Southland RISE
Resilience Initiative to Strengthen and Empower

Our Purpose: Southland RISE is a collaborative uniting Advocate Health Care's Trauma Recovery Center and the Violence Recovery Program of UChicago Medicine (UCM). Inspired by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin's HEAL (Hospital Engagement, Action, Leadership) initiative, the two hospital systems work together with community violence prevention partners to improve long-term trauma recovery care and mitigate violence-related injury in the South Side of Chicago neighborhoods and surrounding area.

Our Work:

- **Community Violence Prevention Grant Program**
  The program extends financial support to not-for-profit organizations offering a wide range of violence intervention programs that help keep young people and their families engaged and empowered during the summer. Since 2019, Southland RISE has distributed $650,000 in grant funding to more than 50 programs.

- **Emergency Relief Fund for Survivors of Violence**
  Southland RISE helps meet immediate needs of individuals and families impacted by intentional violence. Patients receiving services through UCM's Violence Recovery Program as part of a comprehensive support plan may be eligible for food, housing, and utility assistance. Funding is provided by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). To date, support has been provided to 100+ individuals and their families.

- **Community Violence Prevention and Hospital Response Cross-Profession Training**: In collaboration with Metropolitan Peace Initiatives, this unique training strengthens relationships between hospital and community violence prevention professionals and improves understanding of the collaborative work. The result is better coordination of recovery and support for crime survivors and their families. More than 150 professionals have completed the 4-day training.

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