



Cycle of Risk: The Intersection of Poverty, Violence, and Trauma

Heartland Alliance Report Calls for Fighting Poverty and Treating Trauma As Solutions to Violence in Illinois

We are experiencing a surge of lethal violence in Chicago and staggering rates of poverty across Illinois. Poverty and violence often intersect, feed one another, and share root causes. The resulting trauma directly feeds back into the cycle. People of color are far more likely to experience violence and fare far worse in Illinois on poverty and well-being.

This report at its essence is a call to action to intervene in this cycle and address the huge moral, human, and economic toll of these deep inequities in Illinois. Through an array of policy solutions, from criminal justice reform to investing in evidence-based solutions such as education, health, jobs, and housing, we can make Illinois a safer place for everyone.

[Full report here](#)

Greetings!

On Friday, March 17, 2017 SCY will host the [next training](#) in our series for capacity building titled *Become a Spokesperson for Violence as a Health Issue*. We invite you to join us to not only acknowledge violence as a public health concern, but to become equipped with the best resources necessary to be a leader in this effort. SCY is confident that such city-wide efforts will contribute to ways that communities and officials see acts of violence and how to address them.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Levin, MPH
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3rd Annual Piecing It All Together (PIAT) Conference

10 Workshops, 6 CEUs, Lunch and Networking

This [National Alliance for Mental Illness Metro Suburban Affiliate](#) event strives to bring parents of children who have a mental health condition together with school and mental health professionals all under the same roof, hearing the same message of hope for kids.

Saturday, March 18, 2017
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dominican University
Priory Campus
7200 Division Street
River Forest, IL 60305

More information and registration [here](#)



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

March 21, 28 & April

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Advancing Youth Development Training

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March 22 & 29

Linked Yet Distinct: Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence

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March 8-29

Call for Applications: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) Leadership Programs Deadline

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March 15-16

Parent Cafe Team Training

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March 17

SCY Training Series: Become a Spokesperson for Violence as a Health Issue

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March 17

The Chicago Forum for Justice in Health Policy

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March 18

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March 20

2017 SAVIR Conference -- Call for Abstracts Submission Deadline

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How to Create & Use a Nonprofit Dashboard

Webinar: A Step by Step Guide

During this live [CharityHowTo](#) nonprofit webinar, you will learn how to easily create powerful dashboards to help you communicate your nonprofit's performance to staff, board members, and donors.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

or

Thursday, March 30, 2017

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online

More information and registration [here](#)

Mental Health First Aid Training

Help Someone Developing or Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis

In this [Association House of Chicago](#) course, you will learn to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and addictions. You will also learn how to connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Association House of Chicago

1116 North Kedzie

Chicago, IL 60651

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March 22

You Can't Be What You Can't See
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March 22, 29 & 31

The Best Start: An Intergenerational Approach to Strengthening Child/Parenting Capacity and Well-Being
[LEARN MORE](#)

March 23

Public Health Approach to Preventing Human Trafficking
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March 23 or 30

How to Create & Use a Nonprofit Dashboard
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March 23

Mental Health First Aid Training
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March 23

Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? Webinar
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March 23-24

2017 Illinois Women's Health Conference (Springfield, IL)
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March 28-30

Illinois First-Line Supervisor Institute on Violence Against Women (Fairview Heights, IL)
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March 30-31

Releasing Chicago's Healing Powers
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Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators?

Webinar: Mental Health

Join this online event to learn about progress made toward achieving the Health People 2020 Mental Health Leading Health Indicators. You will also hear how one community organization is implementing the [Sources of Strength Program](#) to prevent suicide among youth.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

More information and registration [here](#)

Releasing Chicago's Healing Powers

Mind-Body Bridging Community Workshop

The [Salvation Army Harbor Light Center](#) is hosting an interactive community workshop that will focus on removing the individual and community obstacles that prevent the innate healing power, and the wisdom and goodness of the collective to manifest in positive action steps.

Thursday, March 30, 2017 and

Friday, March 31, 2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Salvation Army Freedom Center
825 N. Christiana Avenue
Chicago, IL 60651

To RSVP, please email
cheriamor_houston@usc.salvationarmy.org



April 3

Violence: A Faithful Response to the Plague in Our Neighborhoods and in Our Nation

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April 3-5

NATCON17: The Intersection of Innovation and Action. Are We Ready for the End of Mass Incarceration? (Seattle, WA)

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April 3-7

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National Youth Violence Prevention Week

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April 5-6

2017 EverThrive IL Annual Conference: Uniting Voices, Creating Solutions

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April 10

Changing our Understanding of Youth with Sexually Problematic Behaviors

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April 11

Trauma-Sensitive Program Design for Sports-Based Youth Development Programs

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April 13

Keeping My Family Safe

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April 14

Ethics & Cultural Competency: Creating a Framework for Decision Making

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Changing our Understanding of Youth with Sexually Problematic Behaviors

A Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Training

This [Chicago CAC](#) event looks to provide understanding when sexual behavior is problematic in youth and the difference between children and youth with sexually problematic behavior and adult offenders.

Monday, April 10, 2017

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

1240 S. Damen Avenue

Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)



Trauma-Sensitive Program Design for Sports-Based Youth Development Programs

A Unique Approach to Environments for Youth Development

[Up2Us Sports](#) is hosting a training to teach practical strategies for designing trauma-sensitive programming and for better serving youth who have been exposed to trauma. Gain a better understanding of the impact of trauma on behavior and the ability to identify strategies that will work.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

1700 W 18th Street, Room 322A

Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)

April 21

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*Supporting Non-offending
Caregivers after Child Sexual
Abuse*

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April 24-25

*University of Michigan Health
System Annual Conference on
Adolescent Health (Ypsilanti,
MI)*

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April 25-27

*Illinois First-Line Supervisor
Institute on Violence Against
Women (Naperville, IL)*

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April 26

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April 28

*3rd Annual Autism, Behavior,
and Complex Medical Needs-
Downstate (ABC-D)
Conference (O'Fallon, IL)*

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April 29

*Beyond Reimagining,
Accelerating Praxis: Social
Medicine in Practice Today*

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May 1

Freedom Fellowship

Application Deadline

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May 3-6

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*10th Annual National
Conference on Health
Disparities (New Orleans, LA)*

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Keeping My Family Safe

Sharing Valuable Information

As parents, it is important to know what to communicate to children, behaviors to watch out for and steps to take to keep kids safe. As service providers, this [Chicago Children's Advocacy Center](#) will discuss how it is important to know and share this valuable information with families.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Fosco Park

1312 S. Racine Avenue

Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration [here](#)



University of Michigan Health System Annual Conference on Adolescent Health

Adolescent Health Initiative

This [University of Michigan Health System](#) conference is directed toward physicians, nurses, social workers, registered dietitians, health educators, public health professionals, and all others who work with adolescents in a health care capacity.

May 17

*Health Care Summit on
Domestic Violence, Human
Trafficking & Sexual Assault*
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May 18-21

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RevUp 4-Day Institute
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May 24-26

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*The Whole Student:
Intersectionality and Well-
Being*
*A Bringing Theory to Practice
Project National Conference*
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May 31

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*Communities for All:
Supporting Inclusion and
Positive Gender Norms for
Sexual and Domestic Violence
Prevention*
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June 21

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*From Private to Community
Accountability: Building
Capacity to Make Sexual and
Domestic Violence Prevention*
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June 22

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SCY Quarterly Meeting
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July 19

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*Organizing for Economic
Opportunity: Movements and
Strategies to Improve
Economic Opportunities for
Sexual and Domestic Violence
Prevention*
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Monday, April 24, 2017 and

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

1275 South Huron Street

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

8:00 am - 4:15 pm EST

More information and registration [here](#)



3rd Annual Autism, Behavior and Complex Medical Needs Conference

Zip Code VS Genetic Code: The Social Determinants of Caring for Children and Families with Special Needs

The 3rd Annual ABCD Conference will deliver valuable information about social determinants of health. This can enable providers across many disciplines to recognize and address these determinants when caring for children and families with special healthcare needs, including those that have been impacted by trauma and adversity.

Friday, April 28, 2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Regency Conference Center

400 Regency Park Drive

O'Fallon, IL 62269

More information and registration [here](#)



August 16

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A Safe Place to Call Home: Strategies and Movements to Transform the Physical/Built Environment for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention

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August 30

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SCY Quarterly Meeting

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September 18-20

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Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) 6th National Conference (Ann Arbor, MI)

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September 20

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From Research to Practice: Addressing Shared Underlying Factors to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence

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November 1

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SCY Quarterly Meeting

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November 4-8

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APHA 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo (Atlanta, GA)

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Beyond Reimagining, Accelerating Praxis

Social Medicine in Practice Today

This [Social Medicine Consortium](#) conference will convene national and global leaders here in Chicago offering a chance to reinforce our commitment to interprofessional engagement for social medicine through critical dialogue and dissemination of best practices.

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Malcom X College
1900 West Van Buren Street
Chicago, IL 60612

More information and registration [here](#)

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Freedom Fellowship Application

Create a World You Never Thought Possible

This [Chicago Freedom School](#) fellowship is a program that brings together individuals from across the city to explore issues of injustice and gain skills in leadership and activism. You and a team will design and lead an action project to make real change in your school or community.

Application Deadline:

Monday, May 1, 2017

More information and application [here](#)



Newsletter Content

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email [Kirstin Grabski](#).

Follow SCY's Blog! Join the Discussion on Youth Violence Prevention in Chicago

SCY's [blog](#) is another avenue to share information, connect with partners, and encourage conversations. This platform allows us to take a deeper look at timely topics and relevant resources, highlight partners and evidence-based programs, promote and raise awareness, and reflect on issues of social justice and violence prevention.

We encourage you to use this blog as a space for open dialogue, debate, and brainstorming to realize community-based solutions to youth violence and the various factors playing into it.

If you interested in being a guest blogger, check out our [Blog Guidelines](#) to get started. Contact [Kelli Day](#) with questions!



Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunity details are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

Health Care Summit on Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking & Sexual Assault

For Health Care Providers

This event aims to inspire community collaboration and provide an opportunity for networking while addressing the health care sector's critical role in identification and response to survivors of violence.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

9:30 am - 3:45 pm

Swedish Covenant Hospital
Anderson Pavilion
2751 W. Winona Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625

More information and registration [here](#)



For assistance developing research projects or connecting with research partners, please contact [Rebecca Levin](#).

Job Postings

Details for the job postings are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [here](#).

If you have a position you would like posted here, please send the position title, organization, contact person, brief description and full job description to [Kirstin Grabski](#).



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