

Funding, Proposals, Educational Opportunities, and Job Postings April 2017

Funding Opportunities

Who: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)

What: COMPREHENSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO DRUGS

Deadline: May 30th, 2017

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting proposals for grants supporting a comprehensive law enforcement response to drugs. Grants will be made with Federal Fiscal Year 2013-16 (FFY13-16) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. A total of \$4.2 million in funding in three program categories is available through this solicitation for use over a period of 12 months. Minimum and maximum grant requests vary by the program category.

[Read this page](#) and then [click here for application materials, funding eligibility, and other information.](#)

Educational and Professional Development Opportunities

Symposium: Ethics & Cultural Competency: Creating a Framework for Decision-Making

Who: Training Network Committee

Date: Friday, April 14th, 2017

Location: Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N Kedzie, Chicago, IL 60625

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CDT

The Training Network Committee is excited to announce its fourth annual symposium on Friday, April 14, 2017. This year we will be focusing on ethics, cultural competency, and how it informs service delivery and decision making. Please join us and experience our amazing speakers and an information packed day! This training is particularly helpful for licensed individuals who need ethics and cultural competency credits. Six (6) CEs will be provided. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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Training: Supporting Non-offending Caregivers after Child Sexual Abuse

Who: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

Date: Friday, April 21, 2017

Location: ChicagoCAC's Education Center

Time: 10 AM to 12 PM

* 2.0 CE credits included

[**Details and Registration →**](#)

Symposium: All Our Children: Trauma and Racism in the Juvenile Justice System

Who: Criminal & Juvenile Justice Project at the University of Chicago Law School and the Illinois Judicial Council

Date: April 22nd, 2017

Location: University of Chicago Law School, 1111 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL

[**Details and Registration**](#)

As African-American jurists, we have become overwhelmingly concerned with the increased incidents of youth violence, trauma, and bias. Though we often discuss our concerns and potential solutions within the judiciary, we believe that this issue is of such importance that it necessitates the involvement of all segments of our community. We are co-sponsoring this symposium to initiate a conversation with clinicians, educators, parents, youth and the faith-based community, in a collective effort, to develop both alliances and strategies to combat the devastating effects of violence, trauma, and bias in our community and in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Training: Keeping Children Safe

Who: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Location: Chicago CAC's Education Center

Time: 1 to 4 PM

*CE credits available with a fee

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Conference: 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

Who: American Academy of Pediatrics Illinois Chapter

Date: April 28th, 2017: 8 AM – 4 PM

Location: Regency Conference Center 400 Regency Park Drive O'Fallon, IL 62269

View the conference brochure, including agenda, [HERE](#). For more information about the ABC-D Conference, visit the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics [website](#), or contact Tom Bradach, Coordinator, Child Development Initiatives at tbradach@illinoisaap.com or 312/733-1026 ext. 218

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Event: The Invisible Wall: Barriers to Opportunity for Immigrant Families

Who: Shriver Center

Date: May 2nd, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: 320 N Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60607

Contact: harleensingh@povertylaw.org

We've all heard about President Trump's plans to build a wall along the border with Mexico. But what about the invisible walls created by immigration laws and policies? These walls can separate families and prevent children from accessing education, healthcare, and vital support that will help them lead healthy lives and achieve upward mobility.

Recent federal policy shifts, which have resulted in more aggressive enforcement of deportation coupled with threatened funding cuts to "sanctuary" cities, capitalize on fear and destabilize communities. These policies harm families living in poverty, especially those whose status is questioned based on religion, ethnicity, or race. Immigrants with legal status fear accessing benefits and services to which they are entitled for fear of jeopardizing their family's safety.

Join the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law on May 2 for a dialogue with three experts on the barriers to opportunity immigrant families are challenged with in the face of the Trump Administration's immigration agenda. Click [HERE](#) to learn more. [**REGISTER**](#)



Free Discussion: Vulnerability As a Trauma Therapist: Normalizing Challenges, Failures, and Human Struggles

Who: Chicago Trauma Collective

Date: May 3rd, 2017

Location: 4141 N. Kedzie Ave., Ste 2, Chicago, IL

Time: 6:00 – 7:45 PM CDT

RSVP: cttcollective@gmail.com

The Seventh in a series of panel discussion bringing together practitioners and advocates with diverse areas of expertise in the field of trauma, its treatment, understanding and integration in our communities. Discussants for the May 3rd event will be Tovah Means, MS, LMFT.

Event: On the Table

Who: The Kennedy Forum

Date: May 16th, 2017

Contact: James Burns; James@TheKennedyForum.org, 312-450-3456

The Kennedy Forum's mission is to reduce the stigma around mental health and substance use disorders and increase knowledge, compassion and action. Studies show the most effective way to eliminate stigma is a face-to-face conversation.

The Kennedy Forum is participating in The Chicago Community Trust's *On The Table* project, an initiative to bring together tens of thousands of people on a single day for intimate conversations to discuss solutions to challenges in our community and our lives. The *On The Table* initiative is a valuable opportunity to gather in safe spaces with family, friends, colleagues, and community members to discuss the importance of issues related to mental health openly and constructively

This year, our aim is to reach more diverse communities, faith leaders, community leaders, students, teachers, law enforcement, elected officials, business leaders, mental health providers, people who suffer with mental health and addiction, and everyone in between. Please consider hosting a conversation to fight stigma. [Learn more.](#)

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Job Opportunities

Position: Mental Health Consultant (LCSW)

Organization: Lurie Children's Center for Childhood Resilience, Dept of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

The Mental Health Consultant serves as a key member of the Center for Childhood Resilience team. The Center for Childhood Resilience (CCR) is a program in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Utilizing a public health approach to expanding access to mental health services, CCR partners with organizations to address children's mental health including: school mental health, trauma training, implementation science and evaluation, pre-professional mental health education, and advocacy. The Mental Health Consultant role includes serving as a trainer, supported implementation/technical assistance coach and project consultant. The position actively supports the CCR team, Department and Hospital efforts to achieve continuous quality improvement, customer service goals through modeling of appropriate behavior and by providing a work environment conducive to attaining these goals.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to [APPLY](#).

Position: Project Coordinator

Organization: Northwestern University, Dept of Child & Family Services

Job Summary:

The Project Coordinator provides management for an operations program, recommending goals, assessing feasibility and ongoing performance & providing day-to-day oversight of administrative & operational functions.

The Project Coordinator is a team member in the Mental Health Services & Policy Program (MHSPP) and provides support on a variety of sponsored research projects for the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. The research reporting entails collected data using the Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool as well as other individual case measures and system indicators to identify system trends and make policy recommendations. Reporting audiences include DCFS line staff and executive leadership, contracted agency providers, as well as other stakeholders. The program coordinator is responsible for coordinating report development and research questions for analysis, as well as working with MHSPP data analysts to ensure timely and accurate delivery of all contract deliverables and progress reports. The candidate is also responsible for reviewing, analyzing, and preparing data reporting for distribution and then assisting relevant audiences with data interpretation and decision-making implications.



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Please Note: There are regular meetings that need consistent attendance and/or leadership. This job also requires work in the office between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm, Monday – Friday (but only totaling an average of 8 hours per day for each week day).

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Position: Clinical Director, Chicago Torture Justice Center

Organization: Chicago Torture Justice Center

Closing Date: Open Until Filled, Anticipated Start Date 06.01.17

Chicago Torture Justice Center is seeking a collaborative, experienced, and passionate clinician to lead clinical operations and activities at the Chicago Torture Justice Center (CTJC). Formed following a generations-long campaign against racially motivated police torture that culminated in the Chicago City Council's historic passage of [reparations legislation](#), CTJC will open in the Spring of 2017. The Clinical Director will lead therapeutic activities at CTJC.

Background: On May 6, 2015, in response to a movement spanning three decades, the Chicago City Council passed historic [legislation](#) providing reparations to the survivors of racially motivated police torture committed between 1972 and 1991—specifically, the twenty years of police torture orchestrated by Commander Jon Burge and detectives under his command. This makes Chicago the first municipality in the United State to provide reparations to those harmed by racially motivated law enforcement violence. The push for reparations was driven by the lack of redress for systemic harms; the package provides for financial compensation to the survivors; job training; free education at the City Colleges; an official apology; required teaching in the Chicago public schools; and a public memorial. Lastly, the ordinance requires the creation of a community center informed by the needs of survivors of police torture, their family members, and community members. The creation of this center will be the first in the nation to provide specialized trauma services to those tortured by law enforcement officials within the U.S.

For more information about this reparations movement in Chicago, we invite you to visit our website www.chicagotorturejustice.org and to read [Reparations: A Blueprint to address system police violence](#) by Joey Mogul and [Chicago Torture Victim: The War Isn't Over Yet](#) by Darrell Cannon.

Position Summary:

The Clinical Director leads the delivery of therapeutic services in response to the healing priorities of survivors of police torture, their family members, and community members. A needs assessment completed by the CTJC identified storytelling and narrative therapy as potential therapeutic interventions. CTJC supports the principles of harm reduction, psychosocial accompaniment, trauma informed care and the nested theory of conflict.

The Clinical Director will provide direct therapeutic services to torture survivors and their family members. Services are inclusive of individual therapy, family therapy and group work. Services will be provided at CTJC and community based spaces. Additionally, the Clinical Director will identify pathways to provide therapeutic services to survivors who are home-bound or incarcerated.

Position Responsibilities

- Develop health care operations policies and procedures
- Lead and implement plan for CTJC to bill private insurance directly or through a third-party biller
- Provide individual, marital, family or group therapy
- Provide and identify sustainable pathways to provide individual and group therapy to incarcerated torture survivors
- Provide initial intake screening and mental health assessments that identify service needs and recommend options for care
- Involve survivors in the development of treatment goals, objectives and interventions that address their assessed behavioral health needs
- Reassess and review treatment progress with participants
- Provide coordinated care by initiating or participating in participant centered consultation with internal and external providers
- Maintain complete, accurate and confidential clinical progress notes, treatment plans and files, as indicated by Medicaid and private insurers
- Coordinate and provide direct supervision to clinical interns and volunteers
- Hire and supervise therapeutic staff
- Stay current with behavioral health best practices, especially those that relate to torture treatment
- Participate in meetings to foster strategic partnerships externally and internally
- Occasional evening and weekend hours required
- In-state travel required

Essential skills and experience:

- Clinical license required.
- At least 2-3 years of experience in clinical supervision and program management, at least 5 years of experience in clinical practice
- Must be able to build and maintain strong collaborative healing relationships with survivors and their families
- Experience working with and within African-American communities
- Experience working with communities impacted by police violence
- Understanding of harm reduction, community-based organizing, trauma-informed systems of care, impacts of torture and healing justice highly regarded
- Proven success cultivating relationships with program participants, staff, community groups, and other related agencies
- Experience with Electronic Billing/Record Keeping Systems preferred



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- Excellent written, oral, and interpersonal skills
- Familiarity with Chicago

Interpersonal Skills

- Proven leadership skills
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Deep personal commitment and passion for the Center's mission
- Strong personal and professional integrity
- Excellent relationship building skills

Compensation and Benefits

- The position is a full time position.
- Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications
- Location: Chicago

Application Instructions & Deadline

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to info@chicagotorturejustice.org. Please include salary expectations in cover letter. E-mail applications are required – use the Subject Line: Clinical Director. Documents must be Microsoft Word or PDF files only. Resume reviews begin immediately. The anticipated start date of the position is June 1, 2017.

For questions or additional information, contact info@chicagotorturejustice.org.