



Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

This week, Governor Pritzker signed House Bill 562 into law. SCY has worked alongside partners, survivors, and advocates to pass this bill to close loopholes in Illinois' firearm owner identification card (FOID) system. It will also address everyday gun violence by investing in mental health services in communities most impacted by gun violence and expanding background checks to all gun sales. There is still work to be done, but SCY looks forward to using this momentum to continue making our communities safer and more equitable.

Sincerely,
Leslie Helmcamp
Interim Executive Director
Strengthening Chicago's Youth
Patrick M. Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities
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FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY's Bi-Annual Report

Connecting Through the Storm

The SCY team has been very busy throughout the course of 2019–2020. Plenty of work is still needed to prevent violence in Chicago, but we also reflect on the accomplishments of the violence prevention community, particularly in what have some difficult times. SCY continues to believe that the best opportunities for youth to reach their full potential are grown by building partnerships that create supportive and inclusive environments and systems. By continuing to collaborate, we hope to make more meaningful connections and a safer and healthier city for our youth.

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SECONDARY IMPACTS OF TRAUMA

Mental Health, Substance Use and Public Health

Substance use and trauma are intrinsically linked, with other mental health disorders often co-occurring with substance use disorder. Join [Dialogue4Health](#) to learn about the role Trauma Informed Practice can play in overdose prevention, how to partner effectively, and what strategies look like in action.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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ROADMAP TO RECOVERY: COOK COUNTY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN Community Outreach Survey

Cook County will directly receive nearly \$1 billion from the federal government through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and is in the process of developing a responsible, comprehensive, and equitable spending plan to strategically use these one-time resources to support both immediate recovery needs and long-term transformative initiatives. Let officials know what areas to prioritize the \$1 billion funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Deadline
Friday, August 6, 2021
Online

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ROADMAP TO THE IDEAL CRISIS SYSTEM Webinar

Recent statistics have shown suicide rates increasing and drug overdose deaths reaching all-time highs. Join the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) and the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) to learn how we can prevent more deaths and facilitate better crisis outcomes by re-imagining the structure of our crisis response systems.

Thursday, August 26, 2021
1:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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LEVERAGING STRESS TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN YOUTH

Community Chat

As students return to in-person learning this fall, they do so having experience a year and a half of stress and crisis and a rise in symptoms of depression and anxiety. Join this community chat with Dr. Ami Roeschlein and Pamela Black to learn strategies for supporting the socio-emotional wellbeing of youth as they head back to school.

Thursday, August 26, 2021
2:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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LIVE AT THE VIRTUAL BARBERSHOP

Supporting Black Students in the Classroom

Join African American male leaders from the sector as they explore the relevance of the U.S. education system to the needs of the Black community. Discuss the challenges and opportunities to creating an inclusive system that builds on all students' capabilities, resilience, and dreams.

Friday, August 27, 2021
1:00 pm
Online



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BEST PRACTICES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TO POSTVENTION

Webinar

Suicide prevention can seem like a daunting undertaking for any workforce, but as the number of deaths by suicide keep increasing, it becomes a necessary public health issue to be addressed within health care. A comprehensive approach to suicide prevention includes strategies for prevention, identification and assessment of at-risk individuals, intervention, and postvention. Organizations must ensure staff have the appropriate knowledge and skills at every level.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021
12:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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