

August 21, 2019

Strengthening  
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Youth



## Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

The SCY team has been very busy throughout the course of the last two years. Plenty of work is still needed to prevent violence in Chicago, but we also reflect on the accomplishments of Chicago's violence prevention community -- as done in our [2017-2018 Biennial Report](#). SCY continues to believe that the best opportunities for youth to reach their full potential are grown by building partnerships that create supportive and inclusive environments and system. By continuing to collaborate, we hope to make more meaningful connections and a safer city for our youth.

Sincerely,

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

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## **FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY COLLABORATIVE QUARTERLY MEETING** **Trauma-Informed Chicago: Connecting for a Resilient Future**

Hosted by the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) and the [Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative](#), this one-day summit will bring together all sectors, as well as community members, to celebrate those working to make Chicago a trauma-informed city. It will also highlight efforts led by communities, organizations, and City government that make up the rich and resilient landscape of Chicago. This event will offer an opportunity to connect, share, and provide input on a road-map to a resilient Chicago.

Thursday, September 12, 2019  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Location TBD

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## INVITATION TO TWITTER CHAT HB 2152

Next week, [Young Invincibles](#) (YI) will be hosting a #MillennialMon chat about campus health, in honor of back to school season. In the chat, YI will discuss the issue generally, provide some tips and resources for students (especially new students), and talk about the role that campuses and policymakers can play in promoting mental health on campus.

Monday, August 26, 2019  
2:00 pm (CST)  
Online  
#MillennialMon



## MOVING THE NEEDLE FORWARD

### Collaborating on a County-Wide Community Needs Health Assessment

The [Alliance for Health Equity](#) is hosting a webinar that will overview the findings from the county-wide, collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), the priority community health issues that will be addressed by 30+ hospitals, and the implementation strategies based on findings.

Friday, September 6, 2019  
10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Online



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## 3-DAY FACILITATOR TRAINING

### Workshop 1

The [Changing Children's World Foundation](#) trains service providers in "ICDP-USA: The Best Start for Families," based on the International Child/Parenting Development Program. "ICDP: The Best Start" is an evidence-based program which strengthens psycho-social competencies of professionals (mental health providers, social workers, educators, early childhood professionals, and others in related fields) working with parents and caregivers in their practice, as well as in their facilitation of Best Start Parent Learning Groups.

Thursday, September 12, 2019  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**AND**  
Friday, September 13, 2019  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**AND**  
Friday, September 20, 2019  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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## **YOUTH ADVOCACY & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### 2019 Youth Advocates for Mentoring Program

**MENTOR** believes that young people must be at the forefront of addressing systemic issues and that through the program Youth Advocates for Mentoring participants will develop personal, professional, and leadership skills through numerous opportunities to learn, collaborate, present, and interact with advocacy professionals, elected officials, grassroots advocates, and other experts.

#### **Application Deadline**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
11:59 pm (EDT)  
Online



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## **2020 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

### What is Our Collective Power to Build an Equitable Chicago?

Building a city where race can no longer predict life outcomes requires us to reimagine policies, practices, and structures from the ground up. Join [Chicago United for Equity](#) in a 9-month program designed to push collective thinking, build deliberate connections to amplify work, and nurture spirits as we build the future of the city.



#### **Application Deadline**

Thursday, September 19, 2019  
11:59 pm (CST)  
Online

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## **SUPPORT NEEDED**

### LGBTQ+ Life Experiences Study

Over the past year, the [Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority](#) has worked with LGBTQ+ service providers and advocates to design a survey to better understand the victimization and help-seeking experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals. The results from this survey will help to inform



policy and practice at both the local and state-level, as well as shape funding priorities at ICJIA.

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### TOWN HALL SURVEY

City of Chicago Budget

The Mayor's Office has shared a survey for public comment on Chicago budget appropriations. Please participate and share widely with partners and networks.



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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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