

October 2, 2019

Strengthening
Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

As part of SCY's work on substance use prevention, the topic of vaping and electronic cigarettes is a growing concern. The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery has recently provided **information and advisories** regarding vaping related illness. SCY hopes that by sharing these recommendations with partners we can help keep Illinois and Chicago youth healthy and informed.

Sincerely,

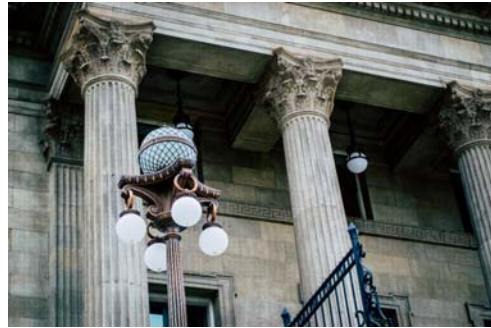
Rebecca Levin, MPH
Executive Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth
Injury Prevention and Research Center
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY QUARTERLY MEETING **Violence Prevention and Justice Reform**

This meeting will focus on the connection between justice reform and violence prevention. The topics explored will include addressing policies and systems that create racial disparities and providing better support and resources. A panel discussion and action-oriented breakout groups will examine how changes to the juvenile and criminal justice systems can result in less involvement for youth and help make communities safer.

Join SCY and partners across Chicago to explore the role you and your organization can play in addressing these issues, discuss asset-based solutions, and promote the health and healing of all Chicagoans.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Check-in and networking begin at 1:00 pm, meeting starts promptly at 1:30 pm



Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago
11th Floor Conference Center
225 E. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
Please check-in at the 2nd floor registration table near concierge

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#SAFESLEEPSNAP #SAFEKIDSCHICAGO PHOTO CAMPAIGN AND CONTEST Win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card

Safe Kids Chicago and Illinois invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends to participate in the #safesleepsnap campaign and contest. They are participating in the national campaign to raise awareness of safe sleep environments and make images of safe sleep environments more common on social media. One winner will be drawn at random per week through October.



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2019 SUMMIT ON POVERTY AND SCALING WELLNESS IN MILWAUKEE (SWIM) CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Social Development Commission and Marquette University

The Summit on Poverty and SWIM conference is a catalyst for change as it creates a safe space for well-informed, honest discussion. The conference theme is Self-Reflection, Hope and Collective Impact. Participants will be encouraged to evaluate their own beliefs and even biases. The conference also examines local, state and national policies that impact poverty and trauma. The 2019 Summit and SWIM Conference targets community leaders, human service professionals, educators, advocates, board members and people experiencing poverty in Wisconsin.

Monday, October 7, 2019

AND

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Wisconsin Center
400 West Wisconsin Center
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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LISC CHICAGO LAUNCHES NEW FOC ACADEMY

Financial Opportunity Center (FOC)

LISC Chicago and partner organizations have been operating the FOC Network for 15 years. FOCs help families become more financially secure in three critical areas: employment and/or increased wages; improved financial condition; and improved access to public benefits. In 2020, LISC Chicago is launching the first cohort of the LISC FOC Model Implementation Academy. Join them for an informational webinar about the academy.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Online

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OR

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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KIDS DATA

A Guide for Community Collaboration

The Community Systems Statewide Supports team at [Illinois Action for Children](#) will host its second KIDS Data: A Guide for Community Collaborations webinar. The webinar will examine the second-year of the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) data and discuss what the results might indicate for your community.



Wednesday, October 9, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online

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SHIFTING THE SCALE

From Trauma to Resilience

Join [Mercy Home](#) for their annual educator's evening! The evening will include an introduction to Mercy Home, information about the referral process, tours and a professional development presentation. The presentation will focus on how educators can understand the impact of adversity and toxic stress, while building resilience in the students and communities. Social workers, counselors and teachers can earn continuing education credits.



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**MERCY
HOME**
FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Thursday, October 10, 2019
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls - West Loop Campus
1140 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607

OR

Thursday, October 17, 2019
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls - Walsh Campus
11600 S. Longwood Drive
Chicago, IL 60643

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POLICING RACIAL VIOLENCE

1919 and Beyond

Participate in a conversation about law enforcement and the nature of racial violence from 1919 to the present. In 1919, what role did the police play in calming the riots, or fueling them? How did various communities view the police in 1919? What has changed today? Participants will engage with historic news articles from the *Chicago Defender* and the *Chicago Tribune*, as well as more recent accounts of violence in Chicago.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60614

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Chicago 1919 Confronting
the Race Riots

[chicago1919.org](#)

[#ch1919](#)

CULTURE & TRAUMA Training Event

Trauma has context. That context oftentimes has cultural and historical roots. This [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) training will explore the relationship between trauma and culture by looking specifically at populations who are at high risk for experiencing trauma. Participants will also learn about the ways power and oppression impact trauma and access to resources. Lastly, participants will learn about the resilience and protective factors these communities have built to combat trauma.

Thursday, October 17, 2019
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
St. Charles Public Library
One South Sixth Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174



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OR

Friday, October 18, 2019
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Casa Central
1343 N. California Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622

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VICARIOUS TRAUMA Training Event

This [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) training addresses trauma and its impact on those in caring professions. Participants will discuss the "caring traumas" and learn how to identify and address the signs and symptoms of each. Additionally, participants will contextualize these concepts by examining the systemic issues that can contribute to them. Finally, participants will learn about ways to address trauma and promote individual and organizational self-care.

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2019 CTBA FISCAL SYMPOSIUM

Race, Politics, and Policy

Please join the [Center for Tax and Budget Accountability](#) (CTBA) for its annual Fiscal Symposium and a discussion about the intersection of race, politics, and policy as reflected across Illinois and the nation. CTBA continually works to bridge ideological divides, and are pleased to be bringing a cross-section of legislators together to discuss their experiences and the future of equitable policies.



Monday, October 21, 2019
9:00 am - 11:30 am
Roosevelt University
Ganz Memorial Hall
430 S. Michigan Ave. 7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

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PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Data, Resources and Partnership

Join the [Ounce of Prevention Fund](#) Illinois Policy Team -- in partnership with Illinois Action for Children's Community System Statewide Supports team, Illinois State Board of Education, and the Governor's Office of Early Childhood -- for an informative webinar on priority populations, as defined by the Illinois Early Learning Council, with suggested data sources. The webinar will walk through an example from forming a data question to finding data sources and creating partnerships with community partners to better address the needs of priority populations.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
10:00 am
Online Webinar



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YOUTH SUMMIT

Coalition-Based Gun Violence Prevention Strategy

Not My Generation (NMG) is committed to engaging diverse communities in the issues that impact them directly and will be having a summit for young adults against gun violence. NMG is looking for 18-25 year olds interested in attending, allowing them to utilize the brainpower, expertise, and energy of an intersectional network of gun violence prevention organizers in order to tackle the unique issues they face in their communities. The event will provide an opportunity to connect, learn, plan, ask questions, strategize, build trust, establish accountability, and be inspired by one another. For those interested in attending or learning more information, please email notmygenerationevent@gmail.com.



Friday, November 8, 2019 through
Sunday, November 10, 2019
Washington, DC

VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Chicago Adults Identify the Top 10 Health Problems Facing Chicago Youth 2018-19

Last year, the first **Voices of Child Health in Chicago** report covered the "Top 10" health problems facing Chicago youth as identified by Chicago adults. This year, Voices of Child Health in Chicago asked adults across the city about this topic again, enabling the exploration of trends in attitudes about child and adolescent health issues over time. One highlight includes stress, drug abuse, and depression as the top health problems facing Chicago youth identified by Chicago adults in 2018-19.



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Operations Coordinator [Kirstin Grabski](mailto:kirstin.grabski@chc.edu).



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