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.

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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Director, Injury Prevention and Research Center
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

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 4, & 11
**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
**3rd Annual Piecing It All Together (PIAT) Conference**
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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](#)

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### 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

More information and registration [here](#)

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**OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMMUNITY**
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
LEARN MORE

March 23 or 30
How to Create & Use a Nonprofit Dashboard
READ MORE

March 23
Mental Health First Aid Training
READ MORE

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

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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.

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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

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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.

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Tuesday, April 11, 2017
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
1700 W 18th Street, Room 322A
Chicago, IL 60608

More information and registration here

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April 21
SAVE THE DATE
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
SAVE THE DATE
Keeping Children Safe
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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
READ MORE

May 1
Freedom Fellowship Application Deadline
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May 3-6
SAVE THE DATE
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
SAVE THE DATE
RevUp 4-Day Institute
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May 24-26
SAVE THE DATE
The Whole Student: Intersectionality and Well-Being
A Bringing Theory to Practice Project National Conference
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May 31
SAVE THE DATE
Communities for All: Supporting Inclusion and Positive Gender Norms for Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention
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June 21
SAVE THE DATE
From Private to Community Accountability: Building Capacity to Make Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention
LEARN MORE

June 22
SAVE THE DATE
SCY Quarterly Meeting
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July 19
SAVE THE DATE
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

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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

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August 16
SAVE THE DATE
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
SAVE THE DATE
SCY Quarterly Meeting
LEARN MORE

September 18-20
SAVE THE DATE
Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) 6th National Conference (Ann Arbor, MI)
LEARN MORE

September 20
SAVE THE DATE
From Research to Practice: Addressing Shared Underlying Factors to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence
LEARN MORE

November 1
SAVE THE DATE
SCY Quarterly Meeting
LEARN MORE

November 4-8
SAVE THE DATE
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.

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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.

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Application Deadline:
Monday, May 1, 2017

More information and application here
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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.

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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

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Swedish Covenant Hospital
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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