



Happy Holidays

From Your Partners at SCY!



Greetings!

Today the Chicago Sun-Times published a [letter to the editor](#) from Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital highlighting SCY and the need for "each of us to roll up our sleeves" and be part of solving our city's violence problem. We truly appreciate the work all of you do and we're proud to call you our partners. We look forward to continued collaboration in 2016 and the years to come.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

December 17

Reducing Inequities by Focusing on the Social Determinants of Mental Health

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January 9-13

Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training

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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

5-part Professional Media Relations Workshop

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Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training

FREE Credentialing

[SAFE Coalition for Human Rights](#) (SAFECHR) is hosting a 5-day instructor training on Youth Mental Health First Aid focused on identifying signs of mental illness in youth between 13-18 years old and responding with an action plan. Youth Mental Health First Aid is a program recognized nationally by the National Council for Behavioral Health. Trainings will be focused on Indiana (Marion, Lake, Porter, Jasper counties) and Illinois (Cook, Will) agencies and the court systems.

In the interests of reaching the widest network, this training is geared toward probation officers and staff from juvenile detention centers, jails, prisons; attorneys and judges; case managers working with vulnerable children in schools and community, CASA, DHS, FBI, Coroner's staff, school counselors, victim advocates, police officers, psychologists, social workers, and bachelor-level college students. Social workers will receive 32 CEUs. Each one of these "Credentialed YMHFA Instructors" can then, in turn train their colleagues and those who work under them to become Youth Mental Health First Aiders and assist in early detection and decision-making efforts.



5-day Training

February 4

SCY Quarterly Meeting
Register Here
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February 19

ICHV Student Voices Contest
Deadline
[LEARN MORE](#)

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
[LEARN MORE](#)

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
[LEARN MORE](#)

April 12-14

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

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Search Engine Optimization
Workshop
[LEARN MORE](#)

April 27 & May 4

SAVE THE DATE
Spokesperson Workshop
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May 5

SCY Quarterly Meeting
Register Here
[LEARN MORE](#)

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Wednesday, January 13, 2016
9:00am - 5:00pm

Download [application](#) and [commitment form](#)

Questions?

Contact MHFAapplications@thenationalcouncil.org

Professional Media Relations Workshop

Five-Part Training

Become your own publicist this year. This intensive training series facilitated by [Public Narrative](#) consists of five, half-day sessions designed specifically for nonprofit communicators to plan media campaigns around one of their own stories, while learning basic public relations skills. The workshop will provide hands-on guidance and training, as attendees develop a story and pitch it to journalists.

Wednesdays

Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17
9:00am - 12:00pm

Public Narrative

Columbia College Chicago

33 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago

Registration: \$395/Non-profits or \$592.50/For-profit

More information and registration [here](#)



Moving From Understanding to Action on Health Equity

*Social Determinants of Health Frameworks and
THRIVE*

In October, Prevention Institute released a new report that presents an overview of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) frameworks and discusses how the updated THRIVE tool has incorporated the field's collective knowledge on SDOH.

Learn more and read the report [here](#).



May 11-14

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

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August 11

SCY Quarterly Meeting Register Here

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November 16

SCY Quarterly Meeting Register Here

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The Power of Advocacy

Opening Video from PolicyLink Equity Summit 2015

"Witness this moment in history turned blaze again...but will you be the fire this time? Will you be catalyst and combustion? Will you claim the torch?"

These inspiring words by poet Mayda del Valle - set to motion, photography, and song through the video "[Our Moment](#)" - brought 3,000 people to their feet during the opening of [PolicyLink](#) Equity Summit 2015.

Produced by Wyatt Closs and Big Bowl of Ideas, this short video is a powerful rendering of a pivotal national moment. The movements captured in this video - Black Lives Matter, Occupy Wall Street, the Dreamers, the Fight for \$15 and a union, and others - are rousing tens of thousands to action, advocacy, and awareness. Emerging equity leaders are proving that the future health and prosperity of this country hinges on our ability to address the needs of all. The urgent work of societal transformation is in motion - and PolicyLink is committed to doing their part to nurture, expand, and advance the equity movement. Share this video widely using [#ClaimTheTorch](#).

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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](#).

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
Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Deadline: January 12, 2016
Criminal Justice Research Projects	Laura and John Arnold Foundation	LOI Deadline: January 16, 2016
National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative - Category III Community Treatment and Services (CTS) Centers	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Deadline: February 4, 2016
The CDC National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention: Building the Evidence for Community- and Policy-Level Prevention	Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Deadline: February 17, 2016
Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01)	Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Deadline: March 1, 2016



