



Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings!

After an incredibly sad and violent two weeks in Chicago, and across the country, the violence over Memorial Day Weekend unfortunately continued. Showing support, accessing resources, and having tough conversations about the root causes of gun violence are important aspects of violence prevention. But we must mobilize our communities around a public health approach to violence prevention and do so by committing to seeking change on a regular basis. Everyone can get involved and take action to promote awareness of gun violence prevention efforts, including participating in [Wear Orange Day](#) (June 3–5), [joining Team SCY in the Race Against Gun Violence](#) (June 11) or reaching out to elected officials to ask them to [support evidence-based solutions](#). No matter how big or small, each of these steps can help create safe communities for our children.

Sincerely,
Leslie Helmcamp
Executive Director
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FEATURED ARTICLE: CHICAGO'S 9TH ANNUAL RACE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Join Team SCY!

Strides for Peace is dedicated to increasing the collective impact of nonprofits working to create a Chicago where all can thrive, free from the fear of gun violence. To that end, it is important to empower community organizations, promote collaboration and amplify solution-driven dialogue. SCY is proud to be participating as a Community Affiliate in the #RAGV2022. Individuals can join the cause by participating in-person in an 8K, 5K, 2 Mile Walk, Tots for Peace Sprint, virtually or by donating.

Saturday, June 11, 2022
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Grant Park, Chicago, IL

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FREE COVID-19

VACCINE EVENT

Registration recommended
For all ages 5+
Children under 18 must be
accompanied by legal
guardian



THURSDAY, JUNE 2 | 4PM - 7PM

BLACKHAWK PARK
2318 N. LaVergne Ave.



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EVENTO DE VACUNA

COVID-19 GRATIS

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PARTNER PLAN ACT CONFERENCE

Equity from the Start

Join Illinois Action for Children's Community Systems Statewide Supports team for this two-day virtual event of learning, convening, and courageous conversations. The theme of this year's conference is *Equity from the Start: Taking Action, Shifting Power*. This year, we hope to show *how* we can shift power in our sector to the on-the-grounds providers, community members, and parents, especially those who have been historically left out of these conversations.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
10:00 am – 4:00 pm AND
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Online



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LEARNING COMMUNITY

Trauma-Informed Outreach and Engagement

This Learning Community will cover the fundamentals of trauma-informed care and best practices for outreach to and engagement with

individuals experiencing homelessness. This session will provide foundational information on trauma and the fundamentals of providing Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) from the lens of working to engage and provide services for people with behavioral health needs who are also experiencing homelessness.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)



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HILL DAY AT HOME

The Virtual Policy Institute Returns for 2022

Join National Council for Mental Wellbeing and other to advocate in real time for mental health and substance use treatment matters, hear from policy leaders on the latest development from Capital Hill, gain new insight into the national administration's mental health care agenda and more.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Online

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THE IMPORTANCE OF OPTIMISM AND PURPOSE

Building a Healing Centered Illinois

Law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals involved in investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation face the occupational challenge of secondary trauma and stress due to their frequent contact with victims. This webinar will focus on optimism and purpose and how they affect the health and wellness of ICAC teams and their affiliates to enhance the effectiveness of those professionals in their work.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Online (via Webex)



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UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE'S COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Webinar

There is a critical need to support the health and mental wellbeing of the public health workforce during a pandemic and national vaccination campaign to prevent high turnover, chronic absenteeism and low productivity and morale. Addressing the identified and significant mental health challenges public health workers experience remains crucial to grow the public health infrastructure.

Monday, June 13, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Online (via Zoom)

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FREE TRAUMA-INFORMED MENTAL HEALTH SKILL-BUILDING

Trainings

The Chicago Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) is hosting Trauma-Informed Mental Health Skill Building Trainings with 10 in-person cohorts (consisting of four 2-hour sessions of 45 participants each) across 15 communities in partnership with The Center for Healing and Justice through Sport (CHJS). The trainings are free and available to stakeholders in each community area and are geared toward professionals who are providing direct support in the community.

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WBEZ CHICAGO

Speaking on Reset with Sasha-Ann Simons

After the shooting in Texas last week, many are wondering how we can create safe, nonviolent communities. Check out the recording where our own Communications and Community Outreach Manager Dion McGill speaks, along with other advocates for gun violence prevention and restorative justice.

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CONFRONTING RACISM: WHAT YOUTH HAVE TO SAY ABOUT RACIAL

TRAUMA Recording

How do we address the impact of racism and racial trauma on children and youth? This recording features a short presentation on historical and community trauma led by the Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative followed by a panel of local Chicago youth who will share how they are confronting racism and promoting healing for themselves, their families, and their communities.



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