



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

In recent weeks, conversations about the soon to be implemented legislation, the Illinois Safety, Accountability, Fairness, and Equity – Today (SAFE-T) Act, have included misinformation about the intent of the law. It is especially important in the violence prevention field to separate fact from fiction and ensure Black and Brown communities are not harmed by inaccurate message about the law. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) has a [summary and highlights of the Act](#), as they will be playing a key role in its implementation. We encourage all stakeholders to seek out reliable sources of information and share accordingly to support the growth of Chicago and Illinois residents and communities.

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

FEATURED ARTICLE: 2022 CHILD MALTREATMENT SYMPOSIUM

Child Abuse Pediatrics

The Protective Services Team at Lurie Children's invites all professionals whose work involves interaction with child abuse and neglect to the 2022 annual symposium. This is a continuing education event designed to educate physicians and professionals from all disciplines who care for children. Presented by internationally and nationally known experts in the area of child maltreatment and sponsored by Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, this symposium aims to help medical and other professionals expand their knowledge about child maltreatment.

HYBRID
Thursday, October 27, 2022
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
AND
Friday, October 28, 2022
8:00 am – 11:30 am

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LIFESTYLE MEDICINE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Towards Health Equity

This presentation will discuss the intersection between mental health and lifestyle medicine and how to leverage a lifestyle medicine approach to support mental health and psychological wellbeing. The presentation will also discuss how the emerging field of lifestyle can support a shift towards mental health equity.



VIRTUAL

Thursday, October 20, 2022

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WORKFORCE SYMPOSIUM

In-Person OR Virtual

Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) and Illinois Partners for Human Service are partnering to host a hybrid event in support of the health and human services workforce. Join live and online, as they bring sector leaders from across the state together to discuss workforce challenges and triumphs, share best practices, and collaborate on policy and administrative recommendations.

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

IN-PERSON

B Link from State Farm – Illinois
Operation Center
2702 Ireland Grove Road
Bloomington, IL 61709



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CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEBINAR

Enforcing the Constitutional and Statutory Rights of Crime Victims in Illinois

This webinar will provide an overview of the rights of crime victims, assist prosecutors, advocates, and others working with crime victims in understanding their role, as well as provide information on how the judicial system can enforce these rights. The training is designed for individuals who come in contact with victims of violent crime throughout the judicial system, including crime victim advocates, service providers, and prosecutors.



VIRTUAL

Thursday, October 27, 2022

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Via Zoom

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VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

Chicago Children Are Not Getting Enough Physical Activity

The latest survey from [Voices of Child Health in Chicago at Lurie Children's](#) revealed that most Chicago children are not getting enough exercise. In fact, the survey found that only one-third of children ages 1 to 5 years old were physically active most days of the week, contrary to recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Other report highlights include: both younger children and elementary-aged children were getting significantly less exercise than recommended; and parents considered their children to be generally active, indicating that parents may not be aware that their children are not getting enough physical activity.

Voices of Child Health
in Chicago[FULL REPORT](#)

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