



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SCY Partners,

As we begin the summer season and reflect on the tragic violence over Memorial Day weekend, we are reminded of the urgent need to address the impact of gun violence, particularly on our most disinvested communities and youth. June marks Gun Violence Awareness Month, providing crucial opportunities to unite and advocate for a safer city. Our children are profoundly affected by the violence around them, and it is our responsibility to create environments where they can thrive without fear. **Chicago Peace Week** (June 1-9) will feature events aimed at promoting peace and healing, and we strongly encourage your participation and support. Thank you for your continued dedication to this crucial cause. Together, we can work towards a safer, more peaceful Chicago for all.

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Pride Month

Gun Violence Awareness Month

National Safety Month

June 7
Gun Violence Awareness Day

June 9
Lurie Children's Day

June 16
Father's Day

June 19
Juneteenth

June 27
PTSD Awareness Day

GREATER IL: Trauma-Informed Supervision

This **Illinois Collaboration on Youth** (ICOY) training is designed for supervisors to discuss their role and impact on and in organizations. As supervisors, we must incorporate trauma-informed care



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principles to address workplace trauma experienced by staff.

Mon, June 3 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH MASTERCLASS SERIES:

Partnership Development and Community Organizing

The first session in this series with [Leadership Academy for the Public's Health](#) focuses on community engagement and partnership development as essential tools in advancing health equity and optimal health for all. The session will demonstrate the power of creating a leadership team of individuals from varied backgrounds and organizations, engaging members of diverse communities, developing effective partnerships, and more.



Tues, June 4 | 1:00 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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PREPARING FOR COLLABORATION: Exploring Readiness

How do we get ready to work together? What does preparing for strategic partnership and sustained collaboration look like for nonprofit leaders, boards, and organizations? Join this panel with [Forefront](#) for a multi-faceted look at organizational readiness and the skills to build now that will support effective and meaningful collaboration in the future.



Tues, June 4 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Virtual

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INVEST IN PEACE: Peace March & Community Pop-Up Event

We wear orange for a future free from gun violence. This year, [BUILD, Inc.](#) will once again unite in the call to end gun violence and come together for Wear Orange Day. Festivities will include food, music, entertainment, basketball, and games for the entire family. Register early for a free shirt!



Weds, June 5 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
BUILD, Inc.
5100 W. Harrison St.
Chicago, IL 60644

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TRANSLATING EDI PRACTICE INTO ACTION: Cultural Humility

In this session with **Social Current** participants will learn how a cultural humility framework can be used to help staff in all areas of an organization connect their work and shared mission to equity. This framework is an important tool for organizations that work daily with families and communities to build opportunities and overcome barriers.



Thurs, June 6 | 11:00 AM
Virtual

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UNDERSTANDING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Harnessing the Power to Transform Individuals and Communities

This training module with **ICOY** and LYTE Collective provides participants the opportunity to ground themselves within the history and theory that have led to positive youth development. Core principles and concepts of youth development as a model to create organizational and community change are offered in contrast to the traditional youth services model.



Thurs, June 6 | 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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JOIN THE STRENGTHENING CHICAGO'S YOUTH TEAM: 11th Annual Race Against Gun Violence

Join us and be a part of the 11th Annual **Strides for Peace** Race Against Gun Violence (RAGV)! The RAGV celebrates the life-changing work of community organizations and provides a dynamic platform for people who care about ending gun violence to connect and get involved. Various options for participating include an 8K, 5K, 2-mile walk, Tots for Peace Sprint, or virtual/fundraise.



Thurs, June 6 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Grant Park (Upper Hutchinson Field)
200 E. Balbo Drive, Chicago, IL 60601

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BRIEFING: Racial Disparities in Intergenerational Poverty

Intergenerational poverty impacts Black and Native American families disproportionately, who experience much less upward mobility than White children growing up in the same circumstances. This briefing will highlight the findings of the congressionally mandated report by a



Fri, June 6 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtual

committee of the [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine](#) on reducing intergenerational poverty.

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SHAME OF CHICAGO, SHAME OF THE NATION: In-Person Docuseries

Lloyd A. Fry Foundation and [Forefront](#) will be hosting a special film screening of "Shame of Chicago, Shame of the Nation", a five-part documentary series examining the systemic housing segregation in our city and suburbs throughout the 20th century. The series shows how these policies provided the model for other American cities and towns, such that the wealth gap between Blacks and whites deepened throughout the country.



Ep. 3 | Tues, June 11

Ep. 4 | Tues, June 25

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Impact House 200 W. Madison St, FL 2
Chicago, IL 60606

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SCY ANNUAL SURVEY: Deadline Extended

The dedication to our partners in violence prevention in Chicago is more crucial than ever. We must continue to unite our efforts and amplify our impact. SCY invites partners to provide feedback to ensure that every aspect of our work is informed by those who are the most deeply affected. We remain driven in our commitment to our partnerships and communities to uplift your critical work.



Survey Close Date

Weds, June 12

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BREAKING THE BINARY: Unraveling Gender, Race, and Colonialism

Have you ever wondered how the world of gender diversity across humanity has been reduced to only "two genders"? This workshop, offered in partnership with [RaceForward](#), is an introduction to the past and present connections between race, colonialism, and the gender binary. Participants will interactively explore how the gender binary operates through white supremacy and how it was constructed to support exclusive notions of "civilized" manhood and womanhood.



Weds, June 12 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The More You Know, The More You Grow

This [ICOY](#) training will explore and engage

participants in the “two heads are better than one” model of community partnerships! Together attendees 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.



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Virtual (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. The 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.



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Mon, June 17 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtual (Zoom)

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DEI: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Though this phrase has become more popular in recent years, many people are not clear on the definition. In addition, more people consider themselves committed advocates for equity but struggle to connect their expanding knowledge to their everyday lives. This [ICOY](#) series intends to meet attendees wherever they may be in their DEI learning and offer a down-to-earth, practical, and relational approach to create an inviting space to learn, engage, and grow.



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Tues, June 18 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (SJLA) LEARNING SERIES: Supporting LGBTQ+ Communities with an Intersectional Lens

Gender, race, ability, socioeconomic status, and culture play huge roles in a person's experience with their mental health and substance use care. In June, the [SJLA](#) will focus on the experiences of patients and providers within LGBTQ+ communities. Callen-Lorde Community Health Center will dive into the distinctive experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals based on their various

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Thurs, June 20 | 11:00 AM
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identities and explore ways to address the health disparities within LGBTQ+ communities.

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A UNIFIED AGENCY IN IL: Making Access to Early Childhood Simpler, Better, Fairer

The Illinois General Assembly has passed legislation creating the Department of Early Childhood, a cabinet-level State agency that will administer programs for young children that are currently spread across three agencies. This change will impact programs that serve children in schools, early childhood centers, family childcare, and through home visits. Join this conversation with [Forefront](#) on the important work getting underway.



Thurs, June 20 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Virtual (via Zoom)

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INTRODUCTION TO MEASURING YOUR IMPACT: Webinar

The [Forefront](#) Library is partnering with Candid to cohost this workshop, where beginners will learn the basics of shifting the focus from nonprofit activities to outcomes. Because an outcome-centric approach will lead to stronger program design and will increase funding opportunities for your nonprofit. We will demystify the language of outcomes measurement and guide you through the process of creating logic models for programs.



Tues, June 25 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Virtual (Zoom)

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