:00pm
Kirkland and Ellis

300 N. LaSalle 6th Floor Chicago, IL
If interested in attending contact Jackie Rosa-
Jackie@Mikvachallenge.org
RSVP by Monday, January 12

Be a part of a movement to create a peaceful and safe
Chicago for all youth!



Mikva
Challenge

Self-Care Energy Techniques to Prevent Mental Health Provider Burnout

Mental Health America of Illinois

Join [Mental Health America of Illinois](#) for this workshop focused on strategies to prevent burnout. Mental health practitioners frequently find themselves facing stress and energy burnout. As such, knowledge of techniques which promote well-being and allow for optimal care of patients can be crucial. Practices such as Reiki are energetically based and holistic in nature, promote mental balance, reduce stress, and support the immune system. In addition, they help to relieve a variety of emotional, psychological, and physical ailments including anxiety, depression, PTSD, insomnia, and pain.



Wednesday, January 21
9:30am to 11:00am

Mental Health America of Illinois
70 E. Lake St, Chicago, IL 60601
More information and registration [here](#)

The cost for this workshop is \$30.00. 2 CEUs are available for Social Workers and Professional Counselors. Discounted Parking (\$16) is located at 20 E. Randolph (Macy's Parking Garage).

Professional Media Relations Training

Community Media Workshop

Join the [Community Media Workshop](#) for this intensive

April 30
*2015 Illinois Suicide
Prevention
Conference*
[LEARN MORE](#)

May 14
SCY Quarterly Meeting
[REGISTER NOW](#)

August 19
SCY Quarterly Meeting
[REGISTER NOW](#)

November 10
SCY Quarterly Meeting
[REGISTER NOW](#)

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Youth Violence
Prevention in Chicago*

Check out some of our recent posts on an analysis of Ferguson protestors, empowerment through data, and working with justice system involved youth [here](#).

training series of five, half-day sessions designed specifically for nonprofit communicators to plan media campaigns around one of their own stories, while learning basic public relations skills. The workshop will provide hands-on guidance and training, as attendees develop a story and pitch it to journalists.



Fridays, January 23rd- February 20th
9:00am- 12:00pm
Columbia College Chicago
600 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL
More information and registration [here](#)

Violence Research Funding Opportunity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control](#) is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will help expand and advance knowledge in three areas: 1) how best to disseminate, implement, and translate evidence-based primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies designed to reduce youth violence; 2) what works to prevent violence by rigorously evaluating primary prevention strategies, programs, and policies; and 3) research to determine ways to effectively prevent serious and lethal interpersonal or self-directed violence.

LOI DEADLINE: Friday, January 30, 2015
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 16, 2015
Read full grant announcement and application [here](#).



Illinois Suicide Prevention Conference

Call for Abstracts

The conference planning committee is accepting abstracts for the 2015 Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference entitled "Preventing Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults: Everyone has a Role" on April 30, 2015 in Bloomington, IL. More information about the conference [here](#).



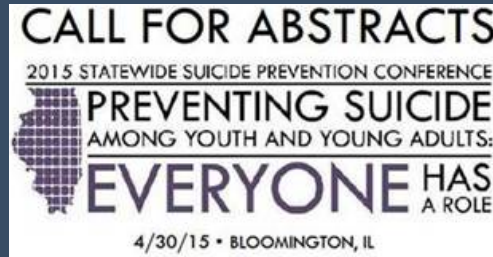
Lead a SCY Training!

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](#) or contact Kelli Day, Operations Manager, at kday@luriechildrens.org.

Submissions are being accepted for the following:

- Breakout presentations for three tracks
- Poster displays
- Non-for-profit program displays (those interested in a sponsorship or for-profit program display should contact Angie Wanger at awanger@ipha.com)



The submission deadline for breakout presentations is **January 30**, and the **non-profit poster and program display spots are limited**, so please submit early. Click [here](#) to learn more and submit an abstract.



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