



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!,

From violence prevention to climate change to COVID-19, our policymakers make decisions that heavily impact our everyday lives as well as our future. We each play a role in choosing those key decision makers and EVERY vote counts. SCY encourages our partners to register to vote, and encourage family members, friends, and colleagues to [register](#) as well. For a safe and easy option, be sure to explore and learn about the [vote-by-mail process](#). By holding ourselves and elected officials accountable, we can work together towards building a brighter future for our youth at the city, state, and national levels.

Sincerely,

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FEATURED ARTICLE: BLOG HIGHLIGHT

[How Violence is Affecting Adolescents in the City of Chicago, An Interview with Damien Sewell](#)

This week's blog was written by SCY's Outreach Coordinator Linda Gordon.

This past July turned out to be one of the most violent months in 28 years to according to data kept by the Chicago Tribune. The youngest being 7-year-old Natalia Wallace, who was shot as her family celebrated the Fourth of July in the South Austin neighborhood and 9-year-old Janari Andre Ricks who was shot while playing with friends behind the Cabrini Green. And 17-year-old activist Caleb Reed, who died Sunday, two days after he shot in the West Rogers Park



neighborhood. According to University of Chicago, data shows us that "Among people ages 10-24, homicide is the leading cause of death for African Americans."

I thought this was a perfect time to chat with 18-year-old Damien. Sewell. A recent CPS graduate now headed to college, with his own lived experience around violence, can offer his thoughts about ways to combat violence in the city of Chicago.

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CLOSING YOUTH PRISONS

An Introduction to the Final 5 Campaign

Join the [Final 5 Team](#) to explore the state of youth incarceration and how they want to transform the juvenile justice system in Illinois! Participants will hear from restorative justice practitioners, programmers, and policymakers, including Felipe Franco -- who helped implement the Close to Home model in NYC -- and speakers from Liberation Library, who do the radical work of providing books to young people in prison to encourage literacy, imagination, and self-determination.

Thursday, September 17, 2020
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Online

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THE FINAL 5
CAMPAIGN

VOICES OF THE WORLD

Workshop

In this [OPEN Center for the Arts](#) poster workshop, participants will be having an open discussion on ways to create a peaceful city and instruction on how to voice out their vision of a peaceful city on a poster to share with the community.

Thursday, September 17, 2020
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Online (via Zoom)

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CHICAGO GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (CGVRC) Graduate Student Fellowships

The [CGVRC](#) Graduate Student Fellowship builds the capacity of graduate students to address gun violence throughout their professional lives. The Fellowship is a 15-week program that brings together student fellows (graduate students from Chicago-based universities) and faculty fellows (professors and public health professionals) to: understand the root causes of gun violence and initiatives to address these root causes, from a public health perspective, through an ongoing discourse across the fellowship; learn from a network of leading gun violence scholars, advocates, and stakeholders through presentations and discussions; collaborate on faculty-fellow teams to develop, implement, and disseminate an applied research project related to gun violence.

Application Deadline

Monday, September 21, 2020

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THE EXPANSION OF TELEMENTAL HEALTH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Web Forum

Social distancing during COVID-19 and the mental strain of a pandemic has affected the mental health of many adults and exacerbated suffering associated with existing mental illnesses, including mood and anxiety disorders and substance abuse. This [Dialogue4Health](#) Web Forum will address the impact of COVID-19 on adult mental health, the shift to virtual appointment for patients seeking mental health services and lessons learned from providers of mental health virtual visit services.

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online (via Cisco Webex)



Dialogue4Health

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JUSTICE FOR BLACK LIVES Reforming the Criminal Legal System

Black and Latino/a/x people are overrepresented in the criminal legal system, and their children are disproportionately present in the parallel foster system. These systems marginalize low-income people, especially those of color, keep them in a cycle of poverty, and depress their lifetime economic stability. Join the [Shriver Center on Poverty Law](#) for a webinar to explore ways to keep communities safe and families together by advocating for policies that reduce the states' reliance on jails and prison.



Tuesday, September 22, 2020
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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UNPACKING RACE, WEALTH, AND INDIVIDUAL POWER A Conversation with Dr. Andre Perry & David Axelrod

Join [Chicago Beyond](#) for a conversation with David Axelrod and Dr. Andre Perry as they explore race, wealth, individual power, and how the decisions of our nation's past allowed for the unjust policies we see today.



Wednesday, September 23, 2020
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Online

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WEBINAR Addressing Trauma, Racism and Bias in Behavioral Health Service Delivery

As the country grapples with numerous crises, members of racially and ethnically marginalized populations continue to have less access to high-quality mental health services. Join [National Council for Behavioral Health](#) to explore the causes of these disparities and highlight innovative strategies to address them in your programs.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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CELEBRATION OF CHANGE

Panel Discussions

[Public Narrative](#) will be hosting a free, online event to feature a variety of panels on public health, public safety, and public education.



Reconciling the Moment Panel

- Michelle Duster, Author, Professor, Public Historian & Great-Granddaughter of Ida B. Wells-Barnett
- Deborah Douglas, Pulliam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Journalism at DePauw University & Terkel Award Winner
- Marti Tippens Murphy, Executive Director, Facing History and Ourselves (Memphis)
- Karin Berry, General Editor, ESPN's The Undeclared

Public Health Panel

- Jen Brown, MPH, Director & Co-Founder, Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities
- Taneka Jennings, Deputy Director, HANA Center
- Phyllis Rogers, Founder & Executive Director, Peer Plus Education and Training Advocates
- Darius Tandon, PhD, Co-Director, Center for Community Health at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

Public Education Panel

- Brenda Williams, Founder of My GPS
- Chris Goins, Chief Equity Officer & MBK Impact Community Leader at ThriveChicago
- Jessica Ramos, Director of Community Engagement at Advance Illinois
- Brandon Pope, Anchor/Reporter at CW26 Chicago & VP of Broadcast for NABJ-Chicago

Thursday, September 24, 2020
5:30 pm
Online

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LIFELINE WEBINAR

Importance of Trauma Informed Care and Cultural Humility

During this [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) event, there will be a roundtable chat with crisis call center. The event will: explore the importance of trauma-informed, resilience-oriented care and cultural humility; highlight how crisis call centers have implemented trauma-informed principles at work; share strategies to promote culturally humble and trauma-informed crisis services.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Online (via Zoom)



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GRANDPARENTS DAY SEPTEMBER REPORT

Family and Child Health Innovations Program (FCHIP)

This [FCHIP](#) report is the third in a series that includes Mother's Day and Father's Day. This report framed the state of grandparenting amidst a pandemic, the benefits of grandparenting for children and grandparents alike, and how to support grandchildren during COVID-19.



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NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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