



SCY Quarterly Meeting

Continuing to Make a Difference: Updating SCY's Policy Agenda

Join SCY for our upcoming Quarterly Meeting- Continuing to Make a Difference: Updating SCY's Policy Agenda!

At the November 2012 SCY Quarterly Meeting, partners were tasked with identifying and prioritizing policy areas that, with the help of SCY's Steering Committee, would become SCY's Policy Agenda. In the two years since, SCY and partners have worked toward goals related to these policy priorities. During this quarterly meeting, we will review progress made and will begin the conversation to update SCY's Policy Agenda for 2015 and beyond.

November 18
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago
225 E. Chicago Avenue
11th floor Conference Rooms
Please check in at 2nd floor
SCY registration table
Learn more and register [here!](#)



Today Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago is hosting a Chicago Ideas Week Lab "Building Connections to Strengthen Chicago's Youth".

In addition to the brainstorming session in which people from across Chicago will come together to build connections and generate new ideas to prevent violence and strengthen Chicago's youth, SCY is encouraging conversations on Twitter about how we can all contribute to a violence prevention call to action.

Connect with us on [Twitter](#) (@SCY_Chicago) or email us at info@scy-chicago.org to join the conversation and contribute to the call to action strengthen Chicago's youth!

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

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and it's a good time for schools (including personnel and students), communities, districts, and states to take stock of current efforts to reduce and prevent bullying.

In recognition of the efforts to improve school climate and reduce rates of bullying nationwide, the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention (FPBP) have released a variety of resources aimed at informing youth, those who work with youth, members of the media, parents, and schools.

Check out Bullying Prevention resources like [Media Guidelines for Bullying Prevention](#), [a report](#) describing how families, schools, and communities can increase capacity to reduce bullying, a [bullying prevention mobile app](#), and [more!](#)

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Illinois Child Abuse Prevention Fund Grant Application Open!

Department of Children and Family Services

October 16

Still I Rise! Domestic Violence Art Collaborative Event

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October 17

DEADLINE

*SAVIR 2015 Conference
Call for Abstracts*

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October 17

Discipline in Schools: Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance

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DEADLINE: *CPD A Force for Good Application*

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October 21

Restoring Hope After Suicide

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October 23

SCY Training: Domestic Violence Prevention

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Immigration Clinic for Domestic Violence Survivors

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October 23

"At-Risk Youth in the Suburbs" Town Hall Meeting

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October 23-26

Rev Up 4 Day Training Institute

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October 27-28

2014 MIPA Summit

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Division of Child Protection

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is now accepting applications for its 2016 Child Abuse Prevention Fund Grants Program. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis in amounts up to \$20,000 for community-based primary prevention programs during state fiscal year 2016 (July 1 2015 - June 30, 2016). Applications are due by **December 1, 2014**. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organizations serving residents of Illinois. The program is funded entirely by tax check off contributions to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund and managed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.



October 1st: Grant applications available.

December 1st: Grant applications due.

January 16th: Final grant decisions.

February 2nd: Award letters sent to grantees.

July 1st: Grant cycle begins.

More information and application materials [here](#)

Technical assistance regarding the grant application will be available by email through Friday, November 14, 2014. To request technical assistance, please email Valerie McDaniels, DCFS liaison at valerie.mcdaniels@illinois.gov

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Keep your efforts going strong throughout the month with [these awareness events](#) across the city! Check out a few of the upcoming events hosted by [Between Friends](#) below:

- Still I Rise! Art Collaboration Event: October 16, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Between Friends is co-sponsoring Survivors' Stories of Art as Healing Collaboration's ceremony. This event will highlight the work displayed which was created by survivors of domestic violence. The reception will include food and performances from survivors and social service professionals about the impact trauma have had on their lives.
- Immigration Clinic: October 23, 1:30pm- 3:30pm An immigration attorney will be visiting our office and giving an informational session on the UVisa/VAWA remedies available to survivors of domestic violence. The attorney will then be meeting one on one with individuals who have specific questions.
- DV 40 hour Training: October 30 & 31, 9am-5pm Educating Professionals, volunteers, and interns, to appropriately and safely respond to domestic violence, and to raise awareness to prevent further violence throughout the community.

October 30

DEADLINE: Video Contest for Youth Advocates: Fight Big Tobacco
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October 30 & 31

Domestic Violence 40 Hour Training
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November 5

Understanding Self Harm Behaviors Training
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November 6

Parent Empowerment Call
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November 6

ARCC Workshop with Kendall Stagg
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November 7

Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference
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November 15

Chicago Children's Museum Community Festival Program Application Deadline
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November 17-18

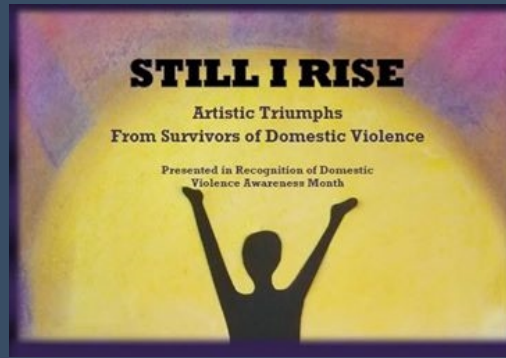
Creating Impact Through Engagement Training
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December 1

Child Abuse Prevention Grant Application DEADLINE
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Discipline in Schools: Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance *Children's Legal Rights Journal*

This one-day conference will explore the issue of school discipline. In January 2014, the Obama administration issued guidelines calling for an end to zero-tolerance policies in schools across the nation. Speakers will discuss the changing landscape of school discipline, including achievements and challenges in implementing new school practices. This conference will also focus on how reform efforts impact both the school-to-prison pipeline and discipline in charter schools.



Friday, October 17
8:30am to 3:30pm

Philip H. Corboy Law Center
Power, Rogers & Smith & Ceremonial Courtroom
25 E. Pearson St. Chicago
Learn more and register [here](#)

This program has been approved by the MCLE Board for 4.5 hours of General MCLE credit. This program also has been approved for 5.5 hours of CEU credits.

SCY Monthly Training Series ***The Chicago Response: Building Knowledge and Empathy around Domestic Violence***

Join SCY for our upcoming training honoring National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: "The Chicago Response: Building Knowledge and Empathy around Domestic Violence". Aileen Robinson, Program Development Coordinator of the Chicago Police Department's Domestic Violence Program will be presenting on CPD's policies, procedures, and services around incidents of domestic violence. The training will also include an experiential learning activity that will give participants insights into the lived

December 4

Parent Empowerment Call
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2015 Events

January 15

Chicago Children's Museum
Community Festival Program
Application Deadline
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March 11-13

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SAVIR 2015 Conference in
New Orleans
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March 15

Chicago Children's Museum
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Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, please email Erica Rodriguez at erodriguez@luriechildrens.org.

Follow SCY's Blog!

Join the Discussion on Youth Violence Prevention in Chicago

Check out some of our recent posts on Mental Health Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention, Juvenile Justice, and Making Our Communities Safer for Our Youth [here](#).



experience of those affected by domestic violence.



Thursday, October 23
2:00am to 4:30pm
Lurie Children's
225 E. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL
11th floor conference rooms
[Learn more and register here](#)

"At-Risk Youth in the Suburbs" Town Hall Meeting

Illinois Collaboration on Youth

We are pleased to invite you to attend the "At Risk Youth in the Suburbs" forum co-sponsored by the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA) and the Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY). Distinguished panelists include Rep. Patti Bellock, Sen. Julie Morrison, and Anne Studinzski of the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition, as well as community providers.



Poverty, homelessness, heroin -- these are no longer just concerns for urban communities, but increasingly problems facing suburban communities as well. Please join ICOY and IADDA for a discussion of the growing challenges facing suburban youth.

Thursday, October 23
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Wheeling Township Community Center
1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL
To learn more and register click [here](#)

If you have questions about the forum, please contact Phil Henke at 312-861-6600 or phenke@icoyouth.org for more information.

Video Contest for Youth Advocates: Fight Big Tobacco!

Children's Legal Rights Journal

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has launched a national video contest and is calling on youth advocates to join his fight against Big Tobacco.

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Lead a SCY Training!

Interested in Sharing Your Expertise or Violence Prevention

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 Erica Rodriguez, Program Assistant, at erodriguez@luriechildrens.org.



There is more than \$5,000 up for grabs in cash and prizes! Here is what you need to know...

- Tobacco companies spend over \$10 billion a year marketing their products with the goal of getting new users addicted.
- To promote their products, they use predatory marketing tactics aimed at addicting teens and young adults - and, especially people in the African American, Latino, Asian American, and the LGBT communities.
- Simply put, the tobacco industry tries to manipulate you. They want to exploit you. And, they do it for their own financial gain.

Mayor Emanuel is encouraging youth to take a stand. He is challenging youth advocates to shoot an Instagram video or Vine that exposes the truth about tobacco!

You do not have to be from Chicago to enter - anyone between the ages of 9 and 24 can enter and win up to \$1,500 in prize money.

Don't be a follower. Be a leader! Visit, www.DontGetBurnedChicago.com. Get creative. And, get started now.

The deadline to enter is **October 30, 2014**.

Understanding Self Harm Behaviors

Youth and Resilience Professional Development Training Series

This presentation, co-sponsored by The Night Ministry and The National Runaway Safeline, will provide key information for understanding and working with youth who engage in self-harm behaviors. The presentation will define what is self-injury, discuss ways that youth self injure, review characteristics of self injurers, and review effective interventions.

Wednesday, November 5
Registration at 12:30pm
Training from 1:00pm - 4:00pm
The Night Ministry
4711 N. Ravenswood Ave

Learn more and see full training series schedule [here](#)



By the end of this workshop participants will:

- Explore the manifestation of self-harming behaviors
- Define the differences between self-harm and suicidal ideation
- Understand the developmental theoretical model of self-injury
- Learn effective interventions for self-injury

Registration fee is \$25 for one person, four staff can attend for \$75.00. Please tell Barbara at the time of registration. Three continuing education credits will be awarded for each session.

Registration Contact: Barbara Bolsen 773-506-6019 or Barbb@thenightministry.org

ARCC Workshop with Kendall Stagg: Role of Researchers in the Policy Development Process

Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities

This workshop will feature a presentation by Kendall Stagg, JD, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health.

Hosted by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC).

Thursday, November 6
2:00pm - 4:30pm

McGaw Pavilion, Daniel Hale Auditorium, 2nd Floor
240 E. Huron Chicago, IL 60611



RSVP to ARCC@northwestern.edu
More information [here](#)

Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking Conference

Tutor/Mentor Connection

The conference is part of an ongoing strategy aimed at building connections between the people leading tutor/mentor programs, the people who are volunteers, and the people

who provide the money so that high quality tutor/mentor programs can reach more K-12 youth in high poverty neighborhoods in Chicago and other cities.

Friday, November 7
9:30am to 11:30am
Metcalfe Federal Building
77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL
To learn more and register click [here](#)



The conference serves three purposes:

- It connects leaders and supporters of volunteer-based tutoring, mentoring and education-to-career programs with each other
- It builds visibility so that more volunteers and donors will choose to support tutor/mentor programs in the Chicago region
- Helps T/MC maintain Chicago Area Programs List of tutor/mentor programs

Each conference offers workshops on planning, evaluation, recruitment, training, marketing, and other topics relevant to tutoring/mentoring youth at different ages.

CDC Report on Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in the U.S. Explores Victimization and Impact

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the U.S. Nearly 2 million women are raped in a year and over 7 million women and men are victims of stalking per year.

Findings emphasize that sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence are major public health problems. Prevention efforts should start early.

Read full report here:

[Prevalence and Characteristics of Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence Victimization](#)



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