



## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

The devastation of ongoing violence in Chicago and mass shootings in Atlanta and Boulder in the last few weeks have continued to sadden and frustrate those of us working so tirelessly to prevent violence. Interrupting the cycle of trauma, dismantling racism and hate, and building support for public health approaches to violence prevention is at the core of SCY's values and our work. We know violence is preventable and we will continue to focus our work on gun violence prevention policies and strategies that will effectively move us towards a healthier, safer future that is filled with support, accountability, and unity.

For more information on our policy principles and strategies, please see our [2021-22 Policy Agenda](#).

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: SUPPORT VICTIMS. BUILD TRUST. ENGAGE COMMUNITIES.

### Crime Victim's Rights Week

Every April, the [Illinois Attorney General's office](#) observes Crime Victim's Rights Week by acknowledging the critical work of advocates and victim crime service providers and renewing the commitment to serving all victims of crime. As part of this year's Crime Victim's Rights Week's event, their office has a robust schedule of virtual events to help continue support victims of different types of crime.



## Preventing Targeted Violence in Our Communities: A Behavior-Based Approach

Monday, April 19, 2021

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Online (via Zoom)

### Statewide SANE Coordinator Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Online (via Webex)

### Human Trafficking Panel

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Online (via Zoom)

### Internet Safety for Crime Victim Advocates

Thursday, April 22, 2021

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Online (via Zoom)

### Enforcing the Constitutional and Statutory Rights of Crime Victims in Illinois

Friday, April 23, 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Online (via Webex)

[TO RSVP EMAIL SPECIALEVENTS@ATG.STATE.IL.US](mailto:SPECIALEVENTS@ATG.STATE.IL.US)

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### VIRTUAL 26TH KAREN J. HONIG MEMORIAL LECTURE

#### Strategies to Address Trauma, Anxiety and Violence Interruption Among Black Males

Please join for this virtual panel discussion about mitigating violence and trauma among young Black males, a topic that is crucial for the advancement of racial justice in marginalized communities. The [Jane Addams College of Social Work](#) has assembled a panel of experts who bring experience in trauma-informed clinical practice with youth and families, community violence, and violence intervention and prevention.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

5:00 pm

Online

**Karen J. Honig  
Memorial Lecture**

 Jane Addams College of Social Work



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### ILLINOIS CHILDHOOD TRAUMA COALITION

#### Quarterly Convening

The [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#) will hear from Lauren Wiley,

from Start Early's Professional Learning Network. She will be sharing insights into the past year of I/ECMH work and how I/DCMH Consultants are continuing to navigate COVID using their skills in co-regulating themselves, programs, families and children to find new ways to deliver their support.

Thursday, April 15, 2021  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## JUVENILE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE VICTIM AND CRIMES SERVICES LEARNING SERIES

### Organizational Values and Trauma-Informed Care Learning Collaboratives

During these learning collaboratives, organization leadership will examine the way trauma-informed care fits into their organizational values, structure, and policies and practices. Participants will learn to create a trauma-informed organizational culture that supports program participants and staff alike.

Thursday, April 22, 2021  
1:30 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## HEALING THE HEALER

### Promoting Resiliency & Revitalizing Hope

This two half-day virtual program is dedicated to providing a healing experience to direct service providers in human service systems. Participants will be provided healing opportunities for caregivers and organizations to promote resiliency, self-care, and reflective practice to better serve ourselves and clients. Interactive sessions include focus on addressing organizational trauma and responsibility, stress management, fostering therapeutic relationships, and much more!

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## CALL FOR NONPROFITS

### Opportunities and Benefits for Community Organizations

Calling all nonprofit organizations working to end gun violence in Chicago! [Strides for Peace](#) organizes the Race Against Gun Violence to engage all of Chicago in this important cause but in large part as a platform to advance your mission. Nonprofit partners can use the race to fundraise, engage staff and volunteers, and build awareness about their programs.



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#### DONATE

Supporting the work of SCY helps to grow the capacity of our team, resources and effort. To make a contribution, visit our [donation page](#).

#### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Operations Coordinator [Kirstin Grabski](#).

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

