



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

This month, the General Assembly will hold public hearings to consider an important gun violence prevention bill that would ban assault weapons and large-capacity magazines and raise the age requirement for owning a firearm. It is a busy time of year for many Illinois and Chicago families, but making our voices heard will be crucial to getting this legislation through. SCY urges everyone to [reach out to lawmakers in Springfield](#) and ask them to pass these meaningful changes that will prevent gun violence in the future. To stay engaged in future advocacy efforts, [sign up for the SCY action alert emails](#).

Sincerely,
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FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY PARTNER MEETING

Violence Prevention Policy | SCY's Policy Agenda Progress and Update for 2023–24

Please join SCY and partners across Chicago as we reflect on our progress during the 2021–22 legislative biennium and set goals for violence prevention in 2023–24. A panel of policymakers and advocates will open the meeting to discuss legislative priorities and opportunities related to violence prevention. Following the panel, we will engage in group work to review, revise and redefine SCY's Policy Agenda for the next two years. Prepare to dive in and help shape SCY's work for 2023–24 and explore efforts that can reduce violence and promote the health and well-being of all Chicagoans.

IN-PERSON ONLY EVENT

Monday, December 12, 2022

2 PM – 4:30 PM, (check-in begins at 1:45 PM)

Lurie Children's Hospital

11TH FL Conference Center



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EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS

Equity Considerations for Design and Implementation

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) policies allow a court to temporarily remove firearms from an individual who may be at risk of dangers to themselves or others. During this webinar, researchers will discuss the results of new research from the University of California–Davis that examines differences in perception and use of ERPOs in relation to race and ethnicity and will consider earlier research on ERPO through a racial equity lens.



The
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Tuesday, December 6, 2022

12:00 PM

Online (Via Zoom)

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IPHAM POPULATION HEALTH FORUM AND 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Poster Session and Keynote

This [Institute for Public Health and Medicine](#) (IPHAM) event will include a welcome and 10–year review with IPHAM Director, Ronald Ackermann, MD, MPH, a poster session, and a keynote speech and awards presentation from John A. Rich, MD MPH titled "Healing and Justice through the Lens of Racial Trauma and Health Equity."

IN-PERSON

Thursday, December 8, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center

303 E. Superior St.

Chicago, IL 60611

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2022 10TH ANNUAL VIGIL FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS TO: #EndGunViolenceChicago

Come together to remember the 6,600 people killed by gun violence in Chicago since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. Attendees will also be honoring the victims of Highland Park. #GunViolenceAffectsUsAll

IN-PERSON

Sunday, December 11, 2022

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park

5500 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Chicago, IL 60637

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NEW EPISODE OF PARENTING SUPPORTS PODCAST

Discussing the Voice of Child Health in Chicago Report on Gun Violence Exposure and Mental Health

The Parenting Supports Podcast, sponsored by Strengthening Chicago's Youth is about all things parenting. Our goal is to empower our audience by providing information on topics relevant to parents' lives. On the podcast's newest episode, SCY team members Cassandra Otoo and Dion McGill discuss the latest report released by Voices of Child Health in Chicago. The report "Gun Violence Exposure and the Mental Health Impact Among Chicago Youth" highlights the effects of exposure to gun violence on the health of youth, as reported by Chicago area parents.



You can listen to the Parenting Supports Podcast on the [SCY website](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), or your favorite podcast app. Be sure to subscribe and leave us a rate and review. If you have additional questions or feedback, please feel free to send us an email at scy@luriechildrens.org.

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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Gun Violence Exposure and Mental Health Impact Among Chicago

Youth

Exposure to gun violence has many negative effects on the health of youth. The latest report from [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) provides insight into gun violence exposure and connections to mental health among Chicago's youth is provided. Report highlights include: More than one in four parents said their children have heard gunshots when at home – this proportion varied significantly by city region; One in five parents said their children's mental health has been impacted by exposure to gun violence, and the most common symptoms were feeling more scared and worried. And lastly, parents supported a number of solutions to reduce gun violence exposure for youth, such as increasing community-based violence intervention programs and job opportunities for youth.



Voices of Child Health
in Chicago

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