

March 4, 2020

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## Letter from the Communications and Community Outreach Manager

Greetings!,

The unfortunate events at the public transit station last week, characterized by the Mayor as "extremely disturbing," have highlighted concerns about the training that Chicago police officers receive, as well as how they engage with citizens who may be displaying signs of distress or emotional trauma. Unfortunately, events like this, in many cases, decrease feelings of safety and security and often result in retraumatization, as videos of the event were widely circulated on social media.

As unfortunate as the event was, we hope this offers an opportunity for increased dialogue between community stakeholders, CPD and the Mayor's office in pursuit of making Chicago a safer place for all of its residents.

Sincerely,

Dion McGill  
Communications and Community Outreach Manager  
Strengthening Chicago's Youth  
Injury Prevention and Research Center  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

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## FEATURED ARTICLE: ICHV'S 25TH ANNUAL Student Voices Contest

The [Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence](#) has announced the 2020 "Student Voices" contest - the competition aims to get Illinois students in grades 1-12 to think critically about issues surrounding gun violence and potential solutions. Students often bring unique insight and creativity to the issue, and the Student Voices Contest gives them a platform to speak out publicly on this vital topic, while promoting a sense of efficacy and advocacy. The competition, in its 25th year, has awarded prizes to over 300 students hailing from over 80 schools across Illinois. Winning students will receive a new Apple iPad in recognition of his or her achievement while sponsoring



teachers of winners will receive a \$100 Amazon gift certificate.

### **Submission Deadline**

Friday, May 15, 2020

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### **COMMUNITY RESILIENCY MODEL**

**An Innovative Approach to Addressing Burnout**

This is the second of the [Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative's](#) three-part series focusing on the rising issue of burnout in health and human services. In February, Collaborative director Lara Altman and Dr. Audrey Stillerman of the University of Illinois at Chicago discussed the prevalence of burnout in healthcare settings, how it impacts the health of practitioners and their patients, and how to utilize this knowledge to create a more mindful organization.

Thursday, March 12, 2020  
10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Online

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### **BUILDING A TRAUMA INFORMED WORKPLACE**

**Presented by Mercy Home's Speaker Series**

Social service and behavioral health providers often experience trauma within the workplace and while providing support to clients. How in today's fast moving workplace can we provide trauma informed communication, supervisory practices, conflict resolution, and cultivate a healthier organization? This training will provide new frameworks for understanding workplace dynamics and evidence-based tools to develop a trauma informed workplace.

Friday, March 13, 2020  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls  
1140 W. Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60607



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## RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) released RFA-CE-20-006, Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries (R01). The purpose is to solicit investigator-initiated research to understand and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime. Mass shooting incidents, other firearm homicides/assaults, firearm suicides/self-harm, unintentional firearm deaths and injuries, and firearm-related crime affect people in all stages of life.

#### Letter of Intent Due

Monday, March 16, 2020

#### Application Due

Tuesday, May 5, 2020  
5:00 pm (EST)  
Online



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## THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF COMPLEX TRAUMA

### Presented by Mercy Home's Speaker Series

This training will enhance mental health professionals' ability to provide psychoeducation to caregivers and clients regarding the impact of trauma on the brain and related psychological impacts. Mental health professionals will likely experience increased compassion and empathy for client's dysregulated emotions and behaviors through gaining understanding of the underlying biological mechanisms driving these presentations.

Monday, March 23, 2020  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls  
1140 W. Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60607



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Child Injury Exploratory Research Projects

The Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) in the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#) releases this request for applications for its Exploratory Research Project Grant Program. The Exploratory Research Project Grant Program will fund preliminary or proof-of-concept research in child injury and violence. Grant awards will be up to \$30,000 per project for up to 12 months. No indirect costs are allowed.

### Application Due

Monday, March 30, 2020

5:00 pm (EST)

Online



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*When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.*

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### SAVE THE DATE

#### Chicago's Race Against Gun Violence

The Race Against Gun Violence offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to Choose Hope and join others who share the common vision of a Chicago free from the fear of gun violence. It is an evening to celebrate the life-changing work of nonprofits throughout Chicago and provide a platform for people who care about ending gun violence to connect and get involved.

Thursday, June 4, 2020

6:00 pm

Grant Park

337 E. Randolph

Chicago, IL 60601



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### VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

#### Child and Family Dental Health in Chicago

In this month's [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) report, researchers teamed up with the Chicago Department of Health to learn about child and parent dental health. Eighty-seven percent of Chicago children had a dental checkup in the last year and there were no differences in child preventive dental care by child gender, race and ethnicity, household income, school type, or health status.



## Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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