

April 3, 2019

Strengthening Chicago's Youth



Letter from the Director

Greetings!,

SCY would like to congratulate all of the winners of Chicago's municipal elections. As we move towards a new administration in City Hall, as well as a City Council with many new faces, we will continue calling on everyone to play their part in preventing violence. Collectively, we will continue holding all systems accountable for violence prevention, and make sure that our elected officials continue to look out for the needs of children, families, and communities!

In Peace,

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FEATURED ARTICLE: PEACE HUB CHICAGO

Impact Youth Conference 2019

The Impact Youth Conference is an annual conference highly anticipated by Peace Hub partners, previous year's attendees and by individuals and organizations throughout the Chicagoland area and beyond. Day One of the conference supports the personal and professional development of young adults, youth advocates and service providers. Day Two's primary focus is to engage local high school age youth directly, including those who experience continuous violence.

Friday, May 3, 2019
8:30 am - 4:00 pm and
Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Gary Comer Youth Center
7200 South Ingleside Avenue
Chicago, IL 60619



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BEYOND WORDS

Free Event

Beyond Words is a reception to honor survivors of child sexual abuse and display artwork created by [Chicago Children's Advocacy Center](#) children. Guests will enjoy artwork, spoken word poetry, and an ice cream sundae bar! Community members and survivors of all ages are welcome. This free event will include information about child sexual abuse prevention and a discussion about survivorship.

Sunday, April 7, 2019
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
1240 S. Damen Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608



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LESSONS FROM THE FIELD

Kinship as an Intervention

Join Loyola University Chicago's [Center for Community and Global Health](#) to welcome Fr. Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, and re-entry program in the world. Gregory Boyle arrived to Los Angeles in 1986, at a time when law enforcement tactics of suppression and criminal justice policies of mass incarceration were prevailing means to deal with gang violence. Today, Homeboy Industries continues to provide hope, job training and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of the community.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
CTRE Auditorium
Loyola University Chicago Health Sciences Campus
2160 S. First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153



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TRAINING

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Children's Research Triangle (CRT) will be providing a free training on Youth Mental Health First Aid to interested members of the community. This training is appropriate for teachers, parents, caregivers, youth mentors, and any other adults in both a professional and paraprofessional capacity who are interested in learning how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

Friday, April 12, 2019
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Children's Research Triangle
70 East Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60601



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PROVIDING HOPE AND HEALING

LGBTQ+ Youth and Initiating Change within Systems

This conference is for service providers, educators, researchers, funders, policy makers and others whose work or interests include improving outcomes for LGBTQ+ young adults. Speakers include advocates, policy makers, service providers and youth who will be panelists during sessions that cover topics such as the criminal justice system, child welfare, education and supports such as housing and workforce development.

Thursday, April 18, 2019
8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Northside Prep High School
5501 North Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRAINING

Changing Negative Behaviors and Norms: An Approach to Violence Prevention

Join this [Peace Hub](#) event being hosted at [UCAN](#) and learn how to define behaviors; identify how they are formed, maintained, and changed; and how behavior change relates to the work in the violence prevention field.

Friday, April 19, 2019
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
UCAN
3605 West Fillmore Street
Chicago, IL 60624



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SPOKESPERSON

Two-Part Training Series

Whether it's an unexpected opportunity or an unwanted crisis, are you ready to respond to the media? Craft your elevator speech and learn the tricks of how to stay in control and on point with your message, interview techniques, and skills needed to present to different audiences. [Public Narrative](#) will teach participants techniques as well as tips on what to wear, how to dress and what to do with your hands -- all while looking at ease.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

AND

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Columbia College Chicago
33 E. Congress Parkway
Suite 610H
Chicago, IL 60605



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READY TO LAUNCH

Investing in Youth from Start to Finish

Lending researcher and author of *The Age of Opportunity*, Dr. Laurence Steinberg will keynote the symposium and share insights on how adolescent brain development research can inform policy and practice. Breakout discussions exploring how policy, research, funding and advocacy strategies can support adolescent brain development will feature Dr. Steinberg and other notable speakers.

Thursday, April 25, 2019
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Illinois Institute of Technology
Chicago-Kent College of Law
565 West Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60661

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3-DAY FACILITATOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

ICDP: The Best Start for Families-A Health Equity Approach

The [Changing Children's World Foundation](#) trains service providers as Facilitators of the International Child/Parenting Development Program (ICDP-USA) of Parenting Learning Groups, which support families to strengthen empathy and positive emotional communications and interactions of parents, caregivers, and children. "The Best Start" is an evidence-based program which strengthens psycho-social competencies of professionals working with parents and caregivers in their practice, as well as in their facilitation of Parent Learning Groups.

Friday, May 3, 2019
8:30 am - 5:30 pm
AND
Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
AND
Saturday, May 11, 2019
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Charles Veteran Center
311 N. 2nd Street, Unit 109
St. Charles, IL 60174

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY

Youth Voice

[Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago](#) is trying to better understand what communities in Chicago need to be healthy. An important part of understanding community health needs is gathering feedback from community members. They are especially interested in the perspectives of adolescents and young adults living in Chicago to learn about your experiences in your community.

Survey Close Date
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Online



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NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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