



July 2021

## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

As Chicago continues to convene conversations about violence prevention, it's important that transparency and accountability are at the forefront of these discussions. SCY encourages partners to follow these efforts and share their voices with community leaders. Everyone has an important role to play in promoting a safe city where all children, particularly those in disinvested communities, can thrive.

Sincerely,  
Dion McGill  
Communications and Community Outreach Manager  
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## FEATURED ARTICLE: JOIN THE SCY TEAM Every Stride Counts

In the midst of uncertainty and hardship brought on by the pandemic and a city struggling with escalating gun violence, Strides for Peace announces the launch of its 8th Annual Race Against Gun Violence (RAGV) to support more than 50 community organizations across Chicago and provide an opportunity for people who want to get involved.

This year, RAGV returns to Grant Park after going virtual in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual option will still be available to those who are unable or prefer not to attend in person. To join SCY's team, select Strengthening Chicago's Youth in the registration drop down.

Thursday, September 23, 2021  
Grant Park (Arvey Field)  
1501 S. Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, IL 60605

**WELCOME**  
6:00 pm

**RACE START**  
7:00 pm



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## SUMMER MEDIA INSTITUTE

### Media 101, Media 201, and Social Media Training

Effective communication in public health has never been more important. In today's crowded media climate, it can be challenging to break through to the audience you are trying to reach. Learn the skills needed to share research, promote programs, and create safer, healthier communities through the media and social media.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

THROUGH

Thursday, July 15, 2021

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Online

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## TECHNOLOGY, WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REMAINING INNOVATIVE TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

### Webinar

Join the [National Council](#) to learn from The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD on how organizations can continue a path of innovative excellence. Learn how the Harris Center used technology to enable greater extension and reach of mental health collaboration with law enforcement, increasing the safety of consumers and first responders while decreasing and preventing unnecessary transports to hospitals and jails.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Online (via Zoom)

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## INTEGRATED CARE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Lessons Learned from Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

People with mental health, and substance use challenges are overrepresented in criminal justice system and law enforcement

settings, and approximately 40% of incarcerated individuals have at least one chronic health condition, such as diabetes or hypertension. This webinar will explore a recent research project that surveyed the role of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in law enforcement settings to address community-based mental health, physical health, and crisis needs against the backdrop of racial inequalities.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021  
1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)

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## HEALTH EQUITY SERIES

### Partnering with Communities of Color to Mitigate COVID-19

During these unprecedented times, equity and justice must be prioritized in social policy. In addition, understanding the inequality within communities of color can guide the conversation of how to mitigate COVID-19 through various partnerships. Through this webinar, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities hopes to encourage community-based organizations to work together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
11:00 am  
Online (via Zoom)



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## VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

### Swimming and Water Safety for Chicago Families

At the start of summer, many families look forward to enjoying the pool or beach. Tragically, water proves deadly for more than 925 children in the United States each year and Black (non-Latinx) youth experience drowning at rates five times higher than White (non-Latinx) youth. In the most recent Voices of Child Health in Chicago report, they examined swimming experience and water competency among Chicago parents and their children. Highlights of the report include but are not limited to: 46% of Chicago children had not had swim lessons in the past; cost was the number one reason parents said their children had not had swim lessons (35%), followed by not enough time (22%) and nowhere to go for swim lessons (21%).



# Voices of Child Health in Chicago

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