



December 2, 2020

## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

As the world awaits the release of a COVID-19 vaccine, there remains a lot of uncertainty. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been working closely with health departments to develop plans for when one is available. Until then, we encourage everyone to stay informed, practice social distancing, and wear a mask to stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Helmcamp  
Interim Executive Director  
Strengthening Chicago's Youth  
Patrick M. Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

## FEATURED ARTICLE: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT Chicago Parents' Intentions to Vaccinate their Children Against COVID-19

Chicago has experienced high case rates of COVID-19, and parents in Chicago have high levels of concern about COVID-19 affecting their families' health. In this



Voices of Child Health  
in Chicago

report, Voices of Child Health in Chicago explore parents' intentions to get a COVID-19 vaccine for their children if a vaccine becomes available. Report highlights include the following: nearly 7 in 10 parents said they were very likely or somewhat likely to get a COVID-19 vaccine for their children if one becomes available; highest levels of concern about COVID-19; parents in communities in Chicago with the highest burden of COVID-19 were substantially less likely to plan to vaccinate their children and themselves against COVID-19; and more.

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## CELEBRATE OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES & 2020 IN REVIEW

### The Need to Close the Health Equity Gap

Join [The Institute of Medicine of Chicago](#) and celebrate the efforts of healthcare heroes. By attending this session, attendees will obtain an update on the outlook over the fate of the ACA and the case before the Supreme Court, learn what new legislation will be prioritized to provide relief to families due to COVID-19, and more.

Friday, December 4, 2020

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Online



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## YOUTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL LISTENS

### Public Safety and The Pandemic

Join [Public Narrative](#) and members of the Youth District Advisory Council as they explore collective impact related to COVID-19 and Chicago's own pre-existing conditions like: food deserts, poverty, gun violence, transportation, and job security.

Saturday, December 5, 2020

10:00 am

Online (via Zoom)



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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE FOSTER SYSTEM

### Webinar Series

Join the [Shriver Center on Poverty Law](#) for the Spotlight on the Foster System webinar series that will explore the history and current state of the system, how the system interacts with other systems, where the system fits into the intersectional movement for racial justice, and the path forward in advocacy for parents and families impacted by this system.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Online

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## CHICAGO'S TRAUMA-INFORMED HOSPITAL WORKING GROUP

### Lessons from Collaboration and Organizational Transformation

Since 2017, the [IL ACEs Response Collaborative](#) and the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) have co-hosted 19 Chicagoland hospitals all committed to trauma-informed organization building. This webinar will highlight the formation and successes of the Work Group, with presentations from member hospitals on how they've integrated trauma-informed principles into their work, organizations, and communities; as well as plans for the Work Group's future in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
11:00 am  
Online

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## CHOOSE HOPE FILM SERIES

### Screening and Panel Discussion

The *Choose Hope* film series transports viewers to the frontlines of communities in Chicago facing the greatest challenges, providing a window into what is happening on the ground and introducing the hidden heroes who through their actions, choose hope, no matter the odds. Join for a panel discussion and Q&A moderated by Mary Stonor Saunders, Executive Director of [Strides for Peace](#).

Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
7:30 pm  
Online



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## UNPACKING THE PURPOSE OF POWER

### How We Come Together When We Fall Apart

Join Black Lives Matter Global Network Co-Founder, Alicia Garza, and Chicago Beyond Founder and CEO, Liz Dozier, for a virtual conversation on how we can use our individual powers to come together and take actionable steps to build a more equitable future.

Monday, December 14, 2020  
7:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## THE ROLE OF COMMUNICATIONS IN ADVANCING EQUITY

### Panel with YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago, Arrowleaf, and Prosper Strategies

We know actions speak louder than words, and that's never felt truer than it does today. With that said, the way one develops strategies and communicates about a nonprofit's initiative also matters – these are vehicles through which nonprofits can lead by example. Two sector leaders will discuss how adopting a strength-based approach can play a role in advancing equity and share examples of what they're doing at their own organizations.

Thursday, December 17, 2020  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## CREATING AN EVIDENCE-DRIVEN PROCESS

### Preparing Youth and Families for Transition to Adult Care

Research shows that having a structured process for transitioning to adult care is associated with improvements in health and wellbeing, self-care, skills-building, satisfaction, use of care in adult systems and reductions in hospital use. Not only will this webinar discuss an innovative health care transition approach for adaptation in a variety of care settings, it will also make available existing tools and resources and address current implementation challenges facing providers.

Friday, December 18, 2020

1:30 pm  
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](#).

 Ann & Robert H. Lurie  
Children's Hospital of Chicago

