

September 2, 2020

Strengthening
Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!,

Communities of color have undoubtedly suffered more than any other demographic in the fight against COVID-19, structural racism and violent crime. Not only are the number of deaths higher, but the rate of suicide among these communities have also significantly increased. September is Suicide Prevention Month and we are reminded how important it is to highlight its preventability and share **resources** with those who might need them.

Sincerely,

Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
Strengthening Chicago's Youth
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FEATURED ARTICLE: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Child Vision Testing in Chicago

In the latest [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) Report, they examined child and adolescent vision health in Chicago. Report highlights include: 76% of Chicago children at least 1 year old have had their vision tested with pictures, shapes and letters; the two most common places where children had their vision tested was an eye doctor or eye specialist (62%) and at school (27%); younger children were less likely to have had their vision tested than older children.



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON YOUTH

Webinar

The [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) Impact of Trauma Training addresses organizational capacity building needs to create a more trauma informed staff. The training defines trauma, provides an overview of brain development and the signs and symptoms of trauma, addresses resiliency and recovery, and defines what it means to be trauma informed.

Thursday, September 3, 3030
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Online



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AVOIDING COVID-19 BURNOUT

Self-Care and Resilience for Public Health Leaders

General concerns and anxieties can be difficult to manage during the best of situations, but what happens when you are trying to manage them as a leader amid a public health crisis? Learn about the range of individual and collective responses to trauma and practice strategies to effectively respond to stress and engage in self-care.

Thursday, September 10, 3030
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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SEEKING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Reproductive Health Equity in Illinois

Building on the successes of the inaugural Juno4Me Youth Ambassador program, a statewide initiative is being launched to bring healthcare providers, community members, state agencies, reproductive health experts, and funders together to advance reproductive health equity in Illinois. Juno4Me is recruiting individuals who are curious thinkers and passionate youth leaders to be the voices of youth in Chicago and attribute to the initiative as a youth advisory board member.

Application Deadline

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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ANNUAL FACTS SYMPOSIUM 2020

The Science of Firearm Injury Prevention: Charting the Path Forward with Data and Innovation

Firearm safety Among Children and Teens

(FACTS) is pleased to present the now annual research symposium focused on the prevention of firearm injury among children and teens. The goals of the conference are to share emergent findings, data, and innovations to address this critical and growing public health issue.



**The Science of Firearm Injury Prevention:
Charting the Path Forward with Data and Innovation**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Online

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CONVERSATIONS SUMMIT 2020

Breaking the Silence on Mental Health Together

This year's [Hope For The Day](#) Conversations Summit will be a digital experience empowering youth to raise their voices and takes action to positively impact mental health in their communities. The Summit will feature interactive sessions for learning, dialogue, and activism. At the 2020 Conversations Summit, attendees will engage with: speakers to educate and inspire mental health activism, breakout sessions via Zoom to interact with a diverse peer-to-peer environment and more.

Thursday, October 8, 2020
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Online (via Zoom)



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FOCUS GROUP

Water Safety

The [Chicago Water Safety Registry Project](#) at [Lurie Children's Hospital](#) is seeking residents of Chicago's South and West Sides who have used public beaches and pools to participate in a one hour virtual focus group on attitudes and opinions on water safety in Chicago. The groups will be held early September. Participants must be residents of the South or West Sides of Chicago, at least 21 years of age and have reliable internet access. Gift card compensation will be provided. Email Amy Hill at [\[email protected\]](#) for more information.

September 2020
Online (via Zoom)



NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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



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