



Letter from Leadership

Dear SCY Partners,

As we approach the 2024 election, it is critically important that voters are registered. Voting is a powerful tool in shaping the policies and leadership that impact the work we do to prevent violence and support community safety. For those of us who work with young people, encouraging them to get registered and vote is especially crucial. Their voices matter, and their engagement can change narratives and shape a future where violence prevention is a priority. To check your voter registration status in Illinois or to register to vote, visit the [Illinois Voter Registration Website](#). Every vote counts, and your voices are critical to making sure we continue to build safer communities.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

International Day of Non-Violence
October 2

National Child Health Day
October 7

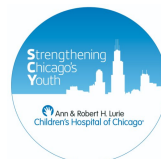
World Mental Health Day
October 10

National Coming Out Day
October 11

Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 14

National Mentoring Day
October 27

SCY TRAINING EVENT: Understanding Disability 201



This workshop led by [Access Living](#) will provide attendees with a brief review of the Understanding Disability 101 training followed

Tues, Oct 1 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
BUILD, 5100 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60644

by a conversation about creating more equitable event planning and programming for young people. Learning objectives include: learn about accessibility considerations for in-person, virtual, and hybrid events/programming, understanding the importance of a reasonable accommodation request process, and more.

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CIRCLE FOR CIRCLE KEEPERS: Sharpen Circle-Keeping Skills

Join [BUILD](#) to meet and network with fellow restorative justice practitioners, create relationships, share restorative justice techniques and have some fun!

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BUILD, 5100 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60644

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MENTAL HEALTH BARRIERS IN THE WORKPLACE: Navigating and Supporting Employee Wellbeing

In celebration of World Mental Health Day, join the [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) for a powerful discussion on overcoming mental health barriers in the workplace and exploring strategies to improve employee wellbeing. This session will provide key insights on how to foster a supportive company culture that prioritizes mental well-being.

NATIONAL COUNCIL
for Mental Wellbeing

HEALTHY MINDS • STRONG COMMUNITIES

Tues, Oct 1 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Online

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BUILDING A FUTURE: Without Gun Violence

Join [Brady United](#) and local partners for an interactive day to address the root causes of gun violence - including easy access to firearms - and the supply-side solutions that can help. Attendees will explore how white supremacy has led to a gun industry that lacks accountability, and how we can fight back together to stem the gun trafficking pipeline.


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UNITED AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Weds, Oct 9 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Zhou B Art Center
1029 W. 35th St., Chicago, IL 60609

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TRAUMA-INFORMED DE-ESCALATION: Training

This [Illinois Collaboration on Youth](#) (ICOY) event will present an overview of the factors

that can escalate a situation and/or individual. Together attendees will go through the escalation cycle and responses to each phase, and work to understand how to identify our own and others' conflict styles, trauma responses, and triggers.



Thurs, Oct 10 | 10:00 AM
Online (via Zoom)

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TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE 101: Training

During this **ICOY** event, 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 is foundational 4 R's (Realize, Recognize, Respond, and Resist Re-Traumatization) within the context of community violence.



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

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CHILD MALTREATMENT SYMPOSIUM 2024: Hybrid Event

The Protective Services Team at **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago** invites all professionals whose work involves interaction with child abuse and neglect to the 2024 annual symposium. This continuing education event is designed to educate physicians and professionals from all disciplines who care for children.



Thurs, Oct 10 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
AND
Fri, Oct 11 | 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Lurie Children's, 11th Floor Conference Center
225 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

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UNDERSTANDING THE GRANT FUNDING PROCESS: Hybrid Training Series

This **Illinois Afterschool Network** two-part working series will provide an overview of the entire grant process; from identifying funding opportunities to reporting after being awarded. The first part will provide an in-depth picture of the funding process and the second part will delve more deeply into the writing components of the funding process.



Fri, Oct 11 **AND** Fri Oct, 18
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Online (via Zoom)
AND

Concordia Place, 3300 N. Whipple St.
Chicago, IL 60618

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ADVANCING CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION: A Workshop

This event hosted by the National Academic of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum for Children's Well-Being will serve as an implementation summit dedicated to advancing the recommendations outlined in the forthcoming Board on Children, Youth, and Families' consensus study report on [Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and youth through Health Care System Transformation.](#)



Tues, Oct 15 | 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Online

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: Certification Course

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in this Mental Health First Aid certification course, hosted by [Public Health Institute's](#) Cypress Resilience Project. The three-year certification covers identifying signs and symptoms of an emerging mental health issue, skill-building to provide support, and more.



Thurs, Oct 17 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
AND
Thurs, Oct 24 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Online

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SOPHE'S 26TH ANNUAL ADVOCACY SUMMIT: Advocating for Equity Where we Live, Work and Play

[Society for Public Health Education](#) (SOPHE) and other public health and advocacy professionals and students engage in effective advocacy for a common agenda at national, state, and local levels. The Summit provides a learning environment for all levels of knowledge and experience.



Sat, Oct 19 through Mon, Oct 21
Hilton Capital Hill | Washington D.C.

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Training

The more you know, the more you grow! This [ICOY](#) training session 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.

Weds, Oct 23 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPERVISION FOR SUPERVISEES: Training

This **ICOY** training is designed for organizational staff in non-supervisory roles to better understand how supervision can benefit them and their working journey. During this training, attendees will highlight tools for effectively understanding your role and responsibilities, addressing potential problems, and identifying opportunities for growth.



Thurs, Oct 24 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Online (via Zoom)

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TRAUMA & LGBTQIA2S+ IDENTITY: Training

This **ICOY** training aims to provide a foundational understanding of LGBTQIA2S+ youth and trauma. By delving into historical disenfranchisement, defining identities under the umbrella of "Queer", exploring the differences between gender and sexuality, and addressing the unique risks and stigmas faced by this community.



Fri, Oct 25 | 10:00 AM
Online (via Zoom)

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COMMUNITY TRAUMA AND RESILIENCY: In-Person Event

This **ICOY** training session is designed to provide a deeper understanding of community trauma and equip participants with the knowledge and tools to promote well-being, resiliency, and community healing. Additionally, participants will discuss the impact of community trauma in their work and respective communities they serve.



Weds, Oct 30 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Heartland College, 1500 West Raab Rd.
Normal, IL 61761

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CURRENT STATUS OF SUICIDE-FOCUSED ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT: An Update for Professionals and Lay Community

This **Stanford Center for Continuing Medication Education** course provides an

overview of key topics in suicide assessment, prevention, and treatment that is relevant to all treatment settings and clinical disciplines. This course will cover assessment factors such as family history, past trauma, social isolation, and support systems and cultural/religious beliefs that stigmatize mental health or suicide.

Weds, Oct 30 | 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Online

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COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Resource for Action

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is releasing a resource to help communities and states focus on strategies with the greatest potential to prevent violence and promote health and safety. This prevention resource brings together examples based on the best available evidence. It outlines seven strategies to prevent community violence to ensure everyone can live in safe, healthy, and thriving communities.



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