



### Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

At SCY, we are not only concerned about preventing youth violence--we recognize that all forms of violence are intertwined. This week we have been both heartbroken and inspired by efforts to raise awareness of violence against women, from the #MeToo Movement to [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#). We hope you'll join us in raising your voice and taking action to make our city and our nation safe for everyone.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH  
Director, Strengthening Chicago's Youth  
Strategic Director, Injury Prevention and Research Center  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

### UPCOMING SCY EVENTS

#### November 1: Quarterly Meeting

[How Supporting Parents Can Prevent Violence](#)

### FEATURED ARTICLE: IT'S TIME TO CONNECT THE DOTS ON GUN VIOLENCE

[Contact your Illinois Representative and Ask Them to Support SB1657](#)

One of the largest sources of illegally trafficked firearms in the nation is gun dealers. In Chicago, 40% of guns used in crimes between 2009 and 2014 came from within our own state. There are also more gun dealers in Illinois than Starbucks and McDonald's combined. By passing the [Gun Dealer Licensing Act](#) (SB1657), gun dealers in Illinois will be encouraged to use better business practices and corrupt operations will be held accountable. You can help to raise awareness, elevate the voices of survivors and urge lawmakers to do their part to help our children grow up free from gun violence.

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## DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICA

### African American Experiences

A soon-to-be-released poll by [National Public Radio](#), the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), and the [Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health](#) will illuminate reports from African Americans who share their personal experiences with discrimination.



Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Online

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## ARE WE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

### Tools to Measure Neighborhood-Level Health and Well-being

Join [Public Health Institute](#)'s Build Healthy Places Network at the next discussion where four national metrics experts spanning community development, public health, and healthcare will share their efforts developing innovative cross-sector tools to measure neighborhood-level health and well-being.



Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Online

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## ADULT ACCOMPLICE TRAINING

### Sexual Identities: Creating Safe Spaces

[Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health](#) (ICAH) trainings are developed for youth workers, family members, and other healthcare, school, and family-serving professionals who are interested in increasing their knowledge, improving their skills, and better supporting young people and their sexual health, identity, and rights.



Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
ICAH Office  
719 S State Street, Floor 4  
Chicago, IL 60605

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### **DIRECT CONNECT LEARNING COMMUNITY**

Working with LGBTQI2S Youth

Led by [Youth M.O.V.E. National](#), this learning community is a platform for youth and young adults to develop professional skill sets via virtual training opportunities, connect as a community to share and gather new resources, and unite with other youth advocates and professional peers from across the country.

Thursday, October 26, 2017  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
Online



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### **MIDWEST FORUM ON HOSPITALS, HEALTH SYSTEMS AND POPULATION HEALTH**

Partnerships to Build a Culture of Health

This event hosted by [Illinois Public Health Institute](#), the [Michigan Public Health Institute](#), [University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute](#), [Health Policy Institute of Ohio](#), and [Indiana Family Health Council](#) will engage attendees in a broad dialogue across sectors to solve complex issues to improve the health of communities and integrate clinical and community health and prevention strategies.

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 through  
Friday, December 1, 2017  
The Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago  
909 N Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611



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## BEYOND THE EXAM ROOM

### Advocacy Workshop for Health Care Professionals

The modern health care professional is an essential advocate beyond the traditional medical sphere. This [Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#) workshop will provide health care professionals with tools to effectively advocate on issues that impact both their patients' health and the lives of millions of people.

Saturday, November 11, 2017

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lurie Children's

225 E Chicago Avenue

Conference Room 4-472

Chicago, IL 60611

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## CHICAGO HEALTH ADOLESCENTS AND TEENS (CHAT) SYMPOSIUM

### The Role of Youth Friendly Services in Achieving Health Equity

Join the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) and partners to learn about implementing youth-friendly services, best practices updates, national and local data.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Malcolm X City College

1900 W Jackson St

Chicago, IL 60612

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## 8TH ANNUAL AUTISM, BEHAVIOR, COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS (ABC) CONFERENCE

### Lives in the Balance: Caring for Children with Special Needs, Their Families, Their Communities, and Ourselves in These Precarious Times

This year's conference hosted by the [Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics](#) will deliver valuable information about navigating the current realities of service delivery, advocating for those we serve, and professional self-care, family self-care, and community self-care in order to enable providers across many disciplines to recognize and address these realities when caring for children and families with special healthcare needs, including those impacted by trauma and adversity.



- ◆ Autism
- ◆ Behavior
- ◆ Complex Medical Needs

Supporting primary care to improve the lives of children in need

Friday, November 17, 2017  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Moraine Business and Conference Center  
Building M  
9000 W College Parkway  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

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## ORGANIZING STRATEGIES FOR BLACK LIBERATION

2-Part Series

This [Chicago Freedom School](#) workshop promotes dialogue and critical analysis of social movements of the late 20th and early 21st century and their impact on the black freedom struggle in America. Participants will gain a historical context to support the development of an organizing model that is relevant to and effective within current struggles for black liberation.



### **Part I**

Saturday, December 2, 2017  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Part II**

Saturday, December 9, 2017  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Chicago Freedom School  
719 S State Street, Fourth Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605

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## ILLINOIS COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (ICADV) CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This is the time of year that the agencies and their allies highlight the collaborative efforts occurring in communities to reduce domestic violence throughout the year. The [ICADV](#) calendar of events is a compilation of Domestic Violence Awareness Months events happening throughout Illinois.



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## ILLINOIS SUICIDE PREVENTION ALLIANCE (ISPA)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The ISPA is facilitated by the [Illinois Department of Public Health](#). If you have a passion for reducing the occurrence and preventing suicide, consider joining the alliance meeting or ISPA committees. Contact Jennifer Martin of the Illinois Department of Public Health at [Jennifer.L.Martin@illinois.gov](mailto:Jennifer.L.Martin@illinois.gov) for more details.



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## CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASES NEW REPORT FOLLOWING SUMMER TOWN HALLS

Generating Discussion and Recommendations

This week, as a product of the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH) town halls and an online comment period, they released a new Healthy Kids Report featuring public policy recommendations based on community feedback.



[FULL REPORT](#)

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## NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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