



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

In the last two weeks, gun violence tragedies in Chicago and elsewhere have been front of mind and have evoked a lot of emotions. Our communities have been hit hard with news that the conviction in the Hadiya Pendleton murder has been overturned and will result in a new trial, the continued violence over the weekend in Chicago, and the mass shooting that took place in a school in Nashville. [Voices of Child Health in Chicago also released a report on the heightened concerns of parents and children about mass shootings in schools and other public places.](#) While these events continue to be difficult, we hope they also start important conversations with one another and with youth on ways we can continue to work to prevent violence, address the root causes, and create safer spaces for everyone.

Sincerely,

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## TRAUMA TALKS

### The Social-Emotional Consequences of Sexual Trauma

During this session, [Illinois Collaboration on Youth \(ICOY\)](#) will discuss the signs and symptoms of sexual trauma. Participants will also learn about intimacy trauma and the effects it can have on clients. They will also explore ways to support clients with releasing trauma that is trapped in the body.



Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Virtual (via Zoom)

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**COMMUNITY-LED RACIAL HEALING MODELS TO DEEPEN PARTNERSHIPS**  
**Between Community Development & Healthcare**

Public Health Institute's Build Healthy Places Network will explore models for racial healing and reconciliation that are community-led and grounded in ancestral and traditional knowledge. Hear from BIPOC-led Community Development Corporations that are leading this transformative work, and learn about how healthcare institutions can help reconcile past harms.



Thursday, April 13, 2023  
1:00 PM  
Virtual (via Zoom)

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## 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Co-Creating Real-World Solutions: Science, Policy and Practice to Prevent Injury and Violence

The 2023 [Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research \(SAVIR\)](#) conference will focus on the translation of research into real-world settings. The convening will explore strategies for the co-design of research questions and effective approaches to bridge research, policy, and practice. The theme will focus on sharing the latest research findings as well as how these findings are moving into action through partnerships, communication, and non-traditional methods of dissemination.

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*Society for Advancement of  
Violence and Injury Research*

Monday, April 17, 2023  
through  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
Denver, CO

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### Free Webinar

The grant budget is the application component most reviewers read first, yet it is often addressed within the grant application process last. And it tells your grant application's story. That story can often make or break receiving the grant award. Join this interactive webinar and learn how to write a grant budget that tells your proposal's story and increases the chances of grant acceptance.



Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
2:00 PM  
Virtual

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## NATCON23

### Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Conference

This annual gathering will be three days of leadership-building, organization boosting learning from the best minds in health care. Join the largest conference in mental health and substance use treatment and celebrate a shared commitment to transform communities and save lives.

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Monday, May 1, 2023  
through Wednesday, May 3  
Los Angeles, CA

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## PARENTS' AND CHILDREN'S CONCERNS ABOUT MASS SHOOTINGS

### Voices of Child Health in Chicago Report

Mass shootings have been a public health crisis for many years, increasing in frequency steadily since 1966. [Voices of Child Health in Chicago](#) has released its latest report providing insight on parent and child fears regarding mass shootings in Chicago. Report highlights include:



Voices of Child Health  
in Chicago

- Two-thirds of Chicago parents are worried about shootings at their children's schools and three in four parents are worried about shootings at another public place.
- A lower proportion of children were worried about shootings, but even among children with relatively lower levels of concern, concern about mass shootings in schools was associated with lower well-being and higher stress.
- Children's worry about school shootings differed by age, race/ethnicity, and city region.

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