



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

Last week across our city, state, and country – many individuals remembered the murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers one year ago. Although we have seen a reckoning with our country's history of systemic racism, there are too many signs of retreat in the effort not only to recognize past and present harm, but also to actively change our systems to be equitable and just. SCY urges our partners to keep advocating for racial equity in both public and institutional policies. SCY will also continue to support actions that promote awareness and understanding, including recognizing Juneteenth later this month. Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day, which marked the ending of slavery in the United States. And while a more just country for all of its people sometimes feels far away, we must also celebrate the progress that continues to propel us forward.

Sincerely,
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FEATURED ARTICLE: PARENTING SUPPORTS PODCAST

Empowering Parents

The Parenting Supports Podcast, sponsored by Strengthening Chicago's Youth, is about all things parenting. It is our goal to empower our audience by providing information on topics relevant to the lives of parents. You'll hear topics of self-care, trauma, and managing stress and anxiety while adjusting to a pandemic. You should listen if you are a parent, grandparent, caretaker or community provider seeking to explore topics to improve parents' confidence. You will leave each episode with useful information.



You can listen to the Parenting Supports Podcast on the [SCY website](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), or your favorite podcast app. Be sure to subscribe and leave us a rate and review. If you have

additional questions or feedback, please feel free to send us an email at scy@luriechildrens.org.

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TRAUMA-INFORMED, RESILIENCE ORIENTED CRISIS LEADERSHIP Workshop

Our nation is experiencing a series of collective traumatic events, yet how we each manage this prolonged crisis period will determine its individual and collective long-term impact. The overview is intended to support public health leaders in their own behavioral health, as well as to build their capacity to enhance trauma-informed resiliency-oriented practices with their jurisdiction through this unprecedented public health crisis.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
11:00 am
Online (Zoom)

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OR

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
11:00 am
Online (Zoom)

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SCY JUNE COLLABORATIVE MEETING & PANEL DISCUSSION Violence Prevention and Justice Reform

This virtual meeting will focus on the connection between justice reform and violence prevention. A panel discussion of experts in the field will open the meeting discussing their work and visions for the future in justice reform. Action-oriented breakout groups will explore how the justice system can make our communities safer by better supporting individuals, families, and communities while addressing trauma and reducing racial disparities.



Join SCY and partners across Chicago to explore the role you and your organization can play in addressing these issues, discuss asset-based solutions, and promote the health and healing of all Chicagoans.

Friday, June 4, 2021
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Online (via Zoom)

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EQUITY FROM THE START

Reimagining the Early Childhood System

Join Illinois Action for Children's Community Systems Statewide Supports team, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, and The Center: Early Childhood Professional Learning for a three-day virtual event of learning, convening, and courageous conversations.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
12:30 pm – 4:15 pm

AND

Wednesday, June 9, 2021
9:30 am – 4:45 pm

AND

Thursday, June 10, 2021
9:30 am – 2:00 pm



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STRENGTHEN YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO SUPPORT RECOVERY

Join the Community Transformation Academy

Trauma and substance use are closely related, yet trauma-informed care is not infused in substance use prevention and treatment activities in many communities, particularly as it relates to opioid and stimulant use. Implementing a trauma-informed, recovery-oriented system of care framework helps communities better support individuals with substance use challenges by addressing their unique needs and helping foster sustained recovery.

Application Deadline
Sunday, June 13, 2021
10:59 pm (CST)

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REVERSE THE FLOW

How Implementation Science Can Improve Health Equity

Much of the scientific enterprise is directed toward innovations to improve health outcomes. Many are being left behind, especially those with historical disparities in health, who could benefit from what we already know. Join the discussion on how implementation science can – and must address equity.

Thursday, June 24, 2021

12:00 pm

Online (via Zoom)



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DEADLY MISOGYNY

The Intersection of Gun and Gender-Based Violence

Gun violence in the United States is a multifaceted problem, and there is no one-size-fits-all solution. In this conversation, a panel of experts who work in fields that advocate to reduce domestic violence, community violence, racism, transphobia, and police violence, will provide participants with some key insights on how to start tackling the complex issue of gun violence and the multiple social justice and gender-based issues with which it intersects.

Friday June 25, 2021

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Online (via Zoom)



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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Everyday Experiences of Discrimination Among Chicago Parents

Discrimination in general, and racism specifically, have profound negative effects on health, for adults and children alike. The impact of discrimination has come into sharp focus over the last year as the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the effects of systemic racism on health. In the most recent [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) report, the

focus is on parents' own experiences of "everyday discrimination," defined as unfair treatment that is chronic, routine and occurs in everyday life.



Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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