

December 4, 2019

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Chicago's  
Youth



## Letter from the Communications and Community Outreach Manager

Greetings!,

Every year on **Giving Tuesday**, we all have the opportunity to join the movement of generosity to make a difference in our communities and more broadly. The impact of this day has become powerful and we hope that it reminds more people of the importance of supporting organizations year round, not only with money, but by volunteering and spreading the news of all the amazing work being done in Chicago. By helping others through the gift of time, donations, goods or your voice - we all can play a role in making our cities and neighborhoods stronger.

In Peace,

Dion McGill  
Communications and Community Outreach Manager  
Strengthening Chicago's Youth  
Injury Prevention and Research Center  
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## VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Chicago Parents Identify the Top 10 Social Issues Affecting Youth 2018-19

Children and adolescents in Chicago continue to face many social challenges. In the second wave of data collection, [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) again asked parents in Chicago which social issues they were most concerned about for youth in the city. Highlights from the report include the following: Consistent with last year, the top social issues that Chicago parents are concerned about for youth were gun violence, bullying and cyberbullying, and poverty; hunger was new to the top 10 list this year, with 62% of parents considering this a big problem; and parents with high household income were more concerned about racial disparities in health, followed by those with very low income and those with middle income.



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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### ICTC QUARTERLY MEETING

#### Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition

The [ICTC](#) is a voluntary collaboration of organizations that are committed to applying a trauma lens to their efforts on behalf of families and children in the state. ICTC is excited to welcome Kara Thompson, from [Selah Freedom](#) as the featured speaker for December's meeting! Selah Freedom is a national organization with the mission to end sex trafficking and bring freedom to the exploited. Through their CSEC Advocacy Training, youth-interveners will leave with a greater understanding of the realities of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), its root causes, how to identify victims, and how to take action.

Thursday, December 5, 2019  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Lurie Children's Hospital  
11th Floor Conference Center  
225 E. Chicago Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60611



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### ENGAGING FAMILIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIONS

#### Training and Panel

Join the Community Systems Statewide Supports (CS3) team at [Illinois Action for Children](#) for a training and panel on authentic parent engagement. In this training, participants will assess where the collaboration is in regards to authentic family engagement, recognize the mindset that is required to embed authentic family engagement in community-systems work and more.

Friday, December 13, 2019  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Metropolitan Family Services  
222 East Willow Ave  
Wheaton, IL 60187



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## 2020 ILLINOIS COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES STATE CONFERENCE

### Call for Presentations

The conference attracts about 400 attendees, many of whom have direct responsibility for and decision-making authority over the provision of child advocacy services, solutions and practices. Year after year, it draws a loyal following of participants eager to learn about - and be able to implement - the latest ideas, best practices and relevant approaches in advocacy for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.



### Deadline for Submissions

Thursday, January 30, 2020

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### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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