



## SCY 2016 Quarterly Meetings

### Save the Dates!!

SCY hosts meetings four times a year to bring together collaborative members and violence prevention partners to discuss a timely and relevant topic. The goal is to share knowledge, build relationships, and provide a forum to discuss action-oriented ideas to affect change. We are currently finalizing topics for 2016. If you have an issue or speaker that you would like to highlight, please contact Kelli Day at [kday@luriechildrens.org](mailto:kday@luriechildrens.org).

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**Thursday, February 4, 2016**  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**  
1:00 am - 4:30 pm

More information, updates, and summary of 2015 quarterly meetings [here](#)



Ann & Robert H. Lurie  
Children's Hospital of Chicago  
225 E. Chicago Avenue  
Conference Center, 11th Floor  
Discounted parking and refreshments provided

## Greetings!

SCY was created to take a policy and systems approach to violence prevention, and we can think of no better illustration of the type of systemic problems that allow violence to thrive than the events surrounding the murder of Laquan McDonald. In the last week, Chicagoans have reflected on a wide range of issues related to violence—from institutional racism and relations between police and communities of color to accountability of public systems and the need to invest in communities most affected by violence. We look forward to working with all of you to help our city move from conversations to concrete solutions.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH  
Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY)  
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## Commitment to Improvements in the Juvenile Justice System in Cook County

### Call to Action Café Series

This series will serve as a follow-up to the café discussions that took place during the spring to raise awareness of the Commitment to Improvements in the Juvenile Justice System in Cook County Court document signed by key stakeholders in the juvenile justice system and community based organizations. The signatories to the Commitment Document have committed to working together as partners to enhance the juvenile justice system in Cook County.

The Call to Action Café series will provide concrete action steps that individual agencies and organizations can take to achieve the principles listed in the Commitment Document. The action steps were born out of the recommendations that were proposed during the Building Partnerships for a Brighter Future Juvenile Justice Forum in May.

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Thursday, December 3, 2015  
9:00am - 12:00pm

New Life Community Church/Urban Life Skills  
2657 S. Lawndale, Chicago  
More information and registration [here](#)



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### December 3

*Commitment to Improvement in the Juvenile Justice System in Cook County--Call to Action Caf  Series*

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### December 3

*Unlearning Racism*

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### December 7

*Commitment to Improvement in the Juvenile Justice System in Cook County--Call to Action Caf  Series*

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### December 8

*City-wide Day of Healing*

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### December 9 & 16

*Advanced Social Media Workshop*

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### December 10

*The South Parks: Our American Story*

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### December 10

*RSVP by 12/8*

*Cooley High 40th Anniversary*

Monday, December 7, 2015  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Lawndale Christian Legal Center  
1530 South Hamlin Avenue, Chicago  
More information and registration [here](#)

COOK COUNTY  
JUSTICE for CHILDREN



Illinois  
JUSTICE  
Project

## Advanced Social Media Workshop

*Learn how to take your connections to the next level*

Social media is pivotal to connecting to your audience. But what is your strategy? What is your plan? How far out should you start? Should you post? Should you live tweet? What will drive engagement? Take your organization's social media to the next level by joining this 2-day advanced social media workshop. Learn about best practices for effectively communicating your message on the platforms, hone your posts, design compelling campaigns, move your audience to action and learn if your organization should consider jumping on the Snapchat and Periscope bandwagon.

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Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
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Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Public Narrative (formerly Community Media Workshop)  
Columbia College Chicago  
33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago

Registration: \$195

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Normal Brain Development, the Impact of Trauma and a Universal Response in our Afterschool Programs

*Professional Development Opportunity*

Many afterschool programs do not have the opportunity to employ a Social Worker. This interactive training hosted by

Screening  
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## December 12

*Un-fair 2015*  
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## December 14-15

*43rd Annual Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois Conference*  
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## December 16

*Making Data Work for the Public's Health: Telling the Story Behind the Numbers*  
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## December 17

*Reducing Inequities by Focusing on the Social Determinants of Mental Health*  
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[Illinois Afterschool Network \(IAN\)](#) will provide an overview of trauma, its impact, and ways in which individuals and afterschool programs can respond. Participants will learn to recognize signs of trauma, identify tools to build a safe and supportive environment, and self-care strategies to prevent and reduce stress. Come prepared to ask questions and receive valuable resources for your program.

CEUs available for LSW, LCSW, LPC, LCPC

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Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
10:00am - 12:00pm

Chicago Youth Centers  
Elliott Donnelley Center  
3947 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

Registration: \$10

Jackie Richie: [ianetwetrk@att.net](mailto:ianetwetrk@att.net) or 217-953-4265  
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## 2016 Events

### January 13

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Free WEBINAR: Public Health Strategies for Violence Prevention*  
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### January 15

*Safe States Alliance 2016 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission and Scholarship Application DEADLINE*  
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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 4

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*  
*Register Here*  
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## The South Parks: Our American Story

*Learn about plans to revitalize the South Parks*

Please join [Friends of the Parks](#) for the next lecture in the Walter Netsch Lecture Series discussing [Project 120](#). Keynote speaker Bob Karr will present on an exciting project to revitalize Jackson Park and the history of Frederick Law Olmstead's South Park System. He will review the South Park plans from the physical to the interpretative changes that are underway that reestablish the South Parks among the most significant urban parks in the nation.

Audiences will learn about the history of the South Parks - Jackson, Washington and the Midway Plaisance, The World's Colombian Exposition, Japanese Gardens and influential African American leaders as a significant and innovative component of Chicago's cultural renaissance.

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Wednesday, December 10, 2015  
12:15pm - 1:00pm

Chicago Cultural Center  
Claudia Cassidy Theater  
78 E. Washington Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## February 19

ICHV Student Voices Contest  
Deadline  
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## March 2, 9, 16

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Spring Social Media Bootcamp  
(Intermediate Training)  
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## March 23

**SAVE THE DATE**  
The Power of Pitching the Media  
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## April 8-9

**SAVE THE DATE**  
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 12-14

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Safe States Alliance 2016  
Annual Meeting in Albuquerque,  
New Mexico  
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## April 20

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Search Engine Optimization  
Workshop  
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## April 27 & May 4

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Spokesperson Workshop  
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## May 5

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## May 11-14

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Journey to Justice: Creating  
Change Through Partnerships --  
14th International Conference  
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## Friends of the Parks



## Cooley High 40th Anniversary

### Screening and Talkback

2015 marks the 40th anniversary of Cooley High. Cooley High, filmed in Cabrini Green and considered a classic of black cinema, follows a group of friends as they navigate the highs, lows, and adventures of their senior year.

Cooley High captured the realities of at-risk youth in Chicago in the 1960s. Which aspects of the film still resonate today, and what has changed? Most importantly, how can we create safe, secure communities for our kids in 2015 and beyond?

Join [Get IN Chicago](#) and the [Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events \(DCASE\)](#) for a special screening of Cooley High. Stay for a talkback discussion focused on how Chicago's shifting housing landscape continues to impact our youth and what we can do to move forward.

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Thursday, December 10, 2015  
Doors Open 5:00pm  
Program Begins 5:30pm  
Talkback Immediately After Film

Tickets are free but RSVP is required.  
Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Chicago Cultural Center  
78 East Washington Street, Chicago  
More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Un-Fair 2015

### Addressing Systemic Racism and Racial Inequity

Are you interested in changing the ways that communities in Chicago work together? Are you ready to change the way we talk about juvenile justice? Are you ready to connect with

**August 11**

SCY Quarterly Meeting

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**November 16**

SCY Quarterly Meeting

[Register Here](#)

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organizations across Chicago working with young people to stop racial inequities in the juvenile justice system?

Then you are ready for the Un-Fair!

The Un-Fair is a community-based event designed to raise awareness about systemic racism and racial inequity in the juvenile justice system while providing impacted young people an opportunity to recommend creative solutions to overcome the issue. Let's come together and show the city we are ready to create change!

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Saturday, December 12, 2015  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Benito Juarez High School  
2150 S. Laflin Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Making Data Work for the Public's Health

*Webinar: Telling the Story Behind the Numbers*

This is the final web forum in the Making Data Work for the Public's Health series. Register now and join [Dialogue4Health](#) to explore methods of creating stories that build bridges between data and the audiences who can act on it, including a look at the new HealthData+ initiative, an award-winning initiative that combines health stories and data

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Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
1:30pm - 3:00pm

More information and registration [here](#)  
Earlier series recordings are available [here](#)  
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## Newsletter Content

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



**Dialogue4Health**

## Reducing Inequities

*By Focusing on the Social Determinants of Mental Health*

The [Institute for Public Health and Medicine](#) (IPHAM) at Northwestern University hosts a weekly [seminar series](#) on various public health, medicine, and research topics. Join IPHAM for this upcoming session led by Ruth Shim, MD, MPH Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Associate Director of Behavioral Health, National Center for Primary Care.

**Follow SCY's Blog!**

And join the discussion on youth violence prevention in Chicago

SCY's [blog](#) is another avenue to share information, connect stakeholders, and encourage conversations. This platform allows us to take a deeper look at timely topics and relevant resources, highlight partners and evidence-based programs, promote and raise awareness, and reflect on issues of social justice and violence prevention.

We encourage you to use this blog as a space for open dialogue, debate, and brainstorming to realize community-based solutions to youth violence and the various factors playing into it.



## 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](#).



Thursday, December 17, 2015  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Baldwin Auditorium

Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center  
303 East Superior Street, Chicago

No registration required & light refreshments provided!



## Call for Abstracts & Scholarships Available

*Safe States Alliance 2016 Annual Meeting*

Have you led a project, research or program activity related to any aspect of injury and violence prevention that elevates the culture of safety? If so, submit an abstract to this year's Safe States Alliance Annual Meeting.

Abstracts of 350 words or less will be accepted for the following formats:

- Short Oral Presentation
- Extended Oral Presentation
- Learning Lab/Training Session
- Poster

The 2016 Annual Meeting is an opportunity for professionals to network with injury and violence prevention professionals from state and local health departments, hospitals, universities, federal agencies, and private organizations; learn new evidence-based skills and strategies; and share their current work with peers in the field of injury and violence prevention.

[Safe States Alliance](#) is offering scholarships to cover the registration fee, travel costs, and lodging for individuals to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting. A limited number of student scholarships are also available.

Abstract Deadline: January 15, 2016  
Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2016  
Annual Meeting: April 12-14, 2015

More information [here](#)



April 12-14 | Albuquerque, NM

 SAFE STATES  
2016 Annual Meeting



**LIFT OFF!**  
elevating a culture of safety

## Contact Update

*Harbor Light Center's Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment*

In [August](#), SCY told you about an open house for The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center's new location in West Humboldt Park and their new [Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Group](#) for ages 12-17. Contact information as since been updated. For more information call 312-667-2264 or 312-667-2269.



## Host ChicagoCAC Training

*Ready to Respond?*

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center provides training for professionals, parents and community members on responding to child sexual abuse. Through lecture and discussion, the presentation covers:

- how to define child abuse and child sexual abuse
- behavioral indicators of abuse
- reacting to disclosures of sexual abuse
- trauma and its impact
- the mandated reporting process
- Chicago Children's Advocacy Center's role
- how to support children, families and yourself

This training lasts up to three hours and can be done on-site at your location. CE hours are available for licensed social workers, licensed counselors and early intervention providers. To schedule a training for your workplace or community site, contact Julia at [JStrehlow@ChicagoCAC.org](mailto:JStrehlow@ChicagoCAC.org) or (312) 492-3718.



## Funding Opportunities

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

Title	Sponsor	Important Dates
Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health <a href="#">↗</a>	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Deadline: Open
Criminal Justice Research Projects <a href="#">↗</a>	Laura and John Arnold Foundation	LOI Deadline: January 16, 2016
The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community- and Policy-Level Prevention <a href="#">↗</a>	Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Deadline: February 17, 2016



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