

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (SCY-HVIP) | Project Summary

Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY), a violence prevention collaborative convened by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, has developed the SCY Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (SCY-HVIP) to provide trauma-informed care coordination for children who are exposed to violence. The SCY-HVIP allows the Emergency Department (ED) to improve the identification and referral of patients who have experienced trauma and violent injury and ensure services support children and families living in underserved areas of Chicago and at highest risk of injury recidivism and system involvement. **Our overarching goal is to develop services that are informed by survivors and community members with lived experience and expertise in trauma recovery and healing.**

SCY-HVIP Goals:

- Provide holistic and trauma-informed care for victims of violence presenting to the ED- including screening and assessing youth and families to address immediate needs and developing a family care plan for patients needing additional support.
- Improve the physical and mental well-being of children exposed to violence and minimize future exposure to violence and trauma by establishing a multidisciplinary planning team to design and implement a community-clinic collaboration between the ED and victim service providers in high need areas of Chicago's West Side.
- Reduce the rate of injury recidivism, repeat hospitalizations and other systems involvement through care coordination and connection to evidence-based services in the community for victims of violence and their families.

Our community and system partners will provide counseling/therapy, substance use treatment, victim crime services, life skills, mentoring, case management, recreational and workforce development to children between ages 0-19 years who have experienced the following:

- Gun shot wounds
- Stabbing
- Physical and Sexual assault
- Human Trafficking
- Child Abuse (3+)

Community and System Partners

- Access Living
- BUILD, Inc.
- Chicago Police Department Crime Victim Services
- Communities United
- Cook County Public Defender's Office
- Reclaim 13
- UCAN
- Youth Outreach Services
- Youth/Parent Representatives

The team is staffed by a Program Manager and a Violence Response Specialist, who will engage children and families in the HVIP within 72 hours of first being seen at Lurie Children's Emergency Department, Inpatient Unit and/or Outpatient Clinic where an injury and/or symptom is concerning for a violence. Our clinical team will support families with:

- Case Management (linkages to needed services such as food, housing, transportation, etc.)
- Crisis Intervention
- Safe discharge home
- Scheduling medical and social service follow-up appointments

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