



### Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

Yesterday, the SCY team attended the unveiling of the [Gun Violence History Book](#) by our partners at the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. It was created to galvanize support for Universal Background Checks at the federal level and the [Fix the FOID Act](#) here in Illinois. VOYCE (Voices of Youth in Chicago Education) offered words of insight from a youth perspective, including their important [Rethinking Safety Campaign](#). Please take the time to become familiar with these resources and take action in support of common sense gun legislation!

Sincerely,

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

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### FEATURED ARTICLE: PARTNER PLAN ACT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### [Equity from the Start: Community Systems Development through an Equity Lens](#)

This annual conference brings early childhood system stakeholders to learn, network, and deepen their community systems knowledge and skills. The conference will feature breakout sessions presented by organizations like Erikson Institute, Education Systems Center at Northern Illinois University, the Ounce of Prevention, Greater Chicago Food Depository, and more.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
DoubleTree Hilton  
10 Brickyard Drive  
Bloomington, IL 61701

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## ILLINOIS CHILDHOOD TRAUMA COALITION

### Quarterly Meeting

The [Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition](#) is a voluntary collaboration of organizations that are committed to applying a trauma lens to their efforts on behalf of families and children in the state. This meeting's presentations will cover topics including mental health programming for refugee families, resources for those impacted by childhood death, and supporting the trauma-informed transformations.

Thursday, May 2, 2019  
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
225 E. Chicago Ave.  
11th Floor, Room 11-152  
Chicago, IL 60611



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## SUCCESSES FROM THE FIELD

### Collaborating to Enhance Care and Services for Adolescents

This event will be an interactive workshop to explore approaches for bringing community knowledge and experience about adolescent health to health care provider continuing education. Join this discussion to inform content for health care provider education on key issues impacting young people, such as the opioid crisis, rising sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates, human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, and mental health concerns.

Thursday, May 2, 2019  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Hyatt Regency Chicago  
Room Regency A  
151 E Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601



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## HOW TO MASTER NONPROFIT GRANTS

Strategy, Calendars, and Teams

Mastering nonprofit grants takes more than just being a strong writer. Every nonprofit grant professional needs to know how to master grant strategy, grant calendars, and grant teams perfectly.... and during this nonprofit webinar, [CharityHowTo](#) will show you how!

Monday, May 6, 2019

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

**OR**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

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## CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

Exploring Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care

This training addresses how those working in caring professions are impacted by their work with individuals who have experienced psychological trauma. Participants will learn how to identify and address the signs and symptoms of vicarious trauma and examine the systemic issues that can contribute to and perpetuate it. Finally, participants will learn about ways to address vicarious trauma, and promote individual and organizational self-care.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Woodson Regional Library

9525 South Halsted Street

Chicago, IL 60628



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## MORE THAN THE INDIVIDUAL

An Exploration of Community Trauma and Implications for Healing

In this training, participants will explore the ways in which the impact of trauma extends beyond the individuals who directly witness or experience violence, to affect entire communities. Participants will learn more about ways in which trauma manifests at the community level, and how it is perpetuated by systems and structures both historically and today. Participants will discuss what creates resilience within a community, and strategies for trauma-informed community building.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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## **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

### What is Mental Health First Aid?

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour public education program which introduces participants to the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

Thursday, May 9, 2019  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Universal Family Connections  
1350 West 103rd Street  
Chicago, IL 60643



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## **GENDER EXPANSIVE SERVICES**

### Symposium

Join [Illinois Collaboration On Youth](#) for a day of learning around the needs and experiences of girls and gender non-conforming youth who are impacted by the juvenile justice system. This day-long symposium will bring together expert speakers and a range of stakeholders to explore the pathways into, through, and out of the juvenile justice system for girls and LGBTQI youth, and explore the importance of expanding gender-responsive services.

Monday, May 13, 2019  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Chicago Teachers Union  
1901 West Carroll Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60612

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## **IMPROVING EQUITY**

### Understanding Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation in Counseling

Join [Adler University](#)'s Doctoral Association for Counselor Education and Supervision for a world care style, interactive event. Topics will include stereotypes, euphemisms, and labels; gender rights social justice and advocacy; understanding gender identify in youth; gender identity and sexual orientation in the faith community.

Monday, May 13, 2019  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Adler University  
1 North Dearborn  
Chicago, IL 60602



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### STATE-WIDE SURVEY

#### Help Improve Services for LGBTQ Youth

LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in the child welfare system and research shows they are more likely to suffer negative outcomes, such as substance abuse or mental health issues, while living in the child welfare system. To help, the Illinois LGBTQ Roundtable is seeking information from private agencies contracting with DCFS about the services they have for LGBTQ youth in care.

#### Survey Close Date

Friday, May 17, 2019

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### SYMPOSIUM ON INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

#### The Impact on Women's Health

This event hosted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Health Research Institute at [Northwestern University](#) will recognize the impact that interpersonal violence has on patients' health and health outcomes. Additional objectives include learning how to use trauma informed care when communicating with and treating all patients, regardless of past history, to avoid secondary trauma and to better identify patients who are survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual abuse or assault and human trafficking in order to assist with intervention.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
Feinberg Pavilion, 3rd Floor  
Conference Room A  
251 East Huron  
Chicago, IL 60611



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## PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

### Mission Sustainability Initiative

Forefront's Mission Sustainability Initiative (MSI) works with nonprofits of all size and missions to see whether a partnership with another organization is the right move for them. Providing free, entirely confidential consulting, MSI creates a spaces for nonprofit leaders to engage with questions about their organization's future. As part of its work, MSI provides Mission Sustainability Grants for nonprofits in select areas to support the exploration or implementation of a long-term or permanent strategic partnership. Potential applicants must be invited to apply by having an initial conversation with the MSI Director, Genita C. Robinson. Contact Genita at [grobinson@myforefront.org](mailto:grobinson@myforefront.org) for more information.

**Application Deadline**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
5:00 pm



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## ELEVATING YOUTH VOICES FAIR

### Community Event

This [Bright Promises](#) event will gather 100 youth leaders from across Metropolitan Chicago to share how they are taking the lead to make a positive impact in their communities. The full afternoon of programming includes youth performances, family-friendly activities, and interactive youth-made displays. Attendees will hear directly from local youth representing 24 organizations about how they working to address issues like reducing gun violence and promoting civic engagement.

Saturday, June 1, 2019  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Columbia College Conaway Center  
1104 South Wabash  
1st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605



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## VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT

### Parent Concerns about Bullying and Cyberbullying

The most recent report from Voices of Child Health in Chicago has been released with Highlights include the following: mothers were more likely than fathers to express concerns about bullying; Latinx parents were the most concerned about bullying; and parents who considered bullying a big problem were also likely to consider other mental health issues big problems, such as drug abuse, depression, stress, social media, suicide and alcohol abuse.



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