



Happy New Year!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a great start. Thank you for your continued support of Anew. You are an important part of our community, and I am deeply grateful for the many ways you help advance our mission.

For the past six years, I've been fortunate to work alongside a dedicated team who show up every day to support survivors in becoming safe and self-sufficient—and through education and prevention, to help build healthier communities. It is truly an honor to lead Anew into this next chapter.

Our work remains as vital as ever. Every nine seconds, someone experiences domestic violence. In 2025, more than 1,200 survivors accessed Anew's services. While I am proud of the support we provided, I also think about those who were unable to reach us—and it strengthens my commitment to expanding our impact.

My vision for Anew is simple: survivors should not have to search for help—we should already be there. This means broadening our outreach and being present in places where survivors naturally turn for support, including libraries, schools, medical centers, health fairs, and faith communities. Our Community Education Team plays a critical role in ensuring Anew is visible, accessible, and trusted throughout the communities we serve.

Equally important is strengthening Anew's long-term sustainability. By increasing our financial stability and reducing reliance on government funding, we can remain resilient, responsive, and better positioned to meet the evolving needs of survivors—now and in the future.

There is much work ahead, and I am ready for the challenge. I look forward to continuing this journey together and connecting with you in the months ahead.



Sincerely,

Kristine Scott
CEO

Domestic Violence Housing Services

Anew offers a variety of housing services for those that are impacted by domestic violence. Below, you can find a brief summary of what our housing services **do and do not** cover.

All provided housing services are accessed through our 24-hour hotline at 708-335-3028.



Domestic Violence Housing Services

708-335-3028



Anew Provides:



Emergency Shelter

- For those in immediate danger from their significant other and actively fleeing their situation
- Safe and confidential, short-term shelter and safety planning

✓ Transitional Housing

- Temporary rent-free housing for domestic violence survivors & children
- Supportive services: case management, counseling, financial empowerment

✓ Rapid Re-Housing

- Short-term rental help for those fleeing domestic violence
- Housing advocacy + case support

✓ Homelessness Prevention

- One-time rental assistance for those at risk of becoming homeless due to fleeing domestic violence
- Financial case management (budgeting, employment/education support)

Anew Does Not Provide:

✗ Non-Domestic Violence Related Needs

Anew is a domestic violence agency-- all housing clients are assisted due to their need directly related to a domestic violence relationship between significant others.

✗ Direct Walk-In Housing Placements

We are unable to immediately assist with walk-ins or calls in need of housing, as our programs are waitlisted. Referrals must come through the Suburban Cook County Coordinated Entry System for most programs. Our hotline advocates can assist you in beginning the referral process at 708-335-3028.

✗ Open Market Rental Placement Services or Eviction Representation

Anew doesn't function as a general housing locator for unrelated rental listings or private market apartment searches. Although we offer legal advocacy for orders of protection, we do not provide direct legal defense in eviction or landlord-tenant disputes as a housing service.

Community Education Corner: FEBRUARY - TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

With Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month approaching in February, Anew is offering several **FREE** resources for schools:

- **Bulletin Board:** Ready-made, age-appropriate materials on healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, consent, and teen resources. Available for setup support, print drop-off, or digital delivery.
- **Dress-Up Days:** Fun, themed days to promote healthy relationships and spark meaningful conversations (see attached flyer).
- **Tabling Event:** An Anew Community Education Advocate can host an interactive tabling event at your school during February (first come, first served).
- **Educator Training:** Virtual *Teen Dating Violence: An Educator's Guide to Prevention* on Wednesday, Feb. 25 (12:00–1:30pm or 3:30–5:00pm). CEUs available; open to all school staff (see attached flyer to register).



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: AN EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO PREVENTION

Learning Objectives:

- Define "Teen Dating Violence" and recognize various forms of dating abuse
- Identify risk and protective factors for teens who choose violence or experience violence in dating relationships

- Understand the significance of educating students on healthy relationships and utilize effective violence prevention strategies
- Implement trauma-informed methods to support students who are experiencing dating violence

L February 25th, 2026
12:00pm-1:30pm
or 3:30pm-5:00pm

📍 On Zoom



1.5 CEU Credits for
LSW/LCSW,
LCP/LCPC, CDVP,
CPAIP



Speaker:
Susan Soda
Community Education
Manager,
Anew Building Beyond
Violence and Abuse

All school personnel are welcome to attend!

12:00pm Registration

3:30pm Registration



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Questions?

Email us at: susan.s@anewdv.org



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is held throughout the month of February as a way to build solidarity and raise awareness about teen dating abuse.

**RESPECT WEEK
REAL LOVE RESPECTS.**

February **Twin Day**

9

Match with your best friend!
Make a post about why they are such an awesome friend.

February **Wear Orange Day**

10

Show your solidarity by wearing orange!
Share a photo on social media about why you wear orange and tag Anew.

February **Power Couple Day**

11

Dress up as your favorite fictional or real couple.
Share 1-2 qualities that you value/are important in an healthy relationship.

February **Power of Love Day**

12

Dress all out in pinks, reds, and all things hearts.
Make someone smile by sending them a sweet text/note

February **Self Love Day**

13

Dress to impress!
Pour into yourself! Engage in self-care/do an activity you enjoy.

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT ANEWDV.ORG

Are you interested in booking a speaker?

For your school, workplace, church, family or organizational event and more, we are available to work with you! Click below to sign up for a Community Education Speaker, available to schedule year-round. Limited availability in October, due to Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Speaker Request Form

Save the Date for Sneaker Ball 2026



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE

Sneaker Ball

NOVEMBER 6, 2026 | 6:00PM

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8800 W 159TH ST
ORLAND PARK, IL
60462
\$125 PER PERSON



Job Postings at Anew

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! Please share with you network.

Positions Updated 1/14/2026

- ★ **Bilingual Case Manager**
- ★ **Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator**
- ★ **Director of Counseling**

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.

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