



## Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings!

During our regular staff meeting today, the SCY team shared our feelings of sadness, fury, and frustration over the long list of horrific events and violence that took place over the last few days. The unconscionable shooting of an unarmed Black man, Jayland Walker, in Ohio, the mass shooting at the Highland Park Fourth of July parade, and the nearly 50 people who were shot in Chicago, nine fatally, so far in July just to name a few. This kind of violence during traffic stops, parades, and in communities can be prevented. For 10 years, SCY has been working towards a healthier and safer future for youth in Chicago, but there has never been such a time where we so frequently must acknowledge so many tragedies. We know Black and Brown communities disproportionately experience violence nearly every day. We must remain steadfast and channel our anger and sadness toward advocating for change and holding policymakers accountable for the decisions made that impact all of these victims and survivors, especially in the communities most impacted by violence.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Helmcamp  
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: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO

### Chicago Parents Are Still Dealing with Stress From the Ongoing Pandemic

During the past two years, Chicago parents and families have faced new challenges and heightened levels of unpredictability due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this month's

[Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) Report, we provide insight on parental stress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Over half of Chicago parents (51%) reported that their stress had increased since the start of the pandemic, while 37% said their stress level remained the same and 12% said their stress decreased. However, there were key



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differences between mothers and fathers. Mothers were more likely to say that their stress had increased (56%) compared with father.

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## WEBINAR

### Addressing Health Care Workers' Mental Health Needs During COVID-19

Health care workers have carried a uniquely heavy burden during the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar will feature successful approaches to support mental health needs of the health care workforce.

Thursday, July 7, 2022  
6:30 am – 7:30 am  
Online (via Zoom)

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## ROCKY TIMES

### Why Agile Leadership is Crucial for Impact

This event will feature panelists from multi-sector partnerships that are working to advance equity in their communities. Each leader's story exemplifies the adaptive skills necessary to pivot strategy as necessary to truly meet the needs of communities and achieve higher impacts.

Thursday, July 14, 2022  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Online



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## THE ART AND SCIENCE OF INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIPS

### Webinar

Looking for real guidance and answers around successfully navigating the complexities of integrated care partnerships? Join this event for the final installment of "Integration at Work" webinar series. Featuring a panel of expert leaders who will cover topics from leveraging your data to get conversations started to unpacking what it means to build trust across interdisciplinary silos.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
1:00 pm  
Online

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## SUMMER MEDIA INSTITUTE

### 3-Day Virtual 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. Come learn the skills you need to share research, promote programs, and create safer, healthier communities through the media and social media.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
through  
Thursday, July 14, 2022  
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Online



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## SUPPORTING RESILIENCY IN HOUSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

### Webinar

Health and housing professionals work tirelessly to support individuals and communities facing some of the most significant public health issues. Join the [Homeless & Housing Resource Center](#) to learn about promoting self-care and resiliency among staff. Hear from subject matter experts on organizational well-being as they share tools and resources to support supervisors in engaging in their own self-care and encouraging it among supervisees.

Wednesday, July 15, 2022  
1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## IMPLEMENTING DATA-INFORMED SOCIAL JUSTICE CHANGE WITHIN ORGANIZATIONS

### Presentation

Join [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) for a presentation to discuss the Self-Assessment for Modification of Anti-Racism Tool (SMART), the first tool designed specifically to help community behavioral health and other human service organizations to assess the extent to which their organizational and clinical processes are affected by racism.

Monday, July 18, 2022  
9:30 am  
Online (via Zoom)

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## CCHP & SCY ALL STAKEHOLDER FORUM

### The Meaningful Changes Needed in Illinois and National Firearm Policies

Join the [Collaborative for Children's Health Policy \(CCHP\)](#) in partnership with Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY) to explore policy solutions to prevent youth gun violence in Illinois. This event will bring together experts and policymakers to discuss current barriers and potential opportunities to pass legislation in Illinois and nationally to address gun violence.

Monday, July 25, 2022  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital  
225 E. Chicago Ave.  
Conference Room 11-142  
Chicago, IL 60611



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## TOWARD A FAIR AND JUST RESPONSE TO GUN VIOLENCE REPORT

### New Recommendations to Advance Policy, Practice & Research

The [Joyce Foundation](#) recently released a new report that outlines several recommendations to advance policy, practice, and research considerations in furtherance of building safe and just communities. The report's three primary recommendations focus on expanding community-based interventions, emphasizing supply side solutions to gun violence, and refocusing law enforcement's response to illegal gun possession.

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