



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

Over the course of 2021-22, the SCY team worked on its mission to support and unite partners to promote policy and environmental change to prevent violence. We also proudly celebrated 10 years of this work, and our accomplishments are shared with the community partners that drive what we do. All of this is highlighted in our newly released bi-annual report available [here](#). There is still so much to be done to promote equity, resilience, and investment in communities that are historically and disproportionately underserved in the hopes of preventing violence and helping youth and families reach their full potential. By changing systems and policies, sharing information and resources, uplifting the great work already being done, and continuing collaborative efforts - SCY believes we will continue making strides toward changing the narratives around our city and keeping youth safer.

Sincerely,  
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SCY'S  
WEBSITE

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EVENT  
CALENDAR

Back to School Month

National Black Business Month

August 12  
International Youth Day

August 17  
National Nonprofit Day

August 19  
World Humanitarian Day

August 26  
Women's Equality Day

August 28  
60th Anniversary of March on Washington

## GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NONPROFITS 201

### Webinar

Government funding can at times be overwhelming given the level of compliance requirements needed especially if your

nonprofit has little experience with government funding. This training with [Forefront](#) will discuss what happens after your organization has been awarded the grant and will help break down some of the expectations that funding agencies have regarding stewardship of government funding.

Tues, Aug 1 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
Online

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## OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

### Building an Equity Minded Workforce

Public health entities and practitioners recognize the extent of health inequities in our society as well as the significance of law and policy in shaping health outcomes. Law can be a powerful influence on health, and it is arguably a determinant of health and health equity. In this virtual event hosted by [National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health](#), facilitators will explore critical connections between public health law, health equity, and public health practice. Presenters will also highlight narratives, research efforts, strategies, and resources that seek to identify and fill these law and policy gaps in public health practice.



Weds, Aug 2 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## FINDING STATE AND LOCAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Webinar

This virtual workshop will provide an overview of how to identify potential grant funding opportunities available from the State of Illinois or local governmental entities. This session is aimed at novice grant-seekers with little or no experience with searching for government grants.



Thurs, Aug 3 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Online

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## APPLYING FOR STATE AND LOCAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Webinar

This virtual workshop will provide an overview of how to apply for grants available from the State of Illinois or local governmental entities. Key concepts will include: identifying key information in a Request for Proposal; outlining a grant proposal narrative; developing a compelling need statement; and applying tips of the trade to submit a winning grant proposal.



Thurs, Aug 3 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Online

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## IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

### The Impact of Trauma on Youth

During this Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) training, participants 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. Together attendees will discuss trauma-informed care response strategies to build resilient youth, families, and staff.



Illinois  
Collaboration  
on Youth

Fri, Aug 4 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSTABILITY

### Two-Day Webinar

This event provides supervisory and front-line staff working in DHS-funded Homeless Youth programs with the essential information they need to ensure effective practice and compliance with the program's regulations. Participants will learn how to best engage homeless youth and create the environments and programs that most effectively meet their needs.



Illinois  
Collaboration  
on Youth

Mon, Aug 7 & Tues, Aug 8  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

### Vicarious Trauma

During this training session, attendees will review the signs, symptoms, and risk factors of vicarious trauma. Participants will explore the stress responses that can be experienced and the best ways to support service providers. Participants will gain increased awareness and understanding of the potential impact of secondary trauma, while also gaining positive responses to vicarious trauma exposure.



Illinois  
Collaboration  
on Youth

Thurs, Aug 10 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## MOVING BEYOND CONFLICT

### Community Event

Healing Beyond Harm is a Restorative Justice grounded approach to healing and restoration from trauma and harm with relationships in the community. The main objectives of this event with BUILD, Inc. are

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Thurs, Aug 10 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

to re-establish the dignity of someone that has been harmed. Repair the relationship broken because of harm and lower stress so that mental health can improve.

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## BUDGETING FOR IMPACT

### Nonprofit Budget Essentials

This session from [Social Current](#) provides an overview of the nonprofit budget process as well as basic steps to develop, implement, and monitor the annual budget. Facilitators will also share short-term budget strategies nonprofits can use to help build long-term financial sustainability.



Weds, Aug 16 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

### Culture & Trauma

Trauma has context. That context oftentimes has cultural and historical roots. This training will explore the relationship between trauma and culture by looking specifically at populations who are at high risk for experiencing trauma and traumatic stress at the hands of the systems and society exist in. Additionally, participants will gain an understanding of the ways power and oppression impact individuals, communities, and access to resources.



Illinois  
Collaboration  
on Youth

Fri, Aug 18 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## INJURY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Safe States

The [Safe States Alliance](#) convenes annually to highlight the latest injury and violence prevention research and practice while providing national networking opportunities for injury and violence prevention professionals. Celebrating its 30th year, there will be over 100 sessions available.



Mon, Sept 11 - Weds, Sept 13  
Denver, CO

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## CALLING ALL YOUTH LEADERS

### Podcast Project Interest Form

Do you know of youth ages 16-20 interested in expressing their thoughts about community issues? Do they have an interest in podcasting? SCY is working on a



grant-funded podcasting project to promote narrative change and healing. We are hoping to provide an opportunity for youth in communities most affected by gun violence to build capacity and have an experience where they can expand their professional skills, while telling the stories that are important to them. Youth leaders will be a core part of the recordings which will be focused on topics related to resilience, health equity, mental health access and more.

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### DONATE

Supporting the work of SCY helps to grow the capacity of our team, resources, and effort. To make a contribution, visit our [donation page](#).

### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

To have an event or article included in SCY's monthly update, please send an email to Operations Specialist [Kirstin Grabski](#).

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