



National Violent Death Reporting System

Harnessing the Power of the Data to Save Lives

Join Cathy Barber, MPA, Director of the [Means Matter Campaign](#) at Harvard School of Public Health's Injury Control Research Center for an action-oriented presentation and discussion on using NVDRS data in practice and policy that impacts health.

Thursday, November 19, 2015
12:00pm - 1:00pm
Lurie Medical Research Center
Baldwin Auditorium
303 E. Superior, Chicago

More information [here](#)
CME credit is available for attendance

MeansMatter

Suicide, Guns & Public Health



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

November 19

Storytelling with Impact
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Greetings!

I am pleased to share the exciting news that SCY has received a 3-year grant from the [Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation](#) to support our policy and systems change efforts. With the support of this funding, we hope to make progress on our [policy agenda](#) and increase adoption of data-informed violence prevention policies. If you're doing work that relates to the SCY policy agenda or data-informed policy - or just want to get more involved - please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Measuring Chicago's Health

Chicago Department of Public Health Report

Last week, the Chicago Department of Health (CDPH) published [Measuring Chicago's Health: Findings](#) from the 2014 Healthy Chicago Survey. This report is the first-of-its-kind for Chicago, providing a detailed look at the health status and health behavior of Chicago's 2.7 million residents.

Data from the survey have already played an integral role in identifying priorities for Healthy Chicago 2.0, the city's 4-year community health improvement plan, which is scheduled for release in December 2015. The results of the survey, which will be conducted annually, will be used as a baseline to measure the success of the new community health improvement plan.

Read [more](#).



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Reporting Back

Second Community Forum

November 19

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November 20

6th Annual ABC (Autism, Behavior, and Complex Medical Needs) Conference

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November 23

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Trauma Stewardship Training

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December 3

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December 3

City-wide Day of Healing

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December 9 & 16

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Advanced Social Media Workshop

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December 10

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RSVP by 12/8

Cooley High 40th Anniversary Screening

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December 12

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Un-fair 2015

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December 14-15

43rd Annual Community

Join [Illinois Humanities](#) in North Lawndale for the second community forum in their *Reporting Back* series presented with [City Bureau](#).

In the [first community forum](#), Illinois Humanities and City Bureau gathered community experiences and perspectives to inform City Bureau's ongoing reporting on the police misconduct allegation records released in the 2014 court decision *Kalven v. Chicago*. The Citizens Police Data Project, an interactive database that collects and analyzes information from these records, was also previewed.

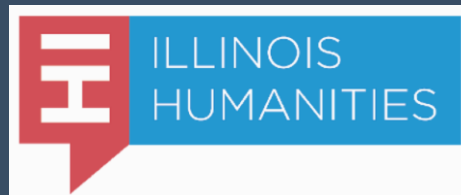
Now that the Data Project is online, you are invited to continue the conversation. After City Bureau staff and reporters share their work in progress, an open town-hall forum will be held to discuss what the Data Project means for everyday Chicagoans, and how City Bureau's reporting can best serve community needs.

Monday, November 23, 2015

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Firehouse Community Arts Center
2111 S. Hamlin Avenue, Chicago

RSVP [here](#)



Trauma Stewardship Training

Caring for Self While Caring for Others

Youth and parent engagement is about creating a collaborative relationship. Often, while building collaborative relationships with youths and adults, we find ourselves as stewards of other people's trauma and of our own. Part of this trauma stewardship involves being attentive to and minding our own relationship to the work. This training hosted by [Be Strong Families](#) builds on the concept of Trauma Stewardship as advanced by Laura Van Dernoot Lipsky in *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others* and introduces those in the helping professions to the impacts of trauma on those who assist and witness.

Thursday, November 30, 2015

9:00am - 4:00pm

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
1240 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago
More information and registration [here](#)

Behavioral Healthcare
Association of Illinois
Conference
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2016 Events

January 16

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*Advocacy Forward: Leadership
Strategies for Achieving Impact
with Advocacy*

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January 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17

SAVE THE DATE

*5-part Professional Media
Relations Workshop*

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February 19

*ICHV Student Voices Contest
Deadline*

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March 2, 9, 16

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*Spring Social Media Bootcamp
(Intermediate Training)*

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March 23

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The Power of Pitching the Media

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April 8-9

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*National Alliance on Mental
Illness (NAMI) 12th Annual
Conference*

*Piecing It All Together: How
Children's Mental Health &
Mental Illness Affects Home,
School, & Community*

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April 20

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*Search Engine Optimization
Workshop*

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Youth & Resilience Training

Sex Positive Conversations with Youth

Young people are already engaging in a wide range of sexual behavior, whether we want to talk about it or not. This presentation aims to provide an opportunity to learn about how to develop better skills at talking about sex with youth in affirming and supportive ways. By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Identify their own bias as it relates to talking about sex
- Better understand how to define healthy sexual behaviors
- Understand what it means to take a sex positive approach
- Develop new techniques for how to talk about sex with youth

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

12:30pm - 4:00pm

The Night Ministry

4711 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



City-wide Day of Healing

Subtitle

The [John Marshall Law School's Restorative Justice Project](#), [Umoja](#), [Precious Blood](#), and [Chicago Peace Corps \(CPC\)](#) are joining forces to promote December 8 as a day of restorative

April 27 & May 4

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Spokesperson Workshop

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May 11-14

SAVE THE DATE

Journey to Justice: Creating Change Through Partnerships -- 14th International Conference

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justice and circles in a wide variety of settings, including schools and community spaces.

The idea is very simple: Anyone who is interested can co-sponsor the day and hold a community building or healing circle wherever you like. All the circles will be listed on [this website](#) created by CPC, including any circles people want to hold as open to the community.



Please help spread the word by sharing the [flyer](#) and the [Facebook event](#).

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Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Events are held city-wide

More information [here](#)

Newsletter Content

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

Follow SCY's Blog!

And join the discussion on youth violence prevention in Chicago

Check out some of our recent posts on National Suicide Prevention Month, the role of parenting classes in child abuse prevention, confronting social racism, hip hop/rap music's influence on violence, the beauty of resilience, and more [here!](#)



43rd Annual CBHA Conference

2016 Thriving with Integrated Behavioral Health Care

[Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois](#) (CBHA) invites you to attend this conference focused on increasing access through approaches that integrate public health, health promotion, mental health and substance use into traditional health care services delivery are critical for meeting the unique needs of patients with physical and behavioral health comorbidities. Key sessions include *The Intersect of Child Welfare and Behavioral Health and Care Management* and *Child and Adolescent Services: What are the Emerging Trends and Models in Behavioral Health and Child Welfare?* Join the conversation and learn more!

Thursday, December 14-15, 2015

Hyatt Regency Woodfield

1800 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg

More information and registration [here](#)

Please share the [flyer!](#)



**Community Behavioral
Healthcare Association of Illinois**

Student Voices Contest

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence

Help spread the word about ICHV's 21st annual Student Voices Contest. This year's topic is "What can I do to prevent gun

Lead a SCY Training

Share your expertise, experience, knowledge, and lessons learned

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](#).

violence?" Download the [flyer](#) and share with your partners, colleagues, and networks.

ELIGIBILITY: Illinois students in grades 1-12 may submit works in one of the following categories: essay, poetry, art and now accepting spoken word submissions!

PRIZE: Winners receive a new Apple iPad. Winners' teachers receive a \$100 gift certificate.



ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, February 19, 2016

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN MAY 2016
More information and contest packet [here](#)
Questions? Email StudentVoices@ichv.org

Funding Opportunities

For assistance developing research projects or connecting with research partners, please contact Rebecca Levin at rlevin@luriechildrens.org.

Title	Sponsor	Important Dates
Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health ↗	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Deadline: Open



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