



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SCY Partners,

As we begin National Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Public Health Week, we must reflect on our commitment to building healthier and safer communities. These observances remind us of the importance of coming together to protect our most vulnerable youth and families and promote overall well-being. In line with our mission, SCY is excited to share that we are working to establish a new Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP). This initiative aims to address the root causes of violence by providing support and resources to those who have been affected by violence, ultimately working towards breaking the cycle of harm. Along with our existing efforts to help strengthen communities, we can create a comprehensive approach to violence prevention. Together we can foster environments where children are safe from abuse, individuals have access to the resources they need for a healthy life, and communities thrive free from violence.

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Minority Health Month

**April 1-7**

National Public Health Week

**April 11-17**

Black Maternal Health Week

**April 7**

World Health Day

**April 9**

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## GREATER IL: Trauma-Informed Supervision

This training is designed for supervisors to discuss their role and impact on and in organizations. As supervisors, we must incorporate trauma-informed care principles to address workplace trauma experienced by staff. During this [Illinois](#)



Illinois  
Collaboration  
on Youth

**Collaboration on Youth** (ICOY) training, Trauma-Informed Supervision will highlight tools for effectively building relationships, managing conflict, and communication skills within teams. Participants will gain strategies to become a trauma-informed supervisor and create a trauma-informed environment for staff and clients alike.

Mon, April 8 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## UNDERSTANDING LIQUIDITY AND CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT: Webinar

Maintaining adequate cash flow is a key component of ensuring the financial health and stability of any nonprofit organization. In this workshop with **Forefront**, attendees will explore how cash is a critical component of an organization's capital structure and discuss strategies to maximize positive cash flow. This workshop will take participants through a step-by-step process to project future cash flow, with an emphasis on the cross-functional team collaboration necessary to create and update projections.



Thurs, April 4 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Virtual Event

The more you know, the more you grow! Join **ICOY** for this training to explore and engage participants in the “two heads are better than one” model of community partnerships! Together we will discuss the power of collaboration and how it can lead to positive results such as thriving families and sustainable communities. Be prepared to identify potential partners in the community and ways to access their broad range of supports and services.



Thurs, April 11 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## BACK-OFFICE COLLABORATION MODELS: Finance and HR

Administrative collaboration can take many forms, and nonprofit leaders have a wealth of options to explore as they build an effective foundation that supports their programming and expands their impact. Join the Mission Sustainability Initiative at **Forefront** for an introduction to some of the back-office collaboration models that can help nonprofits thrive.



Weds, April 17 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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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. We will address decision-making authority and the various players, juvenile justice laws, and intersecting legal proceedings, crises and responses, rights of minors without parental consent, and legal guidelines for case managers.



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Thurs, April 18 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## GREATER IL: Trauma-Informed Care 101

During this **ICOY** training, participants will explore both individual and organizational approaches to trauma-informed care frameworks. Our discussions aim to equip service providers with tools for implementing Trauma-Informed Care's foundational 4 R's (Realize, Recognize, Respond, and Resist Re-Traumatization) within the context of community violence. Participants will learn to apply the 6 guiding principles of Trauma-Informed Care and explore techniques that foster resilience and support recovery.



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Fri, April 22 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Online (via Zoom)

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## GRANTMAKERS INSTITUTE 2024: Annual Learning Series

**Forefront**'s annual Grantmakers Institute is a cohort-based learning series that helps new grantmakers further their skills and make connections across the philanthropic community in Illinois. Taught by a diverse group of experienced grantmakers, the Institute aims to strengthen the entire sector through sharing best practices, sparking conversation, and building community. Registration includes all four program dates, related materials, and meals during in-person sessions.



April 25, 26, May 1, and May 7  
Impact House/Forefront Office  
200 W. Madison Street  
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## RACIAL EQUITY: Leaders Lunch

Join **Forefront** and leaders from across Illinois in convening the Racial Equity Collective (REC) – a multi-sector collective of leaders and organizations working to change practices, policies, and organizational cultures to advance racial



Weds, April 24 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
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equity in the social impact sector and our communities. Meet and engage with others cultivating community impact locally and regionally.

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#### 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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