Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

The devastating recent mass shootings in Chicago and Maine over the last few days underscore the urgent need for comprehensive efforts in violence prevention. The heartbreaking loss of lives and the communities affected by these tragedies highlight the importance of strengthening our commitment to preventing gun violence. The Gun Violence Archive's recent data also serves as a stark reminder of the challenges we face and emphasizes the critical need for evidence-based policies and initiatives aimed at curbing this epidemic. We must collaborate across communities, organizations, and government agencies to develop strategies that prioritize the safety and well-being of all citizens. By fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and support, we can make strides in preventing such terrible incidents and building safer communities for everyone.

Sincerely,
Leslie Helmcamp
Executive Director
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FREE TRAINING
Moving from Burnout to Wellness

In this event with Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative, attendees will identify the causes, signs, and effects of burnout in professions such as health care, education, and social services. Additionally, they will highlight structural inequities that lead to burnout, define systems-induced distress and moral injury, and examine potential interventions.

LEARN MORE
IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

The Impact of Trauma on Youth

During this Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) training, we will explore and understand the impact of trauma on youth and clients. This will include learning about ACEs, brain development, and common childhood trauma responses and behaviors.

DEI II

Social Justice and Dismantling Organizational Racism

This training with ICOY will focus on how a social justice orientation is essential to dismantling organizational racism. Attendees will begin by learning about the historical context of racism at the institutional level with a focus on social service programs.

THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU GROW!

Family and Community Engagement

This ICOY training will explore and engage participants in the “two heads are better than one” model of community partnerships! Together, attendees will discuss the power of collaboration and how it can lead to positive results such as thriving families and sustainable communities.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH LEARNING EXCHANGE

Dialogue, Learn, Build

Join the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) and valued partners for a dialogue about community-engaged research and upcoming funding opportunities. Network and build connections and learn with ARCC grantees (community and academic) about
ACHIEVING MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY
Innovative Strategies to Overcome Implementation Barriers and Foster Authentic Community Partnerships

Over several decades, a great deal of scientific efforts have focused on documenting vast and varied inequities facing marginalized communities, understanding the social conditions rooted in systematic oppression that give rise to inequities, and more recently, the testing of interventions aimed at eliminating these inequities. However, these promising solutions have been hampered by a range of implementation challenges.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
A Gathering of Communities

Communities United and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago are pleased to announce the A Gathering of Communities event! This year, the event is focusing on way to support communities across Chicago while seeking to heal through addressing generational inequities with the goal of working toward racial equity and transformative healing.

BECOMING GRIEF INFORMED
Support After a Suicide

With the significant rise in sudden and traumatic deaths, it is crucial that professionals are prepared to support the unique needs of children and families on their grief journey. Join to learn to support and respond to children, families, and
communities impacted by deaths of people from suicide specifically. This session with Missing Pieces will feature experts and include a panel discussion of family members who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**2023 MIPA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**Injury and Violence Prevention through Innovative Discovery and Practice**

Join for this year's Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance Conference, as injury professionals from states in Federal Health and Human Services Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) gather to work toward reducing injury- and violence-related death and disability.

**COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT POSTER SESSION**

**Applied Practice Experience (APEx)**

The Master of Public Health (MPH) program at Northwestern University invites you to celebrate the MPH students' accomplishments as they present their APEx project, a community-based project that aims to meet the needs of a community partner organization and the populations it serves.

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