



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SCY Partners,

As we enter Women's History Month, it's important to reflect on the contributions of women in violence prevention efforts in Chicago. We must acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable role that women, including mothers and family members in communities, play in this work. They have long been advocates for safer communities and nurturing environments where individuals can thrive free from violence. Women's efforts in organizing grassroots movements, victim advocacy, policy change, and providing emotional support and guidance are profound and impactful. They work tirelessly to instill values of compassion, empathy, and conflict resolution often in the face of systemic challenges and adversity. Let us continue amplifying women's voices, celebrating their achievements, and uplifting their work to build a safer Chicago for all.

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Women's History Month

March 10
World Storytelling Day

March 21
International Transgender Day of Visibility

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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 principles to address workplace trauma experienced by staff. During this training, Trauma-Informed Supervision will highlight tools for effectively building relationships, managing conflict, and communication skills within teams.



Illinois
Collaboration
on Youth

Mon, March 4 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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IDHS TRAUMA TRAINING

Virtual Learning Communities

Join [ICOY](#) for an insightful discussion exploring 'Understanding Trauma in Youth Development' and 'Engaging Youth Voice, Family and Community.' The learning communities will foster peer-to-peer provider learning through breakout rooms, small group discussions, and more. These sessions will emphasize sharing trauma-informed organizational resources and engaging discussions.



Illinois
Collaboration
on Youth

Wed, March 6 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU GROW!

Family and Community Engagement

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.



Illinois
Collaboration
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Tues, March 12 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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AI IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH The Future is Here

What can AI do? What should it do? For all the potential that artificial intelligence holds, it remains a deeply confusing – and controversial – technology. But some [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) members have made the leap and are incorporating AI into their daily workflow to streamline administrative tasks, sort through data and improve operations. Join the event to demystify AI for organizations that provide mental health and substance use treatment and care.

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for Mental Wellbeing

HEALTHY MINDS • STRONG COMMUNITIES

Weds, March 13 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY As an Injury and Violence Prevention Strategy

In this talk hosted by the [Institute for Public Health and Medicine \(IPHAM\)](#), the guest speaker will discuss her research examining the potential impact of state

expansion of eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the largest program addressing food insecurity in the U.S., on rates of child protective services reports, mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and other forms of injury and violence.



Thurs, March 14 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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THE MULTIVERSE OF GRIEFA Multicultural & Expressive Arts Approach to Being in Relationship with Diverse Grief Narratives

The mission of Willow House is to provide grief support and education for youth, families, schools, and other communities grieving the death of a parent, sibling or child. Join them for the National Alliance for Children's Grief national conference and webcast where attendees will engage with the interactive webcast and learn with a community of like-minded, grief-focused professionals.



Tues, March 19 | 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Willow House Office 2231 Lakeside Drive
Bannockburn, IL 60015

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GRANT WRITING 101 Virtual Training

This ICOY session is designed for nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers with little to no experience writing a grant proposal. Participants will learn: how to discern if a funding opportunity is a good fit for their organization; the difference between public- and private-sector grants; the current trends in grant-making; how to structure a grant proposal for a foundation grant; and how to respond to an IDHS request for proposals.



Illinois
Collaboration
on Youth

Tues, March 26 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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POPULATION HEALTH FORUM 2024 Special Event

IPHAM's annual Population Health Forum brings together leaders working at the forefront of public health to discuss the most pressing issues facing our communities. The event will include a morning seminar with Olusimbo Ige, MD, MS, MPH, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health, a public



Thurs, April 4 | 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Lurie Medical Research Building

health poster session, and a keynote speech from Ngozi O. Ezike, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sinai Chicago.

303 E. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60611

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NATCON24 National Council for Mental Wellbeing Conference

Join the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) and 5000+ healthcare professionals nationwide at the largest mental health and substance use treatment conference. Hear from speakers representing all facets of health care - from policy influencers and medical directors to social workers, CEOs, and clinicians, share experiences, and leave with proven strategies for increasing your community impact.



Mon, April 15 - Weds, April 17
America's Center Convention Complex
701 Convention Plaza, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63101

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2024 SAVIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE Advancing Injury Prevention through Community-Engaged Research

This year's [Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research](#) conference will highlight ways in which researchers are engaging communities in a meaningful way to advance injury and violence prevention. During the event, attendees will explore methods, strategies, and the role of working with community partners, community leaders, and others to conduct research, outreach, and training activities. Join to share ideas and perspectives, and to learn about innovative approaches to injury and violence prevention.

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*Society for Advancement of
Violence and Injury Research*

Mon, April 15 - Weds, April 17
Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel
One Europa Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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