



## Up2Us Sports Launch of Resource Website

### Sports and Trauma

For more than five years, [Up2Us Sports](#) and [Edgework Consulting](#) have been working together to leverage the power of sports to help kids heal. Through coach training and program design, sports are used to create safe spaces for kids affected by trauma. The aim is to create a sports environment that can encourage kids to be physically active, become more comfortable in their bodies, develop competence, and make meaningful connections with caring adults and supportive teammates.

Together, this partnership has launched a website full of resources and case studies on how sports are connected to trauma and healing and can help youth who have experienced trauma.

More information [here](#)



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

### May 18

*Diversity in Interdisciplinary Teams:  
The Role of Work Area Breadth*  
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Greetings!

Yesterday, SCY facilitated an [On the Table](#) discussion on how educational equity can decrease violence. Using trauma-informed approaches at schools, supporting principles to hire and retain high quality staff who reflect the makeup of the student body, and highlighting the community as a key source of information for decision makers are some of the ideas that were generated. By providing a high-quality education to all children and investing in schools as the center of the community, we can move towards a safer Chicago.

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

## Center for Community Health Workshop

### How to Connect Research to Policymaking

Members of [Health & Medicine](#)'s Communications and Policy teams will present a brief overview of policymaking processes followed by communication strategizing, legislator relationship building, and engagement with various audiences.

Thursday, May 18, 2017  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
Wieboldt Hall South Entrance  
340 E Superior Street  
Room 421  
Chicago, IL 60611

More information and registration [here](#)

Health & Medicine  
POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

## May 18

*Tools to Empower Adolescent Moms*  
Open Forum  
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## May 18-21

*RevUp 4-Day Institute*  
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## May 18

*Center for Community Health Workshop: How to Connect Research to Policymaking*  
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## May 18

*Youth Town Hall Discussion*  
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## May 18

*Community Campus Partnerships for Health: 20th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago*  
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## May 20

*Expungement and Sealing Workshop*  
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## May 22

*Tools to Empower Adolescent Moms*  
Open Forum  
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## May 23

*Healthy Chicago 2.0 Partner Celebration*  
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## May 23

*Lunch & Learn: Resolving the Data Wars on Human Trafficking*  
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## May 23

*#PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse*  
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## Youth Town Hall Discussion

*Empowering Youth to Speak Up and Speak Out*

Join the [Urban Health Initiative at the University of Chicago Medicine](#) and community partners for a youth town hall featuring Dr. Selwyn Rogers, Director, Trauma Center, University of Chicago Medicine.

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Thursday, May 18, 2017

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Gary Comer Youth Center  
7200 S Ingleside Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60619

More information and registration [here](#)



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Urban Health Initiative

## Community Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

*20th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago*

[CCPH](#) will be having a festive after-work reception to honor their history, network and share stories, and dream up plans for the next twenty years!

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Friday, May 19, 2017

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Access Living of Metro Chicago  
115 W Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60654

More information and registration [here](#)



Community-Campus  
Partnerships for Health

Promoting Health Equity & Social Justice

## May 24-26

*The Whole Student:  
Intersectionality and Well-Being  
A Bringing Theory to Practice Project  
National Conference*  
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## May 25

*Information Session for Online  
Certificate Program: School  
Discipline Reform*  
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## May 26

*Call for Abstracts Submission  
Deadline: Forging New Frontiers:  
Moving Forward with Childhood  
Injury Prevention*  
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## May 30

*The People Speak: Voices Against  
Violence*  
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## May 31

*LGBTQ Student Well-Being*  
[READ MORE](#)

## June 1

*Build Power for Health Equity*  
[READ MORE](#)

## June 1

*Strides for Peace: 2017 Race  
Against Gun Violence*  
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## June 3

*22nd Annual Walk for Peace*  
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## June 4

*Raising Resilient Children:  
Prioritizing Their Mental Health*  
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## June 6

*Tools to Empower Adolescent Moms  
Open Forum*  
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## #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse

A Practical View of the Role that Youth Serving  
Organizations Can Play in Preventing Child  
Sexual Abuse

This [PreventConnect](#) session is an opportunity to hear  
from two experts from the US and the UK who will  
provide an understanding of the adults and the youth at  
risk to sexual abuse.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Online

More information and registration [here](#)



## Information Session for Online Certificate Program

School Discipline Reform

This [Loyola University Chicago](#) School of Law and  
School of Education program is designed for  
professionals committed to serving their students and  
their communities by understanding, shaping, and  
implementing prevention-oriented approaches to school  
discipline.

### Information Sessions

Thursday, May 25, 2017  
12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
7:00 pm

More information and registration [here](#)



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## June 7

*Right on Justice: State of Emerging Justice Initiatives*

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## June 8

*Focus Group on Birth Justice*

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## June 8

*Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Series*

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## June 13

*Information Session for Online Certificate Program: School Discipline Reform*

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## June 14

*Creative Capacity Building for Adults*

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## June 16

*Reimagine Justice for Emerging Adults*

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## June 21

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

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## June 21

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Chicago Coalition on Urban Girls Meeting*

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## June 22

**SAVE THE DATE**

*SCY Quarterly Meeting*

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## July 17-20

*Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Summer Education Workshop*

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## The People Speak

*Voices Against Violence*

Join the [Chicago Reporter](#), [Young Chicago Authors](#) and [Public Narrative](#) for an evening of powerful storytelling about the effects of violence in Chicago's neighborhoods.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Kennedy-King College Theater

740 West 63rd St.

U-Building

Chicago, IL 60621

More information and registration [here](#)



## LGBTQ Student Well-Being

*Improving School Practices for Transgender and Gender Expansive Students*

Join the [Minnesota Department of Education](#) for this webinar geared towards superintendents, K-12 principals, teachers, and social workers.

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Online

More information and registration [here](#)

## Build Power for Health Equity

*Strategic Practices for Local Health Departments*

In this [Dialogue4Health](#) webinar, there will be discussion of strategic practices that public local health departments can use to advance equity.

Thursday, June 1, 2017

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Online

More information and registration [here](#)

## 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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## July 24-26

### **SAVE THE DATE**

*2017 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health (St. Paul, MN)*

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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*

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## September 18-20

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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

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## 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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## Strides for Peace

### 2017 Race Against Gun Violence

Celebrate and support the life-changing work of [Strides for Peace](#)'s community partners such as [Gary Comer Youth Center](#) and connect with others who care about building a better Chicago.

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Thursday, June 1, 2017

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Grant Park

Upper Hutchinson Field

200 E Balbo Drive

Chicago, IL 60605

More information and registration [here](#)



## 22nd Annual Walk for Peace

### Peacing the Blocks

Connect with the community and their commitment to safety at this event hosted by [Alliance of Local Service Organizations](#).

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Saturday, June 3, 2017  
Opening Remarks at 11:00 am

Walk begins at 11:30 am

Illinois Facilities Fund

Von Humboldt, LLC

2620 W Hirsch St.

Chicago, IL 60622

More information and registration [here](#)



## December 1-3

### SAVE THE DATE

*Forging New Frontiers: Moving Forward with Childhood Injury Prevention (Fort Lauderdale, FL)*  
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## 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!



## Raising Resilient Children

### Prioritizing Their Mental Health

This year's [Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education](#) annual community conference is designed to not only inform and teach, but also examine the challenges and opportunities facing our children today.

Sunday, June 4, 2017  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Beth Emet The Free Synagogue  
1224 Dempster Street  
Evanston, IL 60202

More information and registration [here](#)



## Right on Justice: State of Emerging Justice Initiatives

An Effort to Advance Community Justice Reinvestment

Learn about [Right on Justice](#)'s work that is transforming justice in schools and communities and how to continue to advance community justice reinvestment efforts as community members, community leaders, elected officials, faith leaders, systems stakeholders and allies.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Adler University  
17 N Dearborn St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

More information and registration [here](#)

## Focus Group on Birth Justice

Working with Pregnant and Parenting Young People

The [Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health](#) (ICAH) is hosting a focus group to learn more about your experiences providing care to pregnant or parenting young people and your familiarity with birth justice.

## Funding Opportunities

Funding opportunity details are now located on the Strengthening Chicago's Youth website [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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Thursday, June 8, 2017

ICAH  
719 S State St.  
Chicago, IL 60605

More information and registration [here](#)



## Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Series

Experience the YMCA Like Never Before

Learn how the [YMCA](#) collaborates with others to bring research and practice together and hear from an expert on how unique programming is changing the lives of youth, teens and families.

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Thursday, June 8, 2017

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago Learning Institute  
1030 W Van Buren St., 7th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60607

More information and registration [here](#)



YMCA of Metro Chicago

## Creative Capacity Building for Adults

Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH)  
Adult Ally Training

This [ICAH](#) event is 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, June 14, 2017  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
ICAH  
719 S State St. 4th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605

More information and registration [here](#)

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## Reimagine Justice for Emerging Adults

Community Alternatives and Restorative Justice

This [Juvenile Justice Initiative](#) summit will examine Illinois' history of addressing emerging adult issues and best practices for the emerging adult population.

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Friday, June 16, 2017

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lawndale Christian Conference Center  
3750 W Ogden Ave., 4th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60623

More information and registration [here](#)

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## Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) Summer Education Workshop

Advancing Racial Justice in Schools

The [IRRPP](#) at the University of Illinois-Chicago is hosting a 4-day event for educators interested in advancing racial justice in their classrooms and schools.

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Monday, July 17, 2017 through

Thursday, July 20, 2017

University of Illinois-Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)

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