

August 7, 2019

Strengthening
Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

It is unacceptable that mass shootings are common enough in this country that I have come to have predictable emotional responses after working on gun violence prevention for almost two decades--sometimes I get fired up and frustrated, and other times I get down and discouraged. This weekend after two mass shootings--plus 55 people shot and 7 killed in Chicago--I'm sure most of you are feeling similar things. While we must all continue our long-term work to fight racism and support our youth, families and communities, we can also take action today. Please contact Senate Leader Mitch McConnell at 202-224-2541 to ask him to call the Bipartisan Background Checks Bill (HR8) for a vote. For more suggestions about what you can do this month, check out the [Stand Up for Safer Gun Laws Recess Toolkit](#).

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH
Executive Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth
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Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY TRAINING SERIES

Chicago Is Not Broke: Funding the City We Deserve

Through this training facilitated by [CivicLab](#), attendees will leave with a greater understanding of sustainable and equitable revenue solutions for the city. Published in 2016 by CivicLab, "Chicago Is Not Broke: Funding the City We Deserve" is a collection of short articles by noted Chicago experts on this topic. With a new administration that has expressed a commitment to transparency, Chicagoans who understand the City's budget will be instrumental in ensuring greater accountability for equitable budget decisions.



CivicLab

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to think about a civic budget
- Understand the size and scope of the Chicago budget
- Become familiar with ways to save/generate billions of dollars to operate the city

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Check-in and networking begins at 1:30 pm, training starts promptly at 2:00 pm

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

11th Floor Conference Center

225 E. Chicago Ave

Chicago, IL 60611

Please check-in at the 2nd floor registration table near concierge

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REFLECTIONS OF YOUTH

Spoken Word Performance and Conversation

Join National Youth Poet Laureates and YCA alumna Patricia Frazier (2018) and Kara Jackson (2019), and members of the 2019 Young Chicago Authors Louder than a Bomb Squad as they debut work inspired by the difficult history of the 1919 race riots. The Squad's spoken word performances will be the culmination of an intensive summer apprenticeship during which high school performers explore primary source materials in the Newberry Library collection related to the riots, and draw connections between the tragic events of 1919 and today.

Monday, August 12, 2019

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Harold Washington Library Center

Chicago Public Library

400 South State Street

Chicago, IL 60605

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Chicago 1919 Confronting
the Race Riots

chicago1919.org

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SEO WORKSHOP

Public Narrative and Innovation Engine Presentation

Search engine optimization (SEO) and Google Analytics are both powerful tools to boost web presence and understand your audience. Google Analytics helps track web traffic and understand a visitor's behavior. SEO will help bring traffic to your website and make your site a top link in searches. This course dives into strategy, timing and tools for SEO. Attendees will be equipped to not only be present online, but to use your online presence as a powerful communications tool.

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
NEIU El Centro Campus
3390 North Avondale Avenue
Chicago, IL 60618



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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation

The [Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation](#) (CLCF) recently graduated its first ever Leadership Academy cohort. The Leadership Academy was designed to create a much needed talent pipeline to fulfill leadership gaps in both the public and private sectors. The program is specifically geared for mid-level high-potential professionals with a proven track record and passion for leadership, civic engagement, and potential for upward mobility.



Application Deadline

Friday, August 16, 2019

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LAST CALL

Calling All Youth Advisors

Strengthening Chicago's Youth, Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition is looking to connect with young people residing in Chicago to participate as Youth Consultants. Starting in August, participants will attend 4-6 Youth Consultant Meetings led by Voices of Youth in Chicago Education (VOYCE) and will be provided a bus card and stipend. Please contact Linda Gordon lgordon@luriechildrens.org or call 312-227-7088.



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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Food access, Parents' Nutrition and Challenges to Healthy Eating for Kids

Voices of Child Health in Chicago has released the second report in a two-part series on challenges to healthy eating for kids. Some report highlights include: 4 in ten Chicago parents live in a community area with limited food access; parents who live in community areas with limited food access were more likely to report challenges to healthy eating for children; and parents who had unhealthy eating habits themselves were more likely to report challenges to healthy eating for their children.



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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NEWSLETTER CONTENT

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Operations Coordinator [Kirstin Grabski](#).



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