



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

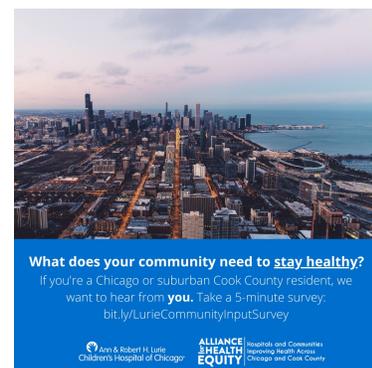
As the seasons begin to change, the focus of our work and that of SCY partners remains strong. Recent events have shown the importance of recognizing Black youth who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence and acknowledging the urgency of supporting the recovery of all missing persons. As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we encourage our partners to join us in highlighting the important stories of survival and healing while also working to prevent victimization for our youth.

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: 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.



SURVEY DEADLINE

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Online

FEATURED ARTICLE: RACIAL EQUITY 2030

A Call for Bold Solutions to Drive an Equitable Future

SCY is thrilled to share the exciting announcement regarding Lurie Children's and our partners at [Communities United](#) around the amazing work they do. They are one of the top 10 finalists for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity challenge, an open call for bold solutions to drive an equitable future for children, families, and communities across the globe. Together, we will make breakthroughs in supporting and sustaining youth and community-led approaches to healing-centered communities. Meet the finalists and learn more about their projects.



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TRAUMA-INFORMED, RESILIENCE-ORIENTED CARE

Supervision for Public Health Professionals

As public health professionals during a time of ongoing crises, demands on our time, focus and emotions at work lead us all to a level of unhealthy exhaustion for ourselves, our staff and our organizations. In a time where we are being asked to do more with less, join the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) to practice infusing Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Care principles into our supervision work to not only re-energize us in our work, but to also increase our staff's job satisfaction, engagement, and overall public health outcomes.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

COVID-19 and Beyond

Join National Council partner [Weitzman Institute](#) for a webinar on childhood trauma. This session will acknowledge updates from the integrated care field and explore trauma and its impact on youth, families, schools and providers to assist participants with putting plans

into motion to leverage today's resources.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

12:00 pm

Online (via Zoom)



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TACKLING MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY TO ACHIEVE MATERNAL HEALTH JUSTICE IN ILLINOIS

Virtual Meeting

Persistent and worsening racial and ethnic disparities in severe maternal morbidity and mortality in the U.S. are urgent public health concerns requiring innovative, sustainable solutions. The perinatal period, the time before and after birth, has important implications for a woman's health and that of her child. Unfortunately, standard prenatal care fails to meet the needs of women from Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

Friday, October 8, 2021

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Online

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CHILD MALTREATMENT SYMPOSIUM 2021

Annual Symposium

The Lurie Children's Protective Services Team invites all professionals whose work involves interaction with child abuse and neglect to the 2021 annual symposium. This is a continuing education event designed to educate physicians and professionals from all disciplines who care for children. Presented by internationally and nationally known experts in the areas of child maltreatment and sponsored by Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, this symposium aims to help medical and other professionals expand their knowledge about child maltreatment. Registration is available for one day or both days.

Thursday, October 21, 2021

9:00 am – 3:10 pm

Online



Friday, October 22, 2021

8:00 am – 12:25 pm

Online

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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT Top 10 Youth (Non-COVID-19) Health Problems

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chicago youth have dealt with new mental and physical health challenges over the past 18 months. Children and adolescents in Chicago continue to



Voices of Child Health
in Chicago

face many health challenges that existed before the pandemic, and that may be worsened by the pandemic. In this report, [Voices of Chicago Health in Chicago](#) shares the top 10 health problems facing youth in Chicago identified by Chicago adults.

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