



November 17, 2020

Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Smith CHR,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we find ourselves in the midst of another surge in COVID-19 cases around the country. It has been a challenging year and the wish to be surrounded by loved ones is stronger than ever. But with warnings from public health officials – rethinking traditional plans is crucial to staying healthy and safe. We are thankful for all the partners who work tirelessly towards a better future and wish you all a happy Thanksgiving break.

Sincerely,
Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
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Patrick M. Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities
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FEATURED ARTICLE: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT Parental Concern and Trusted Health Information During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Parents, children and families in Chicago and across the world have faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 is the illness caused by



Voices of Child Health
in Chicago

a coronavirus called SARS-CoV2, and the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 19, 2020. In this report, Voices of Child Health in Chicago explore parents' attitudes about the COVID-19 pandemic. Report highlights include the following: More than 3 in 5 Chicago parents were very concerned about COVID-19 affecting their family's health; Non-Latinx Black parents reported the highest levels of concern about COVID-19; and Chicago parents had the most trust in COVID-19 information that came from their child's doctor or their own doctor.

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HOW THE ELECTIONS MAY IMPACT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

A Webinar

By attending this forum, attendees will learn how the outcome of the recent U.S. presidential election could impact behavioral health care providers that provide services to individuals who identify as LGBTQ+, children and young adults, older adults, and those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Reyna Taylor, vice president of public policy for the [National Council](#), will lead this forward-looking discussion and invite attendees to ask questions.

Thursday, November 19, 2020
12:00 pm
Online

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WEBINAR

Exploring Community & Academic Partnerships to Facilitate Health Center-Driven Research

Join the [Northwestern Primary Care Practice-Based Research Program](#) (NP3) and AllianceChicago for a discussion about building successful health center – academic research partnerships. Early and ongoing collaboration is at the core of successful community-academic research partnerships. This webinar will include an overview of the opportunities for research in the health care setting, barriers and facilitators to effective health center-based research, and a panel of community health academic researchers interested in learning more about research collaborations are encouraged to join!

Monday, November 23, 2020
11:30 am – 12:45 pm
Online

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WEBINAR

Strategies to Support Clients with Increased Stress and Substance Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, and it presents particular challenges for individuals with co-occurring anxiety and substance use conditions. Join the [American Mental Health Counselors Association](#) and the [National Council](#)'s webinar to discover tools for supporting clients that are experiencing increased stress and substance use, as well as techniques for helping them build resilience to face the difficult days ahead.

Thursday, December 3, 2020
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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VIRTUAL MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

A Webinar

This half-day live session is ideal for busy individuals looking for introductory or refresher training. Whether an attendee is a clinician in a behavioral health setting, a supervisor trying to boost staff morale or a nurse helping patients manage diabetes, motivational interviewing can help individuals create conversations that empower people to make meaningful changes.

Monday, December 7, 2020
9:00 am
Online (via Zoom)

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KEEPING A 20/20 FOCUS DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

MIPA Virtual Summit

The [Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance](#) (MIPA) is an organization of injury professionals from states in Federal Health and Human Services Region V (IL, IN, MN, MI, OH, and WI), who work collaboratively to reduce unintentional and intentional injury-related death and disability. MIPA hosts an annual summit for injury professionals to share experiences and information on injury and violence topics of common interest. This year's theme will cover topics that will inspire, instruct and illustrate the power of partnerships, the passion of programs, and

the practice of policy in changing the landscape of injury and violence in each of our states.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
8:00 am – 12:45 pm
Online



Hosted by the Minnesota Department of Health Injury and Violence Prevention Section

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2021–22 TRAUMA INFORMED, RESILIENCE ORIENTED APPROACHES Learning Community

The [National Council for Behavioral Health](#) is pleased to announce the 2021–22 Trauma–Informed, Resilience–Oriented Approaches Learning Community. Since 2011, they have worked with mental health and addictions recovery organizations, social service and community organizations to implement trauma–informed, resilience–oriented organizational change. This Learning Community will provide participating organizations, systems and communities with the tools and skills to address trauma and promote resilience.

Application Deadline

Friday, December 11, 2020
11:59 pm (EST)
Online

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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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