



## September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

### Changing the Public Conversation

Join the [CDC](#) and partners to spread the message that we can all stop suicide-before it happens. Sign up on [Thunderclap](#) to share a message and resource on social media. This one-time message posted tomorrow, Thursday, September 22 at 11:00 am (CST) will automatically post from your social media account. This [collective message blast](#) will amplify our voices, helping more people and groups understand that suicide is a public health problem that can and must be prevented. #BeThe1To give support, encourage seeking help, and create change.

Furthermore, there will be a webinar series on suicide prevention where participants will learn about the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#), which provides free and confidential emotional support to those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Experts will discuss the factors that have made it successful as well as barriers to providing suicide prevention services. In addition, they will talk about the #BeThe1To campaign including some early findings.

### Greetings!

In recent weeks SCY has been part of a number of thought-provoking discussions about how to stem the tide of gun violence in Chicago without contributing to greater racial disproportionality in our criminal justice system. Today plans were announced to hire more police officers in Chicago, and tomorrow Mayor Emanuel will give a major policy address about public safety. Please join SCY on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to share your thoughts about what the City should be doing to reduce and prevent violence.

Sincerely,

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## 13th Annual Walk for Recovery

### Join the Voices for Recovery

Every year in September, the nation recognizes Recovery Month which celebrates substance abuse treatment agencies and recovery communities and the many healthcare and peer support recovery agencies who serve youth, adults and families challenged by substance use disorder and/or mental illness. The 13th Annual Recovery Walk is led by the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH), along with the [Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago](#). The 3-mile walk will be supporting the belief that "Behavioral Health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people do recover"! The 2016 national theme is "Join the Voices of Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!" with lime green and purple as the color scheme. Providers, organizations, faith groups and businesses are encouraged to join!

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Saturday, September 24, 2016  
8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Garfield Park, 100 N Central Park  
Grove #4, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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Thursday, September 22, 2016  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Online Webinar

More information and  
registration [here](#)



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### September 22

*Changing the Public Conversation*  
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### September 23-25

*RevUp 3-Day Training:  
Professional Development to  
Support Youth Activism*  
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### September 24

*Seat Check Saturday*  
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### September 24

*13th Annual Walk for Recovery*  
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### September 26

*Shaping Opportunity Youth  
Strategy for Chicago  
Survey Closes*  
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### September 26-27 and October 28

*Love & Disruption: Unleashing  
Courage to Transform Ourselves  
and Our Communities*  
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## Sharing Opportunity Youth Strategy for City of Chicago

*Survey for Serving Opportunity Youth*

The [City of Chicago](#) recently launched the Opportunity Youth Working Group, made up of public sector leaders, research institutions, community partners, youth and funders, to ensure that opportunity youth in Chicago have access to meaningful pathways back to school and work. In March 2015 a disturbing study showed that 40% of young black men in Chicago are out of school and work. Similarly, nearly 19% of Latino youth are also disconnected. In order to create a strategy to address this growing epidemic, The City of Chicago and [Thrive Chicago](#) are launching a survey for key stakeholders.

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Survey Close Date:  
Monday, September 26, 2016

More information and survey [here](#)

## Parents Needed for Parent Advisory Board

*Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance*

[Youth and Family Peer Support Alliance](#) is in the process of establishing a Parent Advisory Board for the "Alliance," through the Statewide Family Network grant that was awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) in May. The goals outlined in the grant include empowering families, building a dynamic community and serving as a model for increased interaction. Apply for the chance to represent a larger group of people with shared interest of lived experience.

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Application Due:  
Friday, September 30, 2016

More information and application [here](#)



## September 28

*Storytelling with Impact*

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## September 30

*Parent Advisory Board Application Deadline*

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## October 1

*Understanding Adulthood & Building Partnerships with Youth*

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## October 1

*Youth Artist Contest Submission Deadline*

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## October 4

*ZZZ's to A's: Supporting Sleep for Better Functioning Adolescents*

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## October 5

*Screening of What Tomorrow Brings*

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## October 5, 12, 19

*Social Media 3-Day Bootcamp (Intermediate)*

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## October 5

*Intergenerational Community Organizing Training Series: Facilitation and Popular Education Skills*

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## October 5

*What Tomorrow Brings*

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## October 10

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*Change in Mind: Catching Kids Before They Fall*

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## ZZZ's to A's

*Supporting Sleep for Better Functioning Adolescents*

Join this two part webinar series to educate social service and health professionals on adolescent sleep needs, the effects of chronic sleep deprivation, and how to better support healthy sleep.

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Tuesday, October 4, 2016

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

**(What You Don't Know About Teen Sleep, But Should)**

Online Webinar

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

**(How to Intervene in Clinical & Community Settings)**

Online Webinar

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Screening of What Tomorrow Brings

*In Honor of International Day of the Girl*

The [Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago](#) is presenting a screening of "What Tomorrow Brings" a powerful film that goes inside the very first girls' school in one small Afghan village. From the school's beginnings in 2009 to its first graduation in 2015, the film traces the interconnected stories of students, teachers, village elders, parents, and school founder Razia Jan. They discover their school is the one place they can turn to understand the differences between the lives they were born into and the lives they dream of leading. And although remarkable changes happen when a community skeptical about girls' education learns to embrace it, the threats that girls face - from forced marriage to Taliban attack - loom large. Filmmaker Beth Murphy embeds herself in this school and community for a most intimate look at what it really means to be a girl growing up in Afghanistan today. In honor of the UN's International Day of the Girl, which aims to ensure a world free of discrimination for young women and girls, join for a screening and panel discussion highlighting how global change can begin with local impact.

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Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Loyola University Chicago

Damen Student Center Cinemas

6511 North Sheridan Road, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## October 12

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Parental Involvement

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## October 12-14

*Moving Towards the Future of Social Work Practice: Latino Social Workers Organization (LSWO) Conference 2016*

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## October 14-15

*We Are Stronger When We Speak With One Voice: NAMI Educational Conference*

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## October 17

*University of Michigan Health System Conference Call for Submission Deadline*

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## October 18

*Justice from the Start*

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## October 19

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*Trauma Dialogue 5.0: Violence in Context*

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## October 20

*Learning Summit on Nonprofit Restructuring*

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## October 20

*2016 Afterschool: Growth! Conference*

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## October 20-21

*Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Statewide Conference (Springfield, IL)*

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## October 25

*ZZZ's to A's: Supporting Sleep for Better Functioning Adolescents*

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## Justice from the Start

*Exploring Racial Disparities in Access to Services for Babies and Toddlers*

1 in 5 infants are born into poverty in Illinois and face obstacles to healthy development. Please join the [Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law](#), early childhood and civil rights advocates, state policy leaders, researchers, and community service providers for an extended conversation to share progress, understand new data on poverty and racial disparities, and build upon collective work to ensure every baby born in Illinois has the opportunity to thrive.

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Tuesday, October 18, 2016

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Loyola Law School, Courtroom 10th Floor  
25 E. Pearson Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Learning Summit on Nonprofit Restructuring

*Principles and Practices of Strategic Nonprofit Alliances, Partnerships and Collaboratives*

Organizations face unprecedented challenges and opportunities as they look to the future. [Forefront](#) has invited a national expert on nonprofit collaborations, La Piana Consulting, to provide nonprofit executives and board members a general introduction to strategic restructuring and the possibilities for mergers, joint ventures, back office consolidations and other types of partnerships.

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Thursday, October 20, 2016

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Chase Auditorium  
10 South Dearborn Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)  
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**October 25**

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*Keeping Children Safe*

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**October 26**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Building a Better  
Communications Plan*

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**October 29**

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*Harambee 2016*

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**November 2**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*United Way of Metropolitan  
Chicago 2016 Education Summit*

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**November 2**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Intergenerational Community  
Organizing Training Series:  
Fundamental Organizing*

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**November 2**

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*Podcasting Training*

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**November 4**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Internet Safety and Kids with  
Disabilities*

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**November 16**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Search Engine Optimization  
Training*

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**November 18**

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

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## 2016 Afterschool: Growth! Conference

*Advancing the Dialogue*

The Third Annual Afterschool: Growth! Conference hosted by [All Stars Project of Chicago](#) will bring together afterschool, education, non-profit leaders, and practitioners to grow the afterschool movement. The conference sessions, including panels, break-outs and a networking lunch, will foster new connections and highlight the ideas and practices that can strengthen this important resource for improving young people's lives.

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Thursday, October 20, 2016

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

East-West University

829 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



## Report Finds Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) Youth Experience More Violence

*Learning About the Health Risks*

Last month, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) released the first nationally representative data on the health risks of lesbian, gay, and bisexual high school students. The report found that LGB youth experience substantially higher levels of physical and sexual violence, and bullying, and are at increased risk for suicide, and other serious negative outcomes. These data highlight the need for accelerated action to protect the health and wellbeing of our vulnerable youth. Findings from the report show that LGB students experience physical and sexual violence and bullying at levels multiple times higher than that of their heterosexual peers, with very serious consequences.



## December 1-2

### SAVE THE DATE

Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance (MIPA) 2016 Summit (Pewaukee, WI)

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## December 2-4

### SAVE THE DATE

2016 Injury Free Coalition for Kids Conference

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## December 7

### SAVE THE DATE

Intergenerational Community Organizing Training Series: Strategy and Campaign Development

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## December 7

### SAVE THE DATE

Analytics Training

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## 2017 Events & Important Dates

## April 24-25

### SAVE THE DATE

University of Michigan Health System Annual Conference on Adolescent Health (Ypsilanti, MI)

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## May 3-6

### SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (New Orleans, LA) -- Early Bird Discount (Register by December 1)

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## May 24-26

### SAVE THE DATE

The Whole Student: Intersectionality and Well-Being A Bringing Theory to Practice Project National Conference

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More information and full report [here](#)

## Final Research Plan

### Primary Care Interventions to Prevent Child Maltreatment

The [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) posted a final research plan last month on primary care interventions to prevent child maltreatment. The draft research plan for this topic was posted for public comment from May 12, 2016 to June 8, 2016. The Task Force reviewed all of the comments that were submitted and took them into consideration as it finalized the research plan.

More information and full report [here](#)



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## Follow SCY's Blog!

*Join the Discussion on Youth Violence Prevention in Chicago*

SCY's [blog](#) is another avenue to share information, connect with partners, 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.

If you interested in being a guest blogger, check out our [Blog Guidelines](#) to get started. Contact [Kelli Day](#) with questions!



## Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Kirstin Grabski at

# CDC Announces Re-Designed STRYVE Online

*Start A Youth Violence Prevention Plan*

The CDC invites you to visit STRYVE (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) with everything practitioners and their team members need to create, edit, and save a customized youth violence prevention plan.

Features include:

- **Customized Tools:** functionality/content to support a community's circumstances, needs and decisions
- **Guided & Practical Learning:** continuous help from early planning to evaluation
- **Use the Strategy Selector Tool:** identify strategies for your community, based on available evidence
- **Opportunity to Learn from Real World Experiences:** listen to stories and experiences of people working to prevent youth violence

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More information and registration [here](#)  
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## Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunity details are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

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

## Job Postings

Details for the job postings are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

If you have a position you would like posted here, please send the position title, organization, contact person, brief description and full job description to Kelli Day at [kday@luriechildrens.org](mailto:kday@luriechildrens.org).