

July 15, 2020

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Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!,

Every day feels like a whirlwind of information and developments here in Chicago. Some of it is positive, such as recent news that [Chicago set a record for mail-in ballot applications](#), showing that not even a global pandemic will stop Chicagoans from having their voices heard in the upcoming election, and that sense of efficacy is both exciting and infectious. Don't forget that you have until Sept. 24 to [apply online to vote by mail](#). On the other hand, Chicago has fallen behind on expected Census responses, a shortfall that could cost the city millions of dollars in federal aid. If you haven't already done so, please take a minute, approximately 10 to be exact, to take the [United States Census 2020](#). The SCY Team, as well as the greater Lurie Children's family, want to help make sure that every possible dollar that can be used for community investment is procured. You can also visit the [Lurie Children's Census 2020](#) site for more information on how the census impacts Chicago communities.

Sincerely,

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BLOG HIGHLIGHT **My Statements of Truths to My Sons**

This blog was created by Cassandra Otoo, SCY's Program Coordinator for the Juvenile Justice Collaborative.

What does it mean to be a Black woman during two pandemics: COVID-19 and the viral disease called racism? I came across a poem that helps me put things into perspective. The poem is entitled "What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black" by Margaret Burroughs. This poem addresses many of my fears that most African American mothers dealt with during the 1960's. It is so unfortunate that these same fears are still in existence today for so many African American mothers. Listen [here](#) as Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs gives her reflections of an African American Mother.

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SCY TRAINING SERIES

Just Mercy: A Panel Discussion on Wrongful Convictions and Racial Injustices

This event facilitated by Pediatric Residents and Fellows Diversity Committee of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital and Strengthening Chicago's Youth will examine the film "Just Mercy" and inequities our justice system places on people of color, specifically those who are incarcerated. The film shines a light on these issues and flaws that lie within the justice system.



Important clips from the film will be highlighted and will lead into a virtual panel discussion with a variety of experts in the field about the reform that is needed. There will also be time for Q&A from attendees. If you have questions for panelists ahead of time, please submit them to scy@luriechildrens.org.

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POLICE REFORM 101

A Conversation about Policing During a Time of Civil Unrest

Join this Facebook Live event with former Lombard Chief of Police and legislator, John Milner; Karen Sheley of the ACLU; Saeed Richardson, Programs & Operations Officer at Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Inc and Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Waukegan; and former FOP President, Dean Angelo, along with Senator Martwick and Norwood Park Fire Commissioner Frank Avino to unpack some of the terms and concepts currently being debated on the subject of police reform and accountability.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020
7:00 pm
Online

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STANDING TOGETHER

A Conversation About Equity

There is still time to register for [Heartland Alliance's](#) third annual women's event. The topic of this year's discussion is permanent punishments, which refers to the long lasting barriers to opportunity experienced by people who have been involved in the criminal justice system. Learn about how the impact of these barriers--specifically on women and families--contributes to the cycle of poverty and trauma.

Thursday, July 16, 2020
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Online

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CASEY LIFE SKILLS

Webinar

Please join [Casey Family Programs](#) for this two-day Casey Life skills training which teaches youth providers how to use life skills assessments with youth in homeless youth and transitioning youth programs. Casey assessments also 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.

Monday, July 20, 2020
10:00 - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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OVERVIEW OF CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION IN ILLINOIS

Webinar

Violent crime is a senseless, often random act. The ripple effect of harm and accompanying trauma is felt by the individual victim, families and communities. Victims and their families need support as they attempt to rebuild lives torn apart by tragedy. The [Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Program](#) provides direct financial assistance (up to \$27,000) to victims of violent crime who meet certain eligibility requirements. To make sure you have tools to respond to victims, join

this webinar to learn to assist individuals whom work with victims understand the compensation program and how to access support. To RSVP, please email specialevents@atg.state.il.us.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Online (via WebEx)



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MEDICAID MANAGED CARE BILLING BASICS

Virtual Training Series

Illinois Collaboration on Youth's Medicaid Technical Assistance Center (MTAC) will host a four-part virtual training session for healthcare providers on how to bill Medicaid managed care (MMC). These 90-minute live training sessions will allow providers to learn more about specific MMC billing topics, network with their peers, and ask questions.



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Virtual Training Session 1: Getting Credentialed as an Illinois Medicaid Provider

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Virtual Training Session 2: Setting Up to Bill Medicaid Managed Care - Eligibility and Enrollment

Wednesday, July 22, 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Virtual Training Session 3: Inside the Mind of a Managed Care Organization, Utilization Management, and Common Billing Errors

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

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REIMAGINING VIOLENCE PREVENTION

A Comprehensive Look at Violence Reduction Work

Join a Facebook Live conversation with community violence expert, Kathryn Bocanegra, to discuss and answer your questions on crime and violence prevention. You can submit questions and thoughts anonymously through [this form](#) ahead of the conversation.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Online

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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMER SERIES PRIORITIZING SAFETY, EQUITY, AND HAPPINESS

Reentry During a Pandemic

Even in good times, the job of a leader is an isolating one. But in these times, challenged by the twin pandemics of the virus and the disease of systemic racism, being a school leader is even harder. When things get tough, restorative communities circle up for support. This three-part circle series is a dedicated space for school and district leaders to gather, discuss concerns, and share ideas and resources for the fall re-entry.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Thursday, August 6, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online

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COMMUNITY BUILDING CIRCLE SERIES

Hosting & Writing Online Circles for Relationship Building in Schools and Beyond

In the first session, attendees will become familiar with key elements of Circles, including roles and routines to foster accountability and equity. Most importantly, attendees will take away a Circle plan and resources to facilitate a Circle of their own--in class with colleagues. In the second session, attendees will dive into the nuts-and-bolts of Circle writing, learn what makes a compelling Circle plan, how to

anticipate participants needs, and ways to trouble shoot common Circle challenges. In the third session, attendees will bring a Circle they've written and hosted to discuss with others.

Thursday, July 23, 2020
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Thursday, July 30, 2020
1:00 - 3:30 pm

Sunday, August 13, 2020
9:00 - 11:30 am

Online

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EQUITY THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

Webinar

Health equity is determined by fair access to resources and comparable health outcomes between individuals but is shaped by larger social and political systems. In this Web Forum, Public Health Law Program and the [National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health](#) (NLAPH) examine the foundations of public health law and its relationship to public health equity. Speakers will discuss the scope of laws that impact social determinants of health in a community, covering topics such as: regulations for safe food, clean water, healthy housing conditions, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, occupational safety and health, and medical practice.

Thursday, July 23, 2020
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Online (via Webex)

Dialogue4Health

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JUSTICE 2020

The Demand for Equity

Join this event for a series of conversations with experts in the field, including advocates, policy-makers, elected officials, and individuals with firsthand experience. This event will identify problems and suggest solutions to the most pressing issues facing those affected by the justice system.

Friday, July 24, 2020

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9:00 am - 2:45 pm
Online

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POLICE VIOLENCE AND GUN VIOLENCE

Police Shootings: How Can the GVP Movement Work to Embrace Solutions to Stopping Police Violence

Please join the [Illinois Gun Violence Prevention Coalition](#) for a training about police violence. Attendees will learn how gun violence prevention organizations can effectively engage in ending police violence.



Friday, July 24, 2020
11:00 am - 11:45 am
Online (via Zoom)

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POISONOUS HOMES

The Fight for Environmental Justice in Federally Assisted Housing

Join the [Shriver Center on Poverty Law](#) to hear stories of community activism in the face of crisis and learn how advocates are working with residents towards a comprehensive solution driven directly by impacted communities.



Tuesday, July 28, 2020
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Online

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LEGAL TRAINING FOR PRACTITIONERS WORKING WITH YOUTH Webinar

Please join [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) for this two-day webinar to review best practices for working with youth and families in the context of an agency's legal responsibilities. The first session will address decision-making authority and the various players, juvenile justice laws, and intersecting legal proceedings. The

second session will address crisis situations and responses, rights of minors without parental consent, and legal guidelines for case managers.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, July 30, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online



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COMPLEX TRAUMA WORKSHOP

The Connection Between Mental Health, COVID-19 and Social Unrest

Join recognized experts on trauma and resilience at the [National Council for Behavioral Health](#) for a virtual workshop around how to support individuals in developing healing and resiliency from these overwhelming and cumulative traumas. Learn how to recognize moral injury, identify its signs and gain the tools to address the traumatic impact of the current environment and support healing and a resilient recovery.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020
11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Online

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Every Stride Counts

The Race Against Gun Violence (RAGV) raises awareness and funds for more than 50 community organizations working for a more peaceful Chicago where all can thrive, free from the fear of gun violence. With COVID-19 increasing hardship in the very same communities contending with gun violence, RAGV is an opportunity to choose hope, support the life-changing work of nonprofits and provide a platform for people who care about ending gun violence and get involved.

Race

September 2020

Online Celebration

Saturday, September 26, 2020



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SECONDARY TRAUMA AND TRAUMATIC STRESS

Recorded Webinar Series

This webinar series will address secondary trauma and traumatic stress in order to help law enforcement, prosecutors, and other investigative personnel identify, reduce, and address the traumatic impact of their work in combating child sexual exploitation. The webinar series will detail how and why stress and trauma manifest, what signs and symptoms we should be looking out for as well as how to mitigate the effects by using everyday tools, techniques and coping strategies.

Secondary Trauma & Traumatic Stress Overview, Signs & Symptoms, and Wellness Tools and Techniques

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Secondary Trauma & Traumatic Stress Physical Signs and Symptoms and How to Mitigate

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R3 Grant Application Reviewers

The [Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority](#) is seeking a community of diverse, passionate experts who reside in Restore, Reinvest, & Renew zones to read and review a special round of grant funding applications that community organizations across Illinois have submitted.



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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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