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October 2021

31 Ways You Can #BetheChange

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Domestic Violence Awareness Month</i>					1 Replace the bulbs outside your home with purple lights to "shine a light" on DV.	2 Tune in to our <b>KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE</b> Virtual Gala and Silent Auction
3 <b>Survivor Sunday:</b> "There is no normal life that is free of pain. It's the very wrestling with our problems that can be the impetus for growth." -Fred Rogers	4 Check in with your friends and family, and wish them a good week ahead.	5 Tune in to <b>What's the TEA</b> at 1:00pm	6  Learn about the link between DV and Animal Abuse.	7 Hands are for... Have a talk with your kids about how we use our hands for good.	8 Intentionally smile at everyone you see today!	9 Save our 24-Hour English/Spanish Hotline number in your phone! 708-335-3028
10 <b>Survivor Sunday:</b> "It's so important to do something every day that will make you happy." -Bob Ross	11 Read a book about DV! We have recommended reads on our website.	12 Tune in to <b>What's the TEA</b> at 1:00pm	13 Say it in Spanish! No estás sola(a). Translated: You are not alone!	14 <b>Campaign Day!</b> Let everyone you know to wear purple next Thursday, and join us spreading the word about DVAM.	15 Knowledge is power... Every 9 seconds someone is a victim of domestic violence.	16 Ask FIVE friends for \$5! A \$25 donation allows us to educate and advocate.
17 <b>Survivor Sunday:</b> "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." -Winston Churchill	18 Use your social media to help raise awareness.	19 Tune in to <b>What's the TEA</b> at 1:00pm	20  Listen and validate when someone talks to you	21 <b>National Purple Day</b>	22 Ask your faith leader to share DV Resources.	23 Reach out to Anew to find out what their current client needs are.
24 <b>Survivor Sunday:</b> "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." -Christopher Reeves	25 There will always be conflict, we must learn how to respond in a violence-free way.	26 Tune in to <b>What's the TEA</b> at 1:00pm	27 Ask your employer if they will match your monetary gift donation to Anew.	28 Learn the different ways DV can look and the different dynamics involved.	29  Paint (or carve) positive words on your pumpkin.	30 Take a barefoot break, dance, let go and just have some fun!
31 While we are working to end DV, let us never forget those that have lost their lives!	<b>KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE</b>	Join us on October 2, 2021 at 5:30pm on Facebook or YouTube as we premiere this year's gala in a virtual format. Check out our silent auction here: <a href="https://bit.ly/kda21">bit.ly/kda21</a>			Tune in on Facebook every Tuesday at 1:00pm to join the Community Education Team and guests to learn about different aspects of DV during DVAM and throughout the year!	facebook.com/AnewDV @Anew_DV @anewdv <a href="https://bit.ly/AnewDVYT">https://bit.ly/AnewDVYT</a>

## From the Desk of your Friendly Neighborhood Executive Director

Welcome to our Domestic Violence Awareness Month edition! Although we here at Anew know that domestic violence awareness is year-long – we sure do love having extra fun with it in October. I enjoy seeing all the purple and knowing that so many people are on the same mission to see a world without abuse.

This year marks my 23<sup>rd</sup> October doing this work. It's exciting to see how far we have come as a movement and equally exciting to know we have a clear vision for what's to come. The one thing that has remained constant is the amazing strength of people

who access service to transform their lives. Everywhere I look, I see and hear stories of people whose lives have changed for the better because they were able to get the kinds of services and support we offer at Anew. This past weekend we held our Virtual Gala and we heard, yet again, from people who are thriving and loving life because now they are SAFE. I never need to look farther than that for inspiration.

At Anew we believe change is possible. We believe we can BUILD BEYOND VIOLENCE AND ABUSE. We are doing it every day with our staff in several programs working to heal harm, create accountability, inform the community and prevent violence. This October we have a whole calendar of ideas of how YOU can be part of building this world with us. We have a strong foundation already and now we need the many hands in our shared communities to lighten this lofty, and heavy load. I know ending abuse sounds insurmountable. But I truly believe it can be done when we come together to ensure we all have our needs met and know safety, love and compassion from the start.

In Peace,  
Jennifer

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## Interview with Honorable Judge Tiana Blakely



As we observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we had the honor of sitting down with the Honorable Judge Tiana Blakely, Circuit Court of Cook County Sixth Municipal District in Markham, Illinois. Judge Blakely has served in the domestic violence court since 2019.

**Kris:** Can you explain for our readers the difference between a civil order of protection and a criminal order of protection?

**Judge Blakely:** The basic difference is how the case is presented to the court. With criminal orders of protection, they are usually initiated after a charge of domestic battery or other domestic related charges. The complaining witness in the case would typically notify the States Attorney or Domestic Violence Advocates that they are seeking an order of protection and the order is usually entered for the duration of the criminal proceedings. With a civil order of protection, typically criminal charges have not been brought at the time of the request for the order of protection. The police may have been contacted; but more often than not, the state has yet to file charges. In a civil order of protection, the person seeking the order (petitioner) appears before the court to request the order. States Attorneys are not involved in these matters, however, there are advocates throughout the courthouse to assist. Both types of orders are enforceable by law and if you violate either of them you can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor which is punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500.

**Kris:** How does a person or victim prepare for their court appearance? What does the Judge need to know to approve the order?

**Judge Blakely:** First and foremost, as a Judge, I am not permitted to give legal advice.

The best way that I can answer this question is to state that anyone who is seeking an order of protection should consult with an attorney or perhaps a domestic violence advocate. Domestic violence courtrooms are typically high stress environments. Emotions run high. One thing I like to remind people is that whether they are defendants or complaining witnesses it very important to be respectful of the court and have the appropriate decorum.

In order to receive an order of protection, the petitioner must prove that they are a household or family member of the respondent, that they have been abused and or harassed as defined by the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and that court intervention is required to prevent further abuse.

**Kris:** What is gratifying about your job?

**Judge Blakely:** The gratifying part for me is ensuring that justice is being served. Justice looks different with each and every case. Sometimes there is a finding of guilty and sometimes a finding of not guilty. It's gratifying to see that many people take advantage of the available resources to address the issues at hand, whether it be an alcohol and drug assessment, a mental health evaluation, or domestic violence counseling.

**Kris:** What are your challenges in the courtroom?

**Judge Blakely:** As a judge in overseeing a domestic violence call, one of the toughest decisions is making determinations of credibility. I must be fair. The state has to meet a certain burden before I can convict someone of a domestic related crime. That's one of the toughest things is you have this person alleging domestic abuse, and you have another person saying "no, I didn't do it". I have to put my feelings and my emotions aside and do what I have been sworn to do, which is be fair and make findings based on the facts and the evidence that is before the court. Last but not least, it's very difficult to see families torn apart and sometimes they never make amends.

**Kris:** Thank you so much for your time.

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## Our 40-Hour Training is Back!

Albeit, a little differently. We are now offering a 40-Hour **Hybrid** Training Opportunity, with **IN-CLASS** sessions beginning November 15th.

Upon completion of the state-approved Domestic Violence 40-Hour Hybrid Training participants will have a comprehensive understanding of domestic violence. Participants in this victim-centered training will learn the dynamics of domestic violence, correlating issues that increase risk for people who are abused, gain insight into intersectional concerns for people experiencing systemic oppression in addition to being impacted by intimate partner violence, and much more. CEUs offered!

**Training participants must complete the 20 hours of online training modules available through the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence prior to attending the 20 hours of in-person training sessions provided by Anew.**

Please visit ICADV's [website](#) to register for the online modules. Training participants must submit their valid certificate of completion from the ICADV online modules to the Anew Training Coordinator no later than Friday, November 12, 2021.

South Suburban College is hosting the Anew in-person training sessions at their South Holland campus in the MB Financial Banks Suite. All training participants must comply with South Suburban College's COVID-19 safety protocols, which can be found on their [website](#).

Once payment is made for the Anew training sessions, no refunds will be made.

Click [HERE](#) to view the in-class schedule, and [HERE](#) to register.  
Registration closes on November 5, 2021.



**Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse Domestic Violence 40-Hour Hybrid Training hosted by:**

**South Suburban College**  
15800 State Street  
South Holland, IL 60473

Sessions will be held in the MB Financial Bank Suite located in the most high traffic area of the college near the Atrium and Cafeteria.

## 40-Hour Hybrid Training Schedule

Time	Monday 11/15	Tuesday 11/16	Wednesday 11/17	Thursday 11/18	Friday 11/19		
9a		9a - 11a: Children's Issues & TDV					
9:15a							
9:30a							
9:45a							
10a							
10:15a							
10:30a							
10:45a							
11a		Break					
11:15a							
11:30a		11:15a - 12:45p: Abuser Intervention					
11:45a							
12p	12p - 1p: Foundations of Domestic Violence		12p - 1:30p: Trauma-Sensitive Services		12p - 1:30p: Legal Issues		
12:15p							
12:30p							
12:45p		Lunch					
1p	Break						
1:15p							
1:30p	1:15p - 3:15p: Domestic Violence Dynamics		Break	12p - 4p: Counseling	Break		
1:45p							
2p							
2:15p			1:30p - 4p: Survivors with Complex Issues				1:45p - 3:15p: Wrap Up
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6p							

**Contact Kerry Hill with any questions, at [kerry.h@anewdv.org](mailto:kerry.h@anewdv.org)**

## Did you miss our Keeping Dreams Alive Virtual Gala?

You can watch or re-watch our program any time!



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