



## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

As we continue to hear about the amount of loss and violence in Chicago, it can lead to feelings of helplessness and frustration. SCY partners can get involved and take action towards violence prevention in a variety of ways. For individuals who are passionate about policy change, you can [contact your Illinois House representative](#) to encourage them to pass the BIO Bill – an important gun violence prevention measure that will keep our communities. For those who want to connect with others in the violence prevention community, you can register to participate in the Strides for Peace [Race Against Violence](#) taking place in September. You can also visit the [SCY website](#) on other ideas on how to become engaged as part of positive change for our city.

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

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## FEATURED ARTICLE: 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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## UNPACKING

### The History of Racial Criminalization in the American Justice System

Join [Chicago Beyond](#), Nneka Jones Tapia, and Khalil G. Muhammad for a virtual conversation on the history of racial criminalization in the American justice system and how we all have a role to play in radically revolutionizing the system.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Online



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## PUBLIC HEALTH TRIUMPHS AND CHALLENGES AMIDST A PANDEMIC

### Past, Present, Future and the Role of Academic Partners

Join the [Institute for Public Health and Medicine](#) (IPHAM) for an interactive discussion with Allison Arwady, MD, MPH commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). Dr. Arwady will look back at Chicago's COVID-19 response, discuss the current landscape and highlight the challenges and opportunities for future work in public health.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
Online



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## HISTORICAL AND STRUCTURAL TRAUMA

### Connections to Current Outcomes and Inheriting Resilience Webinar

The groundbreaking Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study identified the link between individual experiences of childhood trauma,

such as abuse or neglect, with adverse health outcomes, such as heart disease and cancer, in adults. This training discusses the background of historical and community trauma, as well as how they can impact health outcomes just as strongly as individual experiences can.

Thursday, May 6, 2021  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Online

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## HESITANCY, EQUITY, AND TRANSPARENCY

### Rolling Out the COVID-19 Vaccine

This one-hour discussion is part of a series exploring "in-the-news" topics, such as mental health, housing and health outcomes, and environmental health and climate change, and provides actionable insights to address equity issues by translating research into policy and practice.

Thursday, May 6, 2021  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)

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## CONFRONTING RACISM

### Addressing Race Based Trauma in Children

Join [Bright Promises Foundation](#) for a panel discussion with leading experts in the field of race-based trauma and gain understanding about how this issue impacts children and youth in our communities.

Thursday, May 6, 2021  
2:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## COVID-19 AND THE FUTURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

### Webinar

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a broad and swift shift to telehealth for many behavioral health providers. In many cases, these adaptations focused on rapidly defining and launching short-term actions to stabilize operations and maintain patient safety and access.

This session will explore the experiences and implications of telehealth practice and policy during COVID-19 and beyond from provider, payer and state perspectives.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
1:30 pm  
Online

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## ADDRESSING TRAUMA IN YOUNG ADULTS WITH IDD IN A POST-COVID WORLD

### Innovations and Strategies

This forum will look at the trauma experienced by young adults with IDD, the impact of social interaction, and strategies for addressing the trauma as we reintegrate to a new "normal" in a post-COVID world.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)

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## MOVING FROM BURNOUT TO WELLNESS FOR PROVIDERS AND ADVOCATES

### Webinar

With the COVID-19 pandemic increasing the burden on healthcare and social services, it has become imperative for organizations and individuals alike to implement preventative and responsive methods. The training includes an overview of the history and current definitions surrounding clinician and provider burnout. It will also discuss how this burnout has been magnified in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current racial justice movement in the United States.

Thursday, May 13, 2021  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Online

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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.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
11:00 am  
Online (Zoom)

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## BLACK LIBERATION

### Art Contest

The Potocsnak Family Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine promotes Lurie Children's Hospital's mission of being dedicated to the health and well-being of children and adolescents through their commitment to providing comprehensive services for youth – especially those experiencing health disparities such as LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color. They are seeking to have three art pieces created by local artists that center the Black Lives Matter movement, Black joy, and Black liberation from artists of all ages in the Chicagoland area.

### Contest Deadline

Friday, May 28, 2021

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## VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

### Youth Mental Health in Chicago During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In the most recent Voices of Child Health in Chicago report, the focus is on access to mental and behavioral healthcare over the last year, mental health symptoms for youth, and the frequency with which children and adolescents participated in common activities during the pandemic compared with before the pandemic. Some highlights of the report include: nearly half of Chicago parents had talked with their child's primary care doctor about mental or behavioral health concerns they had for their child within the last 6 to 12 months; 44% of young children experienced an increase in mental or behavioral health symptoms during the pandemic compared with before.

**Figure 1.** Summary of the proportions of Chicago parents for each mental and behavioral health survey question



**48%**

of parents had talked with their child's primary care provider about mental health concerns for their child in the last 6–12 months



**24%**

of parents said their child had used mental or behavioral health services in the last 6–12 months



**18%**

of parents said they could not get the mental or behavioral health services they wanted for their child



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