

March 16, 2020

Strengthening
Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Kirstin,

The SCY team has been monitoring the public health situation regarding the COVID-19 virus and thinking about the ways to protect the health and well-being of our staff and partners. We are working to limit exposure by providing opportunities to meet via phone or video conferencing whenever possible. This crisis is heightened for communities who already experience many inequities and our advocacy is more important than ever. SCY will continue to share resources and take precautions in an informed and responsible way and will support our partners in doing the same.

Sincerely,

Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
Strengthening Chicago's Youth
Injury Prevention and Research Center
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

FEATURED ARTICLE: LET SCIENCE AND DOCTORS LEAD THE WAY Staying Informed

Press conferences seem to be transpiring by the hour, it feels almost impossible to think about anything other than COVID-19. Focus for many has not been the same. SCY and partners are very familiar however with advocacy. As we move into the next few days, weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that we get good, reliable information from good reliable sources; from people who know what they're talking about, and have a background in a field that is applicable to the discussion. Not all information or information sources are created equal. With that being said, SCY encourages everyone to make sure you are getting your information from a reliable source. This week, there are several sources of information that we've been relying on.

- [City of Chicago Coronavirus Disease 2019 Resource Site](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Resource Site](#)
- [Coronavirus in Illinois Updates](#)

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PEOPLE, PEGS AND PITCHES

How Do You Tell Your Story When Everything is Shut Down?

Join [Public Narrative](#) for a special media relations webinar designed to equip organizations, independent businesses and artists to survive this global crisis. Participants will learn how to remain connected to audiences, identify news pegs and prepare to pitch journalists in search of stories. This webinar has multiple dates, please choose one.

Friday, March 20, 2020
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Online

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Online

Friday, March 27, 2020
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Online



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Health Equity Consultant

The [National Center of Early Childhood Health and Wellness](#) (NCECHW) housed at the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP) is soliciting proposals for a Health Equity Consultant to assist with their work in this area. The NCECHW believes school readiness begins with health and therefore is committed to reducing health disparities among children based on race, gender, disability, family composition, or socioeconomic status and infusing greater attention to and promotion of health equity.

Proposal Deadline
Friday, April 3, 2020

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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 REINVESTMENT DOLLARS WORKSHOPS

Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative

The [Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative](#) (JEO) believes in investing dramatically in communities that have been the most impacted by overincarceration. The [Restore, Reinvest, Renew \(R3\) Program](#) reinvests 25% of the net cannabis revenue into these communities. The program will fund violence prevention, economic development, youth development, economic development, and reentry programs. The [Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority](#) (ICJIA) is hosting a series of technical assistance workshops for applicants who want to better understand how to be successful applying for state grants generally.



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RESOURCE AVAILABLE

30.6K Illegal Guns Unaccounted For in Illinois

A [Chicago Tribune](#) article includes a recently conducted analysis that found as many as 30.K Illinoisans have failed to surrender or otherwise account for their guns after police stripped them of their FOID cards over the last five years. Included in the article is a tool to look up how many people in your town have had their FOID cards revoked -- and how many haven't accounted for their guns.

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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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