



IVDRS Data Brief on Suicide

Illinois Violent Death Reporting System

The most recent IVDRS data brief, "[Suicides in Chicago Decline from 2005 to 2015](#)" has been released. The brief describes suicide trends at 3 points in time over 10 years in Chicago and reports that the group most likely to commit suicide in 2015 is white, non-Hispanic, middle age men.

SCY's medical director, Dr. Karen Sheehan discusses the findings of the report in her latest [blog](#) post and highlights the far-reaching impact of suicide.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

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Greetings!

October is Youth Justice Action Month, and we hope you'll join SCY and our juvenile justice partners in calling for a juvenile justice system that reflects what we know about adolescent development, as recommended in our [Focus on Five](#). Throughout the month, consider participating in efforts to learn more about the juvenile justice system, such as the [LGBTQ Youth in the Juvenile Justice System](#) webinar on Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00 pm or meeting/Live Stream [A Community Based Approach to Juvenile Justice](#) on Friday, October 21 at 9:00 am

Sincerely,

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 Strategic Director, Injury Prevention and Research Center
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Housing Data You Can Use

How Much and Where It Is Needed

The [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#) Data Project is designed to harness the power of data through a clear format with one goal in mind: to change the trajectory of the lives of each family, adult and child the numbers represent. Detailed data (and maps) will be released demonstrating the number of vulnerable people needing a home of their own in supportive housing for each of the following categories: Mental Health; Addiction; Veteran; Family; Youth; Aging; Justice; Intellectual and Development Disability; Individual Homeless and Total Need. These brief reports will be shared through a series of webinars.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

(From Institution Care to Community Integration)
 Online Webinar

More information and registration [here](#)

 Wednesday, October 12, 2016
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Youth & Families: Where We Need to Be)
 Online Webinar

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

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

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Open Doors for Youth Program

Information for Interested Schools

[Cabrini Green Legal Aid's](#) (CGLA) Open Doors for Youth is a pilot program aimed at implementing one-stop expungement clinics in high schools in the Chicago metro area between November 2016 and June 2017. These clinics will include education, legal consultation, petition preparation, and filing. This application gathers information to help CGLA decide which schools to serve in the program's first year. It should be filled out by someone willing to act as a liaison with CGLA who also has knowledge of the student body's demographics, student discipline practices, services offered by the school, and the school facilities.

Application Due:
Friday, October 7, 2016

More information and application [here](#)

14th Annual College Scholarship Fair

The Premier Student to Higher Education Event

This [100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.](#) event has become the first event of its kind in the Midwest, attracting over 200 colleges and universities and attended by approximately 4,000 students, parents, teachers and partners in education. Over the thirteen years that this fair has been hosted, the event has helped enable participating colleges and universities to provide millions of dollars in scholarships and grants, and thousands of college acceptances to attending high school students. Parents, teachers, and other stakeholders in the lives of students are also invited and encouraged to participate.

Saturday, October 8, 2016
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
UIC Pavillion
525 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

October 17

University of Michigan Health System Conference Call for Submission Deadline
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Learning Summit on Nonprofit Restructuring
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2016 Afterschool: Growth! Conference
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October 20-21

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Statewide Conference (Springfield, IL)
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ZZZ's to A's: Supporting Sleep for Better Functioning Adolescents
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Change in Mind

Catching Kids Before They Fall

This event is a webinar hosted by [Alliance for Strong Families and Communities](#) that will present research showing many of the disruptive behaviors seen in schools typically as a result of students adapting because of their adverse childhood experiences, trauma, and toxic stress. Caring adult relationships are key to implementing a trauma-informed model. Participants will be introduced to strategies to help students de-escalate and self-regulate, staying connected with learning and their teacher.

Monday, October 10, 2016
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

More information and registration [here](#)



15th Annual CARRE Policy Conference

New Perspectives in Criminal Justice Reform

This year's [Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism through Employment](#) (CARRE) conference will focus on New Perspectives in Criminal Justice Reform. Kim Foxx, the democratic nominee for The Office of Cook County State's Attorney, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event. CARRE is comprised of more than 100 individuals, organizations and institutions committed to developing and implementing strategies that will increase access to employment for individuals with criminal records.

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
UIC Student Center East

750 S. Halsted Street, Illinois Room B, Chicago

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October 26

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*Building a Better
Communications Plan*

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October 27

*Methods for a More Effective
Mentor Relationship*

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The Building Blocks Forum

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Understanding Restorative Justice

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October 28

*Love & Disruption: Unleashing
Courage to Transform Ourselves
and Our Communities*

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October 29

Harambee 2016

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*Intergenerational Community
Organizing Training Series:
Fundamental Organizing*

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Podcasting Training

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November 4

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*Internet Safety and Kids with
Disabilities*

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November 3

*United Way of Metropolitan
Chicago 2016 Education Summit*

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Parental Involvement

A Get IN Chicago Summit

Strengthening families is a cornerstone strategy to reducing youth violence. [Get IN Chicago](#) partners with parent leadership programs to provide primary caregivers with the tools they need to increase family communication and create supportive environments for youth at highest risk of violence. Join special guests, including parents, practitioners, and researchers, to discuss parent leadership insights with the potential to improve the lives of our youth.

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

225 N. Michigan Avenue,
Suite 2200, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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SAFER COMMUNITIES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

Advocating Your Message

Mentoring Webinar Series

In this webinar hosted by [Midwestern Governors Association](#), participants will discuss some of the foundations of advocacy, provide tips for meetings with leaders and elected officials, and share some staff secrets for the most effective results.

Thursday, October 13, 2016

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Online Webinar

More information and registration [here](#)

Boys at Risk

Gender's Influence on the Developing Brain

Significant gender differences are seen between boys' and girls' social and emotional functions in the earliest stages of development. These variations result from differences in sex hormones, social experiences, and different rates of male and female right brain maturation. This leaves boys more vulnerable to stressors in social, emotional, and physical environments. Through his research into right

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Youth Peace Summit

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November 10

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*Leadership and Advocacy
Training*

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*Search Engine Optimization
Training*

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November 18

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

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December 1-2

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

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December 2-4

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*2016 Injury Free Coalition for Kids
Conference*

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December 7

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*Intergenerational Community
Organizing Training Series:
Strategy and Campaign
Development*

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Analytics Training

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brain development, Dr. Allan Schore is uniquely able to explain how gender differences in development and brain maturation influence the increasing incidence of psychological conditions occurring predominantly in boys: autism, early-onset schizophrenia, ADHD, and conduct disorders. At this event with [The Institute for Clinical Social Work](#), he will discuss the implications of this research for clinical practice in the early assessment and treatment of boys at risk.

Saturday, October 15, 2016

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

East Bank Club

500 N. Kingsbury Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

Gone But Not Forgotten

Kicking Off Media Literacy Week

This event by [The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation](#) is a collaborative quilting project memorializing 144 individuals killed by the Chicago Police Department or while in police custody from 2006 to 2015. In collaboration with the grassroots group [We Charge Genocide](#), project creator Rachel Wallis planned and organized a series of 15 quilting peace circles where participants read the victims' news pieces aloud, shared personal stories, and created a hand embroidered panel in their memory. The final project is a product of more than 200 participants. The circles served as a venue to process loss and the trauma of police violence. They also act as a forum for inspiration and collaboration where participants discussed how they can take action to end the history of violence in Chicago.

Monday, October 17, 2016

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Murray-Green Library

430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



2017 Events & Important Dates

April 24-25

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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

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

Trauma Dialogues 5.0: Violence in Context

Working Systemically with Trauma

Mary Barret, MSW, the Executive Director and founder of [The Center for Contextual Change, Ltd.](#) will present case material from her work addressing how specific systematic factors impact the treatment of trauma. She will perform a monologue that dramatically details her work with a trauma survivor. The event will also address her experience talking about trauma in radio interviews and the challenges of speaking the unspeakable in public. A community discussion about violence, trauma, and systemic work will conclude the evening.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Kedzie Center
4141 N Kedzie Avenue, Suite 2, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Breakin' It Down Chicago

12th Conference for Networking with Philanthropic and Nonprofit Leaders

Join a cadre of local affinity groups for a unique fundraising training program featuring diverse speakers targeting audiences that serve diverse communities. [Breakin' It Down](#) is a dynamic professional development conference for seasoned and emerging professionals interested in networking with philanthropic and nonprofit leaders. Learn from and network with diverse nonprofit fund development professionals, academics, and foundation professionals for meaningful conversation and information sharing.

Wednesday, October 21, 2016
8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Columbia College
1104 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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 kgrabski@luriechildrens.org



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

Keeping Children Safe

Preventing, Recognizing, Responding to and Reporting Sexual Abuse

As [Chicago Children's Advocacy](#)'s signature training, this session will educate professionals and community members about child abuse and has a focus on responding to child sexual abuse. Through lecture and group discussion, the presentation covers:

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
1240 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



Harambee 2016

Changing Civic Narrative

Harambee means "Let us all pull together" in Swahili. It is an ancient process long used in Africa to bring people together in times of strife and conflict. This event will be about convening Chicago Metro social justice movement leaders, organizers, activists, and social service practitioners for an in-depth dialogue about the current situation. The goal for Chicago Harambee 2016-2017 is to set a collective and mutually shared practice and politics for organizing and movement building throughout Chicago Metro area. It is necessary to change the civic narrative from one of scarcity and limitation to one of abundance and unlimited possibility. Chicago has incredible assets and resources that can be brought together to address these salient issues. Join and engage with authors from the "Chicago Is Not Broke. Funding the City We Deserve" book in an in-depth conversation about how public and private funds and resources can be best applied to transform Chicago.

contact Rebecca Levin at 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.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
1100 E. 55th Street, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago 2016 Education Summit

Leadership in Challenging Times

In collaboration with [Grad Nation](#), [United Way of Metropolitan Chicago](#) will bring together leaders from across the corporate, nonprofit, philanthropic and government sectors to discuss education leadership in challenging times. The 2016 Education Summit will highlight initiatives that illustrate how innovative leadership is making a difference for students, and changing their odds for high school graduation and beyond. Former Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will address attendees as the keynote speaker, setting the stage for celebrating the innovation and success of many education efforts across the region.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

UIC Forum, 75 Roosevelt Road, Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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The Power of Us

Community School and Success for All

[The Federation for Community Schools](#) will host the 12th Annual Community Schools Forum with a special focus on creating and sustaining strong community school partnerships that promote success for students, families and schools. Attendees will be offered tools, strategies, research and inspiration that will help enhance your community school efforts and strengthen your work. Workshops will also be held to address topics relevant to community school practitioners and stakeholders. This event will also include opportunities to network and learn from colleagues and content area experts, an update on community-school focused advocacy and an inspiring keynote from Dr. David Stovall.

Thursday, November 10, 2016
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
The Hilton Lisle/Naperville
3003 Corporate W Drive, Lisle, IL

More information and registration [here](#)



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

Zip Code vs Genetic Code

Health starts in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. Increasing attention is being focused on the economic and social conditions that shape the health of individuals and communities. In fact, where a child lives (their zip code) has a far greater impact on their health and well-being than biological influences (their genetic code) alone. Furthermore, environmental factors, such as chronic stress, can actually change how a person's genetic code is expressed. The 7th Annual ABC Conference will deliver valuable information about social determinants of health in order to enable providers across many disciplines to recognize and address these determinants when caring for children and families with special healthcare needs with keynote presentations by Julie Morita from the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) and 18th District Illinois State Representative Robyn Gabel.

Friday, November 18, 2016
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Moraine Business and Conference Center (Building M)
9000 W College Pkwy, Palos Hills, IL

More information and registration [here](#)



- ◆ Autism
- ◆ Behavior
- ◆ Complex Medical Needs

Supporting primary care to improve the lives of children in need

