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Strengthening
Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!,

The tragic loss of young children to gun violence in Chicago continues to devastate more families and communities across our city. We know that violence is preventable. SCY is asking all of our partners to take action today to protect our children and communities from gun violence. Please sign the [petition](#) calling for background checks on all gun sales and [call your state Senator](#) today to urge them to support Senate Bill 1966, the Block Illegal Ownership bill.

Sincerely,

Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
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BLOG HIGHLIGHT **Using Data for Social Change**

This blog was created by Kevin Rak, Strengthening Chicago's Youth Data Specialist.

How do you know if you have a fever? You use a thermometer to take your temperature.

How do you know if you're going the speed limit? You look at the speedometer on your dashboard and compare it with the sign on the side of the road.

You use data all the time, even if you don't think about it as using data. Whether in these simple examples, or a team of scientists conducting a clinical trial trying to develop a vaccine, the basic idea is the same: gathering information to help you answer a question.

Data can help you get lots of valuable insights, including in the struggle for social change. It can give you a sense of the scale of a problem. Take mental health, for example. About one in five adults have some kind of mental illness, yet just 42% of those receive treatment, whether counseling or medication. Data can also

illustrate patterns that may not be obvious. For example, Black Americans are more likely to be unarmed than White Americans when killed by police officers. These data points illustrate the need for significant, large-scale change.

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ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY DURING AND BEYOND COVID-19

Addressing Housing and Homelessness

This web forum will highlight the disproportionate and long-existing economic and health disparities among people who are housing insecure or experience homelessness. It will also highlight what is currently being done to protect this population during the COVID-19 pandemic, and identify the long-term policy, system, and environmental changes that are needed to advance health equity by effectively addressing housing insecurity and homelessness.

Friday, July 10, 2020
12:30 pm
Online

Dialogue4Health

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COVID-19 HEALTH CARE STAFF TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE-ORIENTED HEALING

Webinar

As a result of the current environment, discussions regarding health care staff well-being are more important than ever. During this presentation, experts with real world experience from [The Joint Commission](#) and the [National Council for Behavioral Health](#) have come together to discuss evidence-based and best practices that can be immediately implemented.



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BE SAFE

Summer Programs Reopening Guidelines

During the "Be Safe. Chicago" phases of reopening, the City of Chicago leadership wants to ensure that businesses are meeting or exceeding requirements of the "Be Safe. Chicago" guidelines put in place by Chicago's city government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Clear, user-friendly guidelines from the city are available for those who are reopening.

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INTERESTED IN HELPING PARENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Become a Safety Ambassador

Teach parents in your community how to keep their babies safe. Ambassadors will teach baby sleep safety to family, friends and neighbors. All that is required is a desire to learn, teach and help your community! Virtual training and some compensation provided. Contact Amy Hill at 312-227-6692 or ahill@luriechildrens.org.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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



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