



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SCY Partners,

As we usher in a new year, we are reflecting on the challenges children are facing as they are caught in crisis at home and abroad. In the Middle East, where conflict persists, and amidst the migrant and refugee crisis here at home, children are enduring unimaginable hardships. Our collective commitment to children and youth in Chicago is pivotal as we continue to raise awareness, foster collaboration, and support efforts that will build safe communities where children can thrive. Let 2024 be a year where our shared efforts create lasting impacts and provide a brighter future for those who need it.

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CALENDAR

January
National Mentoring Month

January 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

WORKING WITH LGBTQIA+ YOUTH

Webinar

Come out, come out whoever you are! Please join [Illinois Collaboration on Youth \(ICOY\)](#) for an engaging training on coming out, leaning in, and everything in between with LGBTQIA+ youth. This interactive workshop will help workers know how to offer support to the "Alphabet" by identifying and discussing the unique stressors and needs of the community.



Illinois
Collaboration
on Youth

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE PARTNERSHIP MODELS FOR ARTS NONPROFITS

Webinar

In a world of rapid leadership transitions and a wildly shifting fiscal landscape,

nonprofit organizations are finding new ways to collaborate that promote organizational and artistic sustainability. Arts organizations often champion artistic collaboration, and this session with [Forefront](#) will move the conversation forward by exploring models for administrative and structural collaboration, including shared staff, co-location, and more.



Thurs, Jan 11 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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LEGAL TRAINING FOR PRACTITIONERS

Working with Youth in Crisis

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



Thurs, Jan 18 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Online

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FOREFRONT'S POLICY AND ADVOCACY AGENDA

What to Expect in 2024

Join [Forefront](#)'s Policy Team for a webinar to learn more about their public policy and advocacy program in 2024. They will review their Policy Position Statements, explain the process for how they make decisions about their policy work, and brief attendees on their 2024 federal and state legislative agendas. Partners who are working on various pieces of legislation to speak more about those bills, and they will highlight opportunities for attendees to get involved.



Thurs, Jan 18 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Online

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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SUMMIT

Innovators in Social Justice, Public Health, and Health Disparities

This event will be a gathering of all Community Health Workers (CHW), public health strategists, healthcare leaders, and community activists to join for a day of learning, networking, and celebration of the achievements of CHWs across the region. The keynote speaker will be Rv. Dr. Otis Moss III, senior pastor of Trinity United



Weds, Jan 24 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S. South Dr.

Church of Christ in Chicago, who will discuss public health and social justice reform.

Chicago, IL 60649
Online (via Zoom)

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