



Community-Academic Collaboration to Prevent Violence in Chicago

Initial Membership Survey

The goal of this project is to build capacity to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to reduce health disparities related to violence by establishing and enhancing connections among community organizations, researchers, and local funders working to prevent violence and strengthen youth, families, and communities in Chicago.

Please take a moment to complete this short [survey](#)

The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify work that has already been done to determine research priorities with respect to violence prevention. Our primary goal is to obtain retrospective information regarding past experiences and participation in relevant discussions so that we can build upon previous work rather than duplicating efforts. There will be a follow-up survey in the upcoming weeks to explore current and future research priorities to help us understand what further information is needed in order to best understand and address the growing concerns of violence and prevention.

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SCY is excited to be part of several emerging projects that will connect community partners and researchers and we could use your input. If you have had previous discussions about violence research priorities, please fill out the survey to the left. If you would like to join the proposed Chicago Center to Prevent Injury and Violence, please fill out the membership application below. For questions or suggestions about either project, please feel free to contact me at rlevin@luriechildrens.org.

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

Chicago Center to Prevent Injury and Violence

Upcoming CDC Proposal

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago is gearing up to submit an application to become an [Injury Control Research Center](#) and we are looking for individuals interested in being a part of the Chicago Center to Prevent Injury and Violence.

The goals of the Center include research, education, and outreach; specifically to conduct high quality research and help translate scientific discoveries into practice to prevent injury morbidity and mortality and to advance the injury and violence prevention field through the development and implementation of training, education, and outreach programs.

To join the Center, please complete the [Membership Application](#).

The benefits of membership include:

1.) Access free of charge* to consultation on proposal development.

Experts in multiple disciplines and methods (including epidemiology, biostatistics, psychology, economics, sociology, geoanalysis, and community based participatory research) are available to Center members to help develop research proposals. Senior Violence and Injury Prevention (VIP) Expert researchers are also available to provide mentorship. Services include assistance in:

- Study Design

represent the official views of the
National Institutes of Health.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September 19

[The Impact of Violence on
Women: A Health Care
Perspective](#)

September 25

SCY Training: Gangs 101
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for
details.

September 26

["We're in it for the Long Haul"](#)
Alternatives to Incarceration for
Youth in Chicago

September 26

Free Preparedness Training
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for
details.

September 30

[Peace Grant Application](#)
DEADLINE

October 3

Cook County Restorative
Justice Committee Meeting
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for
details.

October 24

*A Vision for the Future:
Reimagining the System When
Young People Come into
Conflict with the Law*
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for
details.

October 24

Free Preparedness Training
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for
details.

October 28

Midwest Summit
["Arrest Records as Barriers to
Employment"](#)

October 29

[Media Training](#)
Applications due Oct. 13

November 6

SCY Quarterly Meeting

- Power and Sample Size Estimates
- Statistical Analyses
- Team Science: For more complex proposals, a multi-disciplinary team of scientists will work with the investigator to develop the optimal research methods for the proposed project. A panel of practitioners and community partners will also be available for project consultation.

2.) Access free of charge* to administrative support on proposal development.

Experienced administrative staff that has a history of preparing successful grants will be available to investigators to help prepare competitive proposals. The Center can offer members assistance in writing grants, planning budgets, preparing IRB applications, and helping with pre and post award management.

3.) Assistance in finding research partners.

4.) Priority access to education, training, and career development programs.

5.) Priority access to Center funding opportunities.

**Access is provided within the limits of Center resources. In exchange for consultative services, experts and administrative staff are included in grant proposals when appropriate.*

The Impact of Violence on Women: A Health Care Perspective

Presented by the 2013-14 Chicago Area
Schweitzer Fellows

Thursday, September 19, 2013

6:15pm - 8:00pm

DePaul Alumni Center Auditorium
2400 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Elena Quintana, PhD

Executive Director
Institute on Public Safety & Social Justice
The Adler School

Sheela Raja, PhD

Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Author of *Overcoming Trauma and PTSD*
Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago

GUEST POETS:

Jazzmyne Anderson

Joji Kohjima, Schweitzer Fellow

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

This Event is free and open to the public, but RSVP by Sept. 16 is strongly encouraged to ensure seating. Email to: rsvp@hmpg.org or call 312 372-4292 ext. 24

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The Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program provides service learning opportunities and support for graduate level students in health, social work, law and other professions who are interested in improving the health and well being of underserved communities. The Program envisions that the Fellows are embarking upon a lifelong commitment to serve the most vulnerable

9am-12pm
[REGISTER HERE](#)

December 5

Free Preparedness Training
See [SCY 9/3/13 Newsletter](#) for details.

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Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, please email Kelli Day at kday@luriechildrens.org

members of our society. For further information about the Schweitzer Program please visit <http://www.hmprg.org>.

"We're in it for the Long Haul:" Alternatives to Incarceration for Youth in Chicago

Thursday, September 26, 2013



Join [Project NIA](#) and the [Children and Family Justice Center](#) for a panel discussion about Chicago's alternatives to youth incarceration programs. The discussion follows the release of a new paper published by Project NIA which specifically addresses five programs in Chicago that provide alternatives to incarceration for young people charged with or convicted of crimes. Included in this exploration are issues of cost, effectiveness, capacity, and the needs of youth and organizations moving forward.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://youthalternatives.eventbrite.com/>

Check out [New Paper: Alternatives to Youth Incarceration in Chicago](#)

Peace Action Grant

Applications due September 30, 2013

Mikva Challenge is excited to announce the Peace Action Grant Project. This project, supported by a generous donation by the Goulding Foundation, provides youth groups with up to \$2000 to lead peace projects in their schools or communities. Jonathan Harvey and Douglas Thurman, the Mikva alumni who helped design this grant program, say that "Youth violence is a huge issue in Chicago. Mikva Challenge and our supporters believe that there is a lot more we can do to reduce violence if we are willing to listen and support our young peace makers. We are hopeful that through these grants some young lives can be saved this year and in the future.



Youth groups can apply for this grant as part of a school or organization or on their own. Grants will be disbursed in amounts ranging from \$250-\$2000. Grants will be distributed monthly. To be eligible for the first round of grant funding, applications must be submitted by September 30. Mikva Challenge Alumni will be determining which projects will be funded. For any questions, please contact brian@mikvachallenge.org.

For more information and to download the application, visit http://www.mikvachallenge.org/site/epage/145892_719.htm.

"Arrest Records as Barriers to Employment"

Monday, October 28, 2013

The Adler School of Professional Psychology Institute on Social Exclusion, in collaboration with its co-sponsors, will host this Midwest summit for attorneys, policy makers, workforce development and employment agencies, human resource personnel, business groups, community organizations, community leaders and residents.

Monday, October 28, 2013

Registration and Refreshments: Noon - 1:00pm

Program: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph, Chicago

Assembly Hall (Concourse Level)

The program will feature keynote speaker Chai Feldblum, Commissioner, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Panel presentations will examine:

- Revised EEOC guidelines for employers in considering arrest histories in hiring decisions
- Impact on juveniles and adults seeking jobs- especially in vulnerable communities with high arrest rates
- Current legal action involving major employers and the EEOC guidance
- Remedies and implications
- Research findings on guidance application and its mental health impact in Chicago's Englewood community

Registration takes place noon to 1 p.m.; the program begins at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all, but RSVP required by October 21. Please click [here](#) to register. For groups of 10 or more, please contact ISE@adler.edu.

**Adler Institute on
Social Exclusion**



Media Training

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

9:00am - 12:00pm

****Applications Due Oct. 13*****

As you hear talk about violence in Chicago, do you sense that some voices are missing? How about your work and the work of your group? Are you part of the discussion?

Here's a free workshop on telling your story to the media and communities for individuals and groups who deal with youth violence. It is presented by the Community Media Workshop in collaboration with Strengthening Chicago's Youth. It will be held from 9 am to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 29th at Columbia College.

Due to limited seating, applications are being accepted through October 13, 2013. Chosen individuals will be notified the week of October 14, 2013. Submit your application [here](#).



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