

## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

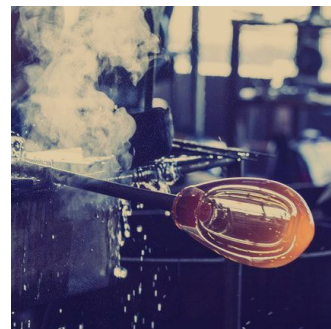
As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, great strides have been made in the development of a vaccine. Most notably, vaccinations for children ages 5-11 are now approved and have been met with both excitement and apprehension. For those who have questions, resources on the issue have become widely available. Some of these items include a [Lurie Children's blog](#), CDC and AAP approved [digital toolkit](#) and more. There will also be a [Facebook Live event](#) with Lurie Children's on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. By being informed, we all have the opportunity to do what is best for our children's health and safety.

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

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## FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION Healing Communities Through Arts and Action

This virtual event moderated by Strengthening Chicago's Youth will familiarize participants with various organizations who provide creative programming for youth who have experienced violence or trauma themselves or in their communities. A panel discussion will highlight each program's focus or project, benefits and challenges, how they got started, as well as how to make connection to continue advancing this work.



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Learn about unique approaches to healing
- Think of new ways to actively engage youth
- Gain insight on the process of creative interventions

Friday, November 5, 2021  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Online (via Zoom)

REGISTER

## FEATURED ARTICLE: 2021 COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

### Your Voice Matters

In partnership with the Alliance for Health Equity, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital is conducting a survey to inform our efforts to improve the health of the communities we serve. Residents of Chicago and suburban Cook County of all ages are invited to take our survey. As a pediatric medical center, we are committed to collecting feedback from youth and parents or caregivers, especially from groups that are typically under-represented in community input surveys, including communities of color, the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, and youth and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Results will be shared with communities in early 2022.



Want to make a difference for your community?  
Take our survey to make your voice heard.  
[bit.ly/LurieCommunityInputSurvey](https://bit.ly/LurieCommunityInputSurvey)

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Improving Health Equity  
Chicago and Cook County

### SURVEY DEADLINE

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
Online

SURVEY

SCY'S  
WEBSITE

JOB  
POSTINGS

FUNDING  
OPPS

SCY'S  
BLOG

EVENT  
CALENDAR

## ADVANCING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION FOR A MORE PERFECT UNION

### Conference

Given the continued emergence of an interconnected society, a global pandemic, and protests and unrest calling for racial justice, building organizational capacity for advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) is more critical than ever. Because advancing EDI requires more than just basic knowledge and the will to improve, presenters will help participants understand their own biases as well as the role of historical discrimination, non-inclusive behavioral actions, and culture in creating an unjust society.

Tuesday, November 2, 9 and 16, 2021  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Online



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## NAVIGATING CHANGE

### A Virtual Conversation Exploring Narrative Change in Chicago

In this [Public Narrative](#) event, community leaders share their approach to narrative change and how their works shifts prevailing narratives that harm BIPOC communities in Chicago.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

5:30 pm

Online (via Zoom)



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## THE ROLE OF NARRATIVE AND MEDIA IN SYSTEMS CHANGE

### A Public Conversation in Celebration of the Our Stories, Our World Podcast

Join for a panel discussion featuring three breakthrough innovators who use stories and narrative to drive change. Dig into the importance of framing stories using a community based lens, how 'outsider' perspectives can create harmful and inaccurate perceptions, and the responsibility of media to include community voices in its coverage.

Thursday, November 4, 2021

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The Institute of Design's Action Lab  
3137 South Federal Street  
Chicago, IL 60616

*\*Boxed dinners will be provided, masks required, attendance is limited to 50 for COVID-19 safety\**



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## RECONNECTING AND HEALING

### A Conversation with Youth Guidance Leaders

Join for this rare opportunity to hear from [Youth Guidance](#) Counselors and thought leaders on the unseen impacts of trauma and how connections offer belonging, hope and healing. Participants will also hear from young people on their insights and lived experiences.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

11:00 am

Online (via Zoom)

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## HOW TO CREATE A SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT STRATEGY THAT CONVERTS

### Live Webinar

Ever find yourself staring at your computer screen wondering what to post on social media? What should the caption be? Will this generate engagement? What channel should I post this on? Having a strategic social media content plan is key to raise brand awareness, build meaningful relationships with supporters, and cultivate new donors. Join this live non-profit training course where participants will walk away feeling confident and ready to create a social media communications plan with a content strategy the converts.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
12:00 pm  
Online

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TOWN HALL

### Virtual Gathering

This virtual gathering with the [Office of the Illinois Attorney General](#) will focus on providing a comprehensive overview of the legislative changes to the Crime Victims Compensation Act, which becomes effective on January 1, 2022; renewing the commitment to better serve victims in the State of Illinois by sharing continued efforts to expand programs, revise policies and re-imagine practice to reflect a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach to victim services as an essential component of violence prevention.

Monday, November 15, 2021  
10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## NOVEMBER LUNCH & LEARN

New Research Regarding Juvenile Delinquency, Adult Firearm Access,

## and Crime Outcomes

Adults in the U.S. who committed a criminal offense when they were minors may be subject to differing age-based restrictions on their access to firearms depending on the nature and severity of their juvenile offense; their age at the time of the offense; their state's laws regarding firearm eligibility and expungement of juvenile records.

Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Online



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## A DECADE OF SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS IN INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

### MIPA Virtual Summit

Each year, the [Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance](#) convenes a summit for injury professionals to share experiences and information on injury and violence topics of common interest. In celebration of the 10th Anniversary, this year's theme will cover important 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 the states.

Thursday, December 9, 2021  
**Check In and Networking**  
8:30 am – 9:00 am  
**Summit**  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Online (via Hopin)



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## VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

### Chicago Parents' Attitudes about COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact families in Chicago and across the country, with a recent national poll showing that 86% of the general public say the pandemic isn't yet over in the



Voices of Child Health  
in Chicago

United States. In this report, [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) examines parents' attitudes about requiring vaccines against COVID-19 in different contexts. Report highlights include: more than half of Chicago parents (55%) agreed that schools should be able to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for children to attend school in person, and 56% agreed that employers should be able to mandate COVID-19

vaccines.

[FULL REPORT](#)

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

## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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