



## **IVDRS Data Brief on Youth Suicide Illinois Violent Death Reporting System**

The most recent IVDRS data brief, "[Circumstances Surrounding Adolescent and Young Adult Suicide Among Those Not Receiving Mental Health Treatment at Time of Death](#)" has been released. Although the majority of young people in Illinois who committed suicide were not receiving mental health treatment, in many cases there were signs of crisis and opportunities to intervene. We hope this data brief highlights the need to raise public awareness of when and how to seek help.

SCY's medical director, Dr. Karen Sheehan discusses the findings of the report in her latest [blog post](#) and highlights the importance of knowing when and how to ask for help.



## **Upcoming Events & Important Dates**

### **February 19**

*PROTECT Info Session:  
Chicago*  
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Earlier today Governor Bruce Rauner delivered his [2015 Budget Address](#). His proposed budget includes major cuts in Medicaid, higher education, and other areas, and many policymakers and advocates have expressed concern about the potential impact on vulnerable children, families and communities. SCY will continue to monitor the impact of the budget on violence prevention and Illinois youth.

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

## **Summit on Young Adults**

### *Moving from Prison to Pathways of Hope*

Join the [Juvenile Justice Initiative](#) for the Summit on Young Adults as they examine the impact of the criminal justice system on young adults (18-21 years old) and consider alternatives to adult prosecution through a review of international practices and a new national focus on this age group.



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Friday, February 27  
9:30am- 3:00pm

Roosevelt University, Murray Green Library  
430 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL  
More information and registration [here](#)  
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## **Restoring Justice Film Screening and Discussion**

### *The School Project*

Join [The School Project](#) for the premiere of their third episode, Restoring Justice, about school discipline policies that are harming Chicago's students and unfairly affecting communities of color.

**February 21**

*Understanding Adulthood Training*  
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**February 21**

*American Denial Screening*  
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**February 24**

*Summer Youth Employment  
Program Administration  
Webinars*  
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**February 25**

*NCTSN Policy Speaker Series*  
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**February 27**

*Summit on Young Adults*  
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**February 27**

*Social Media Bootcamp (3-part:  
Feb 27, March 6, and March 20)*  
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**March 5**

*Restoring Justice*  
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**March 12**

*Illinois Kids Count 2015  
Symposium*  
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**March 13-14**

*Impact Youth 2015*  
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**March 14**

*Submission Deadline: Say It Out  
Loud! Poster Contest*  
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**March 15**

*Chicago Children's Museum  
Community Festival Program  
Application Deadline*  
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Produced by the young people of [Free Spirit Media](#), this 10-minute film examines the movement toward more youth-centered, restorative justice practices, which began as a grassroots effort and have subsequently been adopted by district leadership.



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Thursday, March 5  
5:30pm- 8:30pm

North Lawndale College Prep, Collins Campus  
1313 S. Sacramento Ave Chicago, IL  
Learn more, watch the trailer, and RSVP [here](#)

## **Illinois Kids Count 2015 Symposium**

*Voices for Illinois Children*

Please join [Voices for Illinois Children](#) for the Illinois Kids Count 2015 Symposium to hear leading experts discuss child poverty and the adverse effects of poverty on children's school readiness, academic achievement, physical health, social-emotional development, as well as social and economic outcomes in adulthood.

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Thursday, March 12  
8:30am- 11:30am

Loyola University Civitas ChildLaw Center, Regents Hall  
111 East Pearson, 16th floor, Chicago, IL  
Learn more and register [here](#)



## **Impact Youth 2015**

*Understanding and Addressing Issues That  
Affect Today's Youth*

Join [Peace Hub](#) for their inaugural conference designed specifically for youth and youth advocates. The goal of the conference is to learn how to meet youth where they are and actively work to make a difference.

## March 17

*Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Training*  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
February 27  
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## March 17

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
*Summer Youth Employment Program Administration Proposals*  
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## March 21

*Piecing It All Together Conference*  
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## March 25

*SCY Training: Restorative Justice in CPS*  
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## April 17

*SCY Training: Impact of Trauma on Adolescents*  
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## April 30

*2015 Illinois Suicide Prevention Conference*  
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## May 14

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
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## May 12-13

*ICADV Conference*  
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## August 19

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
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## November 10

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
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**PEACE HUB**

Conference topics include Trauma 101, Today's Gangs, Mindfulness, Cultural Competency, Youth Program Quality (presented by youth), Adulthood, Chicago's Crime Stats, several youth led workshops and much more. Youth, youth advocates, clinicians, school personnel, foundation officers, organizational leadership and those that interact regularly with youth are invited to be a part of this important event.

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Friday & Saturday, March 13-14  
8:30am- 4:00pm

Gary Comer Youth Center  
7200 S. Ingleside, Chicago, IL  
More information and registration [here](#)  
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## **Applications for Administration of Summer Youth Employment Programs**

### *Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago*

The [Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago](#) recommended continued growth of our summer jobs programming, with a focus on enhancing workforce skills training and building connections to year-round employment and education opportunities. Inner City Youth Empowerment LLC, a partnership of Mark and Kimbra Walter and Earvin Johnson, has committed \$10 million in funding to support the growth of One Summer Chicago Plus, a program that combines a 25 hour a week job experience with mentoring and social skill building for youth at risk of becoming involved in violence.

The application period is now open for organizations interested in administering the Summer Youth Employment Program, One Summer Chicago PLUS, and/or Greencorps Youth Program. DFSS is hosting pre-submittal conferences via webinar on February 24 for SYEP & Greencorps, OSC+, and Budgets. More information and submission guidelines [here](#). **Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 17.**

## **Youth-Led Peace Action Grants**

### *Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago*

[Mikva Challenge](#), in conjunction with the [Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago](#), is proud to invite youth from across Chicago to apply for grants to support Peace Projects in their schools or communities.

SCY's bi-monthly update, please email Kelli Day at [kday@luriechildrens.org](mailto:kday@luriechildrens.org).

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## Follow SCY's Blog!

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

Check out some of our recent posts on America's Child Soldiers, National Mentoring Month, and the impact of youth summer employment [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](mailto:kday@luriechildrens.org).

**Mikva  
Challenge**



One of the Commission's recommendations was to involve and empower youth to develop their own solutions to youth violence and ideas for promoting peace. The City has committed \$50,000 for a Youth Peace Grants program, through which young people can propose and receive funding for projects to promote peace in their communities. More information and grant application [here](#).

Grant applications will be processed on a rolling basis, with decisions made and communicated by the 15th of the month. The final day for submitting applications is **June 30, 2015**.

## Chicago City of Learning Training for Organizations

### Chicago City of Learning

[Chicago City of Learning](#) is currently conducting trainings for organizations that wish to have their programs included on the CCOL website. CCOL is an initiative that provides young people and their parents with information about enriching after school programs, park activities, and special events. Youth earn "badges" for their participation in CCOL, to recognize their learning and unlock additional opportunities.

To be included in the CCOL, organizations must participate in a three-session training series. Trainings are being held in February, March, and April. If you are interested in having your program offerings (after school programs, summer opportunities, youth employment workshops, etc) included in CCOL, please contact Tená Gray at [tgray@digitalyouthnetwork.org](mailto:tgray@digitalyouthnetwork.org).



## Early Intervention Provider Training

*Chicago Children's Advocacy Center*

In partnership with the [Illinois Department of Human Services](#), [ChicagoCAC](#) has launched a new online training series for Early Intervention (EI) providers and early childhood home

visitors in Illinois. All new EI providers will participate in our Recognizing and Responding to Abuse series, including indicators of physical and sexual abuse, risk and protective factors, how to respond to abuse and how ChicagoCAC plays a role in protecting children. Empowering these professionals to identify abuse means more Illinois children will get the help they need.

EI providers can take the trainings online through the [Illinois Early Intervention Training Program](#).



## Save the Date: ICADV National Conference

### *Finding Accountability in Gender Based Violence*

This training hosted by the [Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) is open to anyone interested in the movement to end gender-based violence. More details and pricing will be available in March. If you would like the complete registration information emailed to you when available, contact Pam Groves at [Groves@ilcadv.org](mailto:Groves@ilcadv.org).



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 Thursday & Friday, May 12-13  
 Four Points Sheraton  
 319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL  
 More information [here](#)  
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## Funding Opportunities

For assistance developing research projects or connecting with research partners, please contact Rebecca Levin at [rlevin@luriechildrens.org](mailto:rlevin@luriechildrens.org).

Title	Sponsor	Important Dates
<a href="#">Violence Prevention Grant (Bid # 1553-14393)</a>	Cook County Justice Advisory Council	Pre-Proposal Conference: February 23 Application Deadline: March 20
<a href="#">Springboard Grant</a>	Springboard Foundation	Application Deadline: February 28

Chicago Design Competition <a href="#">↗</a>	Get In Chicago, University of Chicago Crime Lab, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	LOI Deadline: March 2 Application Deadline: April 24
Evaluating Structural, Economic, Environmental, or Policy Primary Prevention Strategies for Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence (Funding Opportunity # RFA-CE-15-003) <a href="#">↗</a>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Application Deadline: March 5
ComEd-NSC Community Safety Program <a href="#">↗</a>	National Safety Council, ComEd	Application Deadline: March 6
FY 15/16 Recidivism Reduction Grant (Bid #: 1553-14327, 1553-14328, 1553-14329, 1553-14330) <a href="#">↗</a>	Cook County Justice Advisory Council	Application Deadline: March 6
Seed Grants for Community-Engaged Partnerships and Research Projects <a href="#">↗</a>	Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities	Deadline for discussing with ARCC Director: March 9 Application Deadline: March 20
Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury <a href="#">↗</a>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Application Deadline: March 16
Drug-Free Communities Support Program <a href="#">↗</a>	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration	Application Deadline: March 18
ICRC Exploratory Research Projects <a href="#">↗</a>	Center for Injury Research and Policy, Nationwide Children's Hospital	Application Deadline: March 30
Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence <a href="#">↗</a>	U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice	Application Deadline: April 7
Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence <a href="#">↗</a>	U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice	Application Deadline: April 8

Social Science Research on Implementation, Dissemination, and Translation



U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice

Application Deadline: April 9

Youth-Led Peace Action Grants



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Rolling Applications (decisions made and communicated by the 15th of every month)  
Final Day to Submit Applications: June 30



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