



## SCY Monthly Training: Advocacy 101

This interactive training is designed to engage participants in a dialogue about how to identify issues impacting their communities and develop and implement effective advocacy strategies. Using a violence prevention lens, participants will develop the beginnings of an advocacy strategy related to current issues impacting their work.

**Wednesday  
May 21, 2014**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Ann & Robert H. Lurie  
Children's Hospital of Chicago  
225 E. Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611  
11th floor conference room

PLEASE CHECK IN AT 2nd  
FLOOR  
SCY REGISTRATION TABLE  
(near Concierge Desk)

Discounted parking vouchers  
will be provided.

[Registration](#) is required

Since SCY has formed, we have seen major advances in policy that we hope will reduce and prevent violence in Chicago. For example, due to the passage of [Raise the Age](#) in Illinois last year, 17-year-olds are now charged as juveniles for most crimes. State-wide initiatives as well as local initiatives, like the VOYCE success illustrated below, demonstrate movement in the right direction for Chicago's youth.

There is a lot of momentum both in Springfield and locally. To learn more about how to become more involved or more active in this movement, come to [SCY's Monthly Training on Advocacy 101!](#)

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



## VOYCE Achieves Major Victory *Noble Announces the End of Discipline Fees*

After a sustained organizing effort to expose the widespread use of disciplinary fines by Noble Network of Charter Schools, [VOYCE](#) is celebrating a major victory: the Noble Network of Charter Schools announced that they have ended the use of disciplinary fines!

Fines have been a hallmark of Noble's "get tough" approach, and low-income students and families have suffered, paying fines for minor infractions like having shoelaces untied or not tracking their teacher with their eyes. This has led to low-income students being pushed out of Noble schools systematically.

This is a great win for VOYCE and an indicator of the momentum building through the [Campaign for Common Sense Discipline](#). For more information on the campaign,

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### May 9

*Application DUE for Between Friends' Y-Care Leadership Initiative*

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### May 10

*Chicago PIC Teaching*

Collective: "Prison Industrial Complex 101"  
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## May 12

The Chicago Community Trust hosts *On The Table*: community wide conversation about our collective future  
Learn more in [SCY 4/2/14 Newsletter](#)

## May 14

Mental Health Rally for adequate funding for mental health services  
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## May 19

Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference  
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## May 19-25

National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth  
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## May 21

SCY Monthly Training: Advocacy 101, co-hosted by Terri A. Johnson of C-Change Consulting  
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## May 22

Bolster Mission Consulting: "How Mission-Driven Is Your Data?" Workshop  
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## May 23-24

CHRC Symposium: *Creating a Non-Violent Future - Children's Rights and Advances in Protection from Corporal Punishment*  
Learn more in [SCY 4/2/14 Newsletter](#)

## May 28-30

Chicago Freedom Summer: "Freedom Dreams, Freedom Now" Conference  
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## June 2-4

Reconnecting the Pathways: Equipping Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform  
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please contact Shawn Brown, Campaign Director, at 773-583-1387 ext 202 or [shawn@voyceproject.org](mailto:shawn@voyceproject.org)

## Y-Care Leaders 2014-2015

### *Between Friends*

Between Friends' Y-CARE Leadership Initiative is a yearlong program that allows students to have a positive change on the community they live in. Learn more about the responsibilities of student Y-Care Leaders and access the application [here](#).

**Application deadline: May 9, 2014.**

### **Youth Leadership Institute July 7 - July 18, 2014**

These sessions will feature other partner organizations, teen presenters, field trips, and team building activities. Food and transportation (bus cards) will be provided.

Questions or more information: Colleen at [betweenfriendsreach@gmail.com](mailto:betweenfriendsreach@gmail.com) or 773-274-5232



## Prison Industrial Complex 101

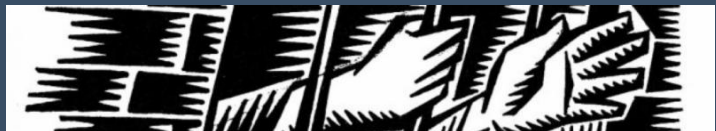
### *Chicago PIC Teaching Collective*

You are invited to join members of the Chicago PIC Teaching Collective for an introductory workshop about the prison industrial complex.

**Saturday, May 10, 1-5pm**

African American Cultural Center (Library, 2nd Floor)  
University of Illinois at Chicago (Addams Hall)  
830 S. Halsted  
(Enter campus to find building. Please ask for directions.)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please only [register](#) if you are certain to attend. Bring lunch with you!



## Mental Health Rally

### *Rescue Community Care*

Co-sponsors NAMI Chicago, The Mental Health Summit, Mental Health America of Illinois (MHA), and Thresholds need you more than ever to advocate for mental health treatment!

Urge legislators to invest in mental health services because "recovery rocks"! Everyone who supports adequate funding for mental health services should join this rally.



**Wednesday, May 14  
12pm-1pm**

Thompson Center  
Plaza in front of building  
100 W. Randolph, Chicago

## Leadership and Networking Conference

*Tutor/Mentor Institute, LLC and Becoming We The People*

## June 24-27

Chicago Freedom School "Rev Up" youth organizer, worker, educator training

Learn more in [SCY 4/16/14 Newsletter](#)

## June 30

SCY Monthly Training: Stakeholder Engagement, co-hosted by [Prevent School Violence Illinois \(PSVI\)](#)  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## August 13

SCY Quarterly Meeting  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## November 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Interested in Sharing Your Expertise or Violence Prevention Experience?

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. Trainings frequently involve information sharing, networking, and interactive action planning.

If you or your organization is interested in partnering with SCY for a future training, learn more [here](#) or contact Alyssa Petersel, Program Assistant, at [apetersel@luriechildrens.org](mailto:apetersel@luriechildrens.org)

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## Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, please email Alyssa Petersel at [apetersel@luriechildrens.org](mailto:apetersel@luriechildrens.org)

Join this conference as part of an ongoing strategy aimed at building connections between people leading tutor/mentor programs, volunteers, and funders so that high quality programs can reach more youth. This conference offers workshops on planning, evaluation, recruitment, training, marketing, and other topics relevant to tutoring/mentoring youth at different ages and stages of development.

**Monday, May 19 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Metcalfe Federal Building  
77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago

See the [full list of speakers](#) and the [conference agenda](#)

Register [here](#).

## National Week of Action Against Incarcerating Youth

*Local Chicago and National Collaborative Effort*

The second annual National Week of Action Against Youth Incarceration will bring together thousands of youth people and adults from across the country to address youth criminalization.

Contact Project NIA at [projectnia@hotmail.com](mailto:projectnia@hotmail.com) if you work with young people who would like to participate in an action in Chicago on Monday, May 19th at 5:00pm.

To learn more about the week of action, visit the initiative's [Facebook Page](#).



## How Mission-Driven is Your Data?

*Tools and Relationships for Navigating the New Social Impact Market*

**Bolster Mission** has developed methods and tools drawn from their work with [New Market Leaders](#) to help quality non-profits cultivate successful traits that will help them adapt to the changing social sector while staying rooted in their core missions and identities. This workshop will introduce you to the concept of New Market Leadership and focus in-depth on the use of [performance management data](#).

**Thursday, May 22, 8:30am - 12:30pm**

McCormick Foundation, Lakeview Conference Room  
205 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 4300, Chicago

[Learn more](#) and [register!](#) Capacity limited to 20.



## Freedom Dreams, Freedom Now

*Chicago Freedom Summer*

Join UIC's Social Justice Initiative at the University of IL-Chicago campus to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer 1964. "Freedom Dreams, Freedom Now" is an inter-generational gathering of scholars, artists and

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activists coming together to wrestle with the past and imagine and organize for a better future.

**Wednesday-Friday, May 28-30**

UIC Student Center West  
828 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60607

Visit conference [website](#) for more details.

Register [here](#).

Space is limited and registration fee is sliding scale.

Questions contact [sjuic@gmail.com](mailto:sjuic@gmail.com)

## **CHICAGO FREEDOM SUMMER 2014**

### ***Reconnecting the Pathways***

#### ***Equipping Leaders for Juvenile Justice Reform***

Registration is now open and is on a sliding scale for this statewide juvenile justice focused conference.

Re-connecting will focus on the role of leadership for juvenile justice improvement. Local teams are encouraged to attend together. Individuals are also welcome to register and attend.

Sessions will include information on prevention strategies, alternatives to detention and incarceration, effective treatment, funding, data, DMC, and youth and family voices.

**June 2-4, 2014**

Crown Plaza, Springfield

Learn more and register [here](#).

Questions: [robin@jeffil.us](mailto:robin@jeffil.us) 618-204-5075



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