



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!,

As we all continue to navigate the challenges that COVID-19 poses to every day lives, we are reminded of our ongoing work to end the disparities that exist in the health and safety of our communities. It is not only important to acknowledge that this health crisis disproportionately affects communities of color, but that historically, many other public health issues have as well. Dismantling the structural barriers to social and public health services and supports is more crucial than ever--both in our existing work and in ending the current crisis.

Sincerely,

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BLOG HIGHLIGHT

Expanding Horizons: Executive Order Options for Mental Health Access

This recent blog is written by Daniel Cazares, SCY Student Program Assistant on the recent executive order given by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. Due to the rapid and exponential growth in COVID-19 throughout the nation - in addition to case increases in the state of Illinois - Gov. J.B. Pritzker has taken the initiative to extend Telehealth services through an executive order. The importance behind Telehealth Services is helping mitigate the current shelter-in-place order; this allows for the provision of remote services to be offered, including health care, psychiatry, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, and other related services to a patient.



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CASEY LIFE SKILLS

Training Webinar

Please join [ICOY](#) for this two-part webinar training series that addresses how youth providers should use The Casey Life Assessments with youth in homeless youth and transitioning youth program. Casey assessments have applications in a variety of other youth service programs including basic centers, street outreach programs, educational outreach programs and other positive youth development programs. Participants in this training series will learn how to partner with youth people to assess and develop appropriate case plans and how to use free life skills resources to point young people toward success.

Part 1

Thursday, April 16, 2020
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Online



Part 2

Friday, April 17, 2020
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Online

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NAMI CHICAGO VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Groups and Classes

[NAMI Chicago](#) offers support and education to promote mental health recovery and provide safe spaces for those impacted by mental health conditions. They are offering support groups virtually during this crisis - both peer support and for families! NAMI Chicago is asking all group participants to register for groups in advance.

Peer Support Group

Friday, April 17, 2020
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Online

Healthcare Workers Support Group

Thursday, April 16, 2020
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Online



Family Support Group (English)

Thursday, April 16, 2020
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Online

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TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPERVISION

Webinar

Please join [ICOY](#) for this webinar training that addresses how professionals effectively manage and relate to individuals they supervise. Participants will learn to provide trauma-informed supervision by learning about the way trauma can impact staff and recognizing signs of compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Online



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TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPERVISION

COVID-19 Survey

In unprecedented and uncertain times, organizations cannot lose sight of the long-term challenges facing youth and young adults. [Children's Home & Aid](#) wants to retool a previously postponed webinar to talk not only about the challenges facing youth during this crisis, but how this crisis has exposed barriers to youth development that will require longer term strategies and advocacy. To that end, they are distributing a survey to help better understand how partners have seen this crisis impact youth and youth adults. This webinar and the feedback will be the first step in developing a comprehensive, long-term advocacy agenda designed to ensure youth and young adults throughout Illinois have every opportunity to thrive.

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