



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.

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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CHICAGO MEDICINE

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!

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
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June 1

Build Power for Health Equity
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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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Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Series

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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.

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](#)



**GARY COMER
YOUTH CENTER**

on the Comer Education Campus

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](#).

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](mailto: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 are 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](#).

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.

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

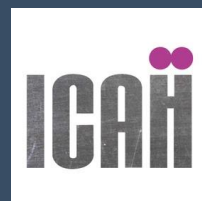
More information and registration [here](#)



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](#)

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.

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](#)



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.

Monday, July 17, 2017 through
Thursday, July 20, 2017
University of Illinois-Chicago

More information and registration [here](#)



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