



January 6, 2021

Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

The start of a new year brings about reflection on the challenges of the past year and hope for the next. 2020 brought a devastating pandemic, along with long overdue conversations about police brutality and systemic racism, and so much more. While it was a year of great loss, we also have seen the strength of our partners and frontline workers as we faced many challenges together. As we move into 2021, we know the events of this past week demonstrate the work ahead. We commit to prioritizing policies and solutions to prevent violence and promote anti-racism. Feedback from our partners is more important than ever. Please complete our [policy agenda survey](#) to ensure that SCY's advocacy efforts are supportive of the needs of those who work so diligently alongside us.

Sincerely,
Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
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FEATURED ARTICLE: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT Bullying Prevention and Social Emotional Learning in Childhood and Adolescence

In this month's [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) report, participants were asked about whether they were concerned their children were bullied or



Voices of Child Health
in Chicago

bullied others, along with other questions about bullying such as whether they talk to their children about bullying and whether their child's school engages in bullying prevention strategies. Report highlights include: about one in eight Chicago parents were concerned that their child bullied others; parents were most likely to seek help from teachers for help related to bullying; and only 55% of parents said that their child's school engaged in activities to build social skills.

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PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

Racial Bias in Perceptions of Disease and Policy

James Druckman, PhD, will discuss his research as a member of the 50-state COVID-19 project, which was launched in March 2020 by a multi-university group of researchers. The consortium seeks to identify links between social behaviors and virus transmission, as well as the impact of messaging and regulation on individual and community outcomes during the COVID-19 crisis. Ultimately, the goal is to help practitioners and governments make informed decisions and allocate resources effectively.

Thursday, January 7, 2021
12:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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UNSEEN IMPACTS

Health Disparities and Sleep

Join expert panelists from across the country for a conversation on how disparities related to key determinants – including housing, income, employment and race – intersect with sleep and health outcomes.

Thursday, January 7, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
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ICTC QUARTERLY MEETING

January Convening

Please save the date for the next [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#) (ICTC) convening to share update and opportunities with the coalition. ICTC's January Convening will focus on both the challenges and opportunities of trauma-informed home visiting during COVID-19.

Thursday, January 14, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)



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EXPLORATION OF CAREERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Rebecca Levin, Cook County Sheriff's Office

Rebecca Levin is a Senior Advisor with the [Cook County Sheriff's Department](#). She designs, develops and implements strategies on high-profile issues to advance the Sheriff's priorities, initiatives, and goal; advises the Sheriff and Executive Office on public policy and strategy; represents the Sheriff's Office with government agencies and community partners' serves as lead internal public health expert on control of COVID-19 among Cook County Jail detainees and Sheriff's Office employees.

Thursday, January 14, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
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TOGETHER WE RISE

Why We All Win with an Equitable Recovery

The economic impact of COVID-19 has been devastating to the entire region, from individual households to neighborhoods, to the business community. This event will be a panel discussion to explore the region's path forward to a just and equitable economic recovery. The conversation will be moderated by Helene Gayle, president and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust, and feature Gloria Castillo director of Together We Rise, a multi-faceted initiative that will provide funding, encourage changes to business practices, and pursue policy reforms to ensure the region comes back from the impacts of COVID-19 better on the other side.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
9:00 am – 10:00 am
Online (via Zoom)

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SEVEN CORE CONTENT AREAS OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

Professional Development

This [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#) guide

aims to provide professionals from diverse sectors with a baseline of information to create orientations, trainings, and other professional development focused sessions related to childhood trauma.



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