

March 7, 2017

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Chicago's
Youth



Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

The Gun Dealer Licensing Act has passed in the Illinois General Assembly. This monumental achievement is the cause for celebration, but we still need the Governor's signature. SCY encourages everyone to take action to encourage him to do so. Add your name to the petition calling for the Governor to **sign the bill** and call his office today (217-782-0244).

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH
Executive Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth
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Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

UPCOMING SCY EVENTS

March 22: Collaborative Event

Chicago Youth Violence Prevention Works

FEATURED ARTICLE: SCY COLLABORATIVE EVENT

Chicago Violence Prevention Works: An Educational Event and Discussion in Recognition of National Youth Violence Prevention Week

This programs aims to increase awareness and understanding of ongoing effective, multi-systems level youth violence prevention efforts taking place across the Chicago-area, with a special emphasis on structural determinants that influence violence.

It intends to engage individuals and organizations that work with young people, such as health and social service providers and educators, as well as those representing different sectors whose work intersects with violence prevention. Those who are not currently involved in violence prevention but are interested in

becoming involved or to learn more about current youth violence prevention efforts in the Chicago area are also encouraged to attend.

Thursday, March 22, 2018
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
*check-in starts at 12:00 pm,
event begins promptly at 12:30 pm*

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago
11th Floor Conference Center
225 E. Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611



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TWO-PART TRAINING

Spokesperson

Hosted by [Public Narrative](#), participants will learn the tricks of how to stay in control and on point with messages in this two-part workshop.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 and
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Columbia College Chicago
33 East Congress Parkway
Chicago, IL 60605



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CALL FOR DYNAMIC PRESENTER ABSTRACTS

Impact Youth 2018

This annual event hosted by [Peace Hub](#) for those who work in communities plagued by violence and trauma is a forum to learn effective strategies to engage and support marginalized youth and vulnerable populations. They are looking for unique and creative presentations to be considered for this year's conference.

Abstract Application Deadline
Wednesday, March 28, 2018



Conference

Friday, May 11, 2018 and Saturday, May 12, 2018
Gary Comer Youth Center
Chicago, IL

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BECOMING A THOUGHT LEADER

Half-Day Workshop

If you are running a nonprofit, you are already an expert on so many things. But how can you show the world and take your rightful place among your peers? Let [Public Narrative](#) help you develop the messages and strategies for you to be recognized in your field. Investing in your, will help grow your organization and its reputation.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Columbia College Chicago
33 East Congress Parkway
Chicago, IL 60605



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5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Presented by Adolescent Health Initiative

This [Adolescent Health Initiative](#) annual event draws a national audience of multidisciplinary health professionals for two days of breakout sessions, oral presentations, poster presentations, and networking events.

Monday, April 23, 2018 and
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
8:00 am - 5:00 pm (EST)
Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest
1275 South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



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SAVE THE DATE

Race Against Gun Violence

Strides for Peace has announced the opening of early registration for the 5th Annual Race Against Gun Violence. This event is a rallying point to raise awareness and funds for organizations working to save lives and build Chicago's future.

Thursday, June 7th, 2018
6:30 pm
Upper Hutchinson Field, Grant Park
Chicago, IL



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STEMMING THE TIDE

Diverting Youth with Mental Health Conditions from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Systems

This newly released report from the Illinois Mental Health Opportunities for Youth Diversion Task Force contains 14 recommendations to divert youth living with mental health conditions from the juvenile justice system, such as expanding funding for community-based youth services, enrolling eligible justice-involved youth in Medicaid before release, and ensuring they have sufficient medication while back in the community.

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NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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