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**From the Desk of your Friendly Neighborhood CEO**



**Love is respect. Did you get consent?**

This is the message on our Teen Dating Violence Awareness month pins. It is a vital message that is all too often lost in our fast-paced world. Teen and pre-teen use of social media is widely prevalent, and posts can happen in an instant. An instant doesn't give much time to check for consent. Consent is a concept that

does apply to intimate behavior, but it goes far beyond that and can be taught very early.



Recently my son came home very upset because someone had taken a picture of him at the school dance without asking and then they started sharing it, again, without asking. He felt embarrassed, mad and like he lost a sense of control over his life. This is a very common occurrence and this kind of behavior bleeds over into romantic relationships as well. What one person thinks is just sharing a funny picture of someone can feel devastating to the person who didn't want that picture taken in the first place. Even photos a person does consent to, does not imply consent to share that photo freely.

The image below shows the main components of consent.



When we apply this to taking pictures, it looks like this:

"Hey, I'm gonna snapchat this, okay?"

-"Sure!"

-(proceed to smile and pose 😊)

or

-"Oh no! I didn't like that, no more snaps today!"

-"Okay, no problem."

Simple lessons like this go a long way in helping teens and pre-teens to understand what it is to respect someone and how they can make sure they have consent. These two concepts set the stage for healthy relationships and a community where domestic violence becomes a thing of the past.

In Peace,

Jennifer

## Teend Dating Violence Awareness Month

A blog by Community Educator Celeste Angulo

TEEN DATING  
VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH



Our community education team defines teen dating violence (TDV) as a pattern of violent behaviors consisting of physical, emotional, sexual, and property abuse that someone uses against a boyfriend/girlfriend or someone they have a dating relationship with.

Statistics show that:

- 1 in 3 teenagers have experienced or will experience violence in a dating relationship.
- Forty percent of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age that has been hit or beaten by a partner.
- Dating violence affects millions of young people in the U.S. and can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, culture, or socioeconomic level.
- It can have both short-term and long-term effects.
- Abusive behaviors often begin between the ages of 12 and 18.
- Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse.

What if we were able to recognize abusive behaviors early on and help turn them around? How can we encourage teens to report unhealthy behaviors? The good news is that TDV is preventable! There are ways in which we can all lend a hand in preventing TDV. Let's start by having conversations with youth on the topic! By having these conversations, we are giving teens the space to speak up about their experiences and ask questions.

Have conversations with youth about keys to a healthy relationship and what constitutes a healthy, respectful relationship. Share the warning signs of teen dating abuse and let them know that if they know someone who is experiencing something like this, that they can talk to you about how they can be a good friend and help their

friend stay safe. Also, assure the child that they are not to blame for an unhealthy relationship, and that you are available to help them be safe and happy.

Our community education department offers school-based presentations to students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> where we discuss the following topics:

- Definition & prevalence of TDV
- Keys to a healthy relationship
- The warning signs of an unhealthy relationship
- The importance of consent
- Recognizing who can help
- How to help someone who may be experiencing dating violence.

Please reach out to Celeste Angulo at [celeste.a@anewdv.org](mailto:celeste.a@anewdv.org) to learn more!

Click here to see more tips for parents, teachers, and community members:  
<https://www.lakecountyl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3096/Teen-Dating-Violence-PDF?bidId=>

**Would you or your business like to be involved in our upcoming 2023 events?**



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE



Are you interested in being involved in our 2023 events?

Sign up to be one of the first to be notified regarding the event(s) that you're interested in this year. Read more about our year's big events, and sign up [HERE](#).

### **Dancing Away Domestic Violence – Saturday, June 10, 3:00pm-6:00pm**

Our third annual Dancing Away Domestic Violence Event will be held in downtown Homewood's Martin Square, following the Farmer's Market. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of dancing! Last year, we had over 100 participants and an even bigger group with onlookers and passerbys as we had lively demonstrations of line dancing, Zumba, and cardio drumming. Don't miss out on the door prizes, yummy food trucks, and exclusive discounts offered by local businesses by attending this event!

### **Back to School Angels – Mid-Late June**

Our longstanding Back to School Angel program will begin with a sign-up email sent to those interested in supporting a child client in our services. As always, our goal is to provide each of our children a backpack full of their school supplies so that they can start off their school year on a positive note! We will assign and provide a specific school list per child in need to each donor who signs up to be a Back to School Angel.

### **Keeping Dreams Alive Sneaker Ball – Friday, October 6, 6:00pm-10:00pm**

The Keeping Dream Alive Sneaker Ball will make its return in 2023. With a record turnout of 227 guests--a SOLD OUT room--and positive reception of last year's event, the Sneaker Ball will be back at the Olympia Field Country Club as Anew's flagship fundraiser. This event will include dinner and dancing, award ceremony, an extensive silent auction line up, grand raffle prizes, a party DJ, and music for a night of fun and purpose!

### **Adopt-A-Family / Coat Giving Tree – Early October**

Adopt-A-Family and the Coat Giving Tree programs begin with a sign-up interest form sent out by email in early October. Adopt-A-Family is a cherished program that allows donors to sign up to support our clients and their children with a Christmas and Holiday experience that they would otherwise not have due to being impacted by domestic violence and financial hardship. A donor is supplied with the personal wish lists created by individuals, mothers, and their children. Donors can opt to adopt an individual, up to a family of 5+. The required donation amount is \$75 minimum spent per person that is adopted. The Coat Giving Tree is an additional program that donors can choose to support that provides new winter coats to clients in need.

For more information, please reach out to Rachel at [rachel.f@anewdv.org](mailto:rachel.f@anewdv.org).

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Compensation and Benefits are listed clearly at the bottom of each job description. Take the guess out of applying-- Our salaries, wages, and benefits are transparent and up front!

Learn more about each of the listed positions on our [website](#).

- ★ [Bilingual Children's Counselor](#)
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- ★ [Government Grants Manager](#)
- ★ [Partner Abuse Intervention Program \(PAIP\) Assistant](#) \*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\*
- ★ [Rapid Rehousing Case Manager](#) \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*
- ★ [Transitional Housing Program Manager](#) \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*

All positions have been newly updated, so if you checked them before, make sure to check them again!

Anew offers full time benefits including 14 paid holidays; 20 days of Paid Time Off (PTO) annually; medical, dental, vision and life insurance; short-term and long-term disability; and the ability to contribute to our 403(b) plan with 3% company matching. This position is also eligible for Aflac benefits.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please email your cover letter and resume to [careers@anewdv.org](mailto:careers@anewdv.org).

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