



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Strengthening,

Today, the SCY team took time to process and reflect on the significance of the death of Tyre Nichols and the interconnected issues that make this incident horrifying and confounding. And though we acknowledge we don't have the answers, we value creating spaces where we can be candid with one another. SCY encourages individuals, families, organizations, and communities to do the same. Listen. Communicate. Heal. The more we talk about it, the more opportunities we create for generating ideas that we can turn into action.

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

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LEGAL TRAINING FOR PRACTITIONERS

Working with Youth in Crisis

Please join [ICOY's](#) Legal training to review best practices for working with youth and families in the context of an agency's legal responsibilities. They will address decision-making authority and the various players, juvenile justice laws, and intersecting legal proceedings, crisis situations and responses, rights of minors without parental consent, and legal guidelines for case managers.



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Thursday, February 2, 2023
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Virtual (via Zoom)

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[KIDS COUNT STATE REPORT](#)

[Story Collection Opportunity](#)

YWCA wants to elevate stakeholders' experiences and feature their stories in the upcoming 2023 Illinois KIDS COUNT State Report that will be released on June 14th. The aim is to feature 5 stories/people on timely policy topics and all selected participants will be compensated \$100 for their time and sharing of their stories. Topics include the economic impacts of the pandemic on youth, families, and immigrants, barriers to employment, housing, education, and youth mental health.



DEADLINE:
Monday, February 6th

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VIRTUAL SCREENING OF THE LAST DROP

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Join [Between Friends](#) for a virtual screening of "The Last Drop" during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The screening will be followed by a discussion and Q&A session with the filmmaker, Adam Joel.



Thursday, February 9, 2023
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM
Virtual (via Zoom)

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVOCACY EVENT

Virtual Advocacy Event

Please join the Health and Human Service Coalition of Illinois for an event highlighting the ongoing need to prioritize investment in our Health and Human Services Workforce to build and sustain community well-being across Illinois. Hear from providers, advocates, and legislators on plans to support the human service sector this legislative session, and share ways to get involved.



Friday, February 10, 2023
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Virtual (via Zoom)

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A School Violence Prevention Virtual Summit

The [University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center](#) in partnership with the [National Center for School Safety](#) and the [University of Michigan Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention](#) has organized a unique event for researchers, post-doctoral fellows, and students to disseminate research, facilitate new collaborations, and explore school violence prevention strategies.



Wednesday, February 15, 2023

11:30 AM - 2:05 PM

Virtual (via Hopin)

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IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

Culture and Trauma

Trauma has context. That context oftentimes has cultural and historical roots. This [ICOY](#) training will explore the relationship between trauma and culture by looking specifically at populations who are at high risk for experiencing trauma.

Participants will also learn about the ways power and oppression impact trauma and access to resources.

Lastly, participants will learn about the resilience and protective factors communities have built to combat trauma.



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1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S SAFETY NETWORK WEBINAR

What Works? Benefit–Cost Considerations for Injury Prevention Programs

Dr. Ted Miller with the [Children's Safety Network](#) (CSN) will present information on a new CSN fact sheet series designed to help public health practitioners, policymakers, and other partners use the results of cost–benefit analysis as an

information tool for decision–making and for selecting, implementing, and spreading injury and violence prevention and intervention programs based on capacity and needs of the communities being served.



Monday, February 23, 2023

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Online

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3RD ANNUAL HEALTH EQUITY WEEK

Generating Solutions through Expert Level Conversations

McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University is committed to providing high-quality, equitable care within an inclusive learning environment that values and supports all members of a diverse workforce. Through a carefully curated series of moderated sessions on a variety of topics, thought leaders and scholars from within and outside Northwestern share insights into the roots of healthcare disparities and facilitate discussions that inform and inspire innovative solutions.



Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 3, 2023
Virtual (via Zoom)

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RACIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISM INTERVENTION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Applications Open

The ARISE Health Lab Team at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital is starting a study on Racial Justice Activism Intervention as a health promotion strategy among Black and Latinx Adolescents, to reduce mental health disparities and reduce the burden of mental health concerns over generations by addressing structural racism. Teens will learn skills around activism and advocacy over the course of eight weeks. Teens will be compensated up to \$250 based on their completion of assessments and feedback.

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

For more information, please contact achip@luriechildrens.org

Racial Justice Activism Intervention Youth Advisory Board

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Looking for:

- Black and Latinx teens
- 14-19 yrs old (must have completed 9th grade)
- Interest/experience in activism

Scan QR code or follow link for application

Commitment: 8 weekly meetings
Payment: Up to \$250 based on attendance

Responsibilities:

- Provide feedback on racial justice activism curriculum for teens
- Participate in eight 1.5 hour zoom meetings

This is a great professional development opportunity!

<https://redcap.link/tyu0ob85>

This study is a part of the Racial Justice Activism Intervention (ARISE) study. The ARISE Health Lab is a part of the Racial Justice Activism Intervention (ARISE) study. The ARISE Health Lab is a part of the Racial Justice Activism Intervention (ARISE) study.

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