



From the Desk of the CEO



July: National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Each month, my team suggests a topic for this blog—often aligning with an issue nationally recognized that month. July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, and in reflecting on this, my thoughts immediately turn to the reality facing immigrants and perceived immigrants in our country.

We are living in a time when immigrants—particularly immigrants of color—are being “othered” in ways that are not only dangerous, but dehumanizing. The intense focus on, and unprecedented investment in, the detention and removal of people of color is deeply disturbing. And while it may feel shocking to some, it is not unprecedented. We’ve seen this before—here in the U.S. and in other parts of the world.

What’s happening now is rooted in a long and painful history. The treatment of non-white communities in this country has created intergenerational trauma, and what we are witnessing today only deepens those wounds. These actions don’t just impact policy—they impact real people. They create an ongoing environment of fear and mistrust, especially for communities that have already endured so much.

At Anew, we see this firsthand. Some of our clients are afraid to come in for services. They’re afraid to go to the grocery store, to visit a food pantry, or to walk into a courthouse to seek an order of protection or attend a hearing. These aren’t hypothetical fears. They are lived experiences that compound the trauma survivors are already carrying.

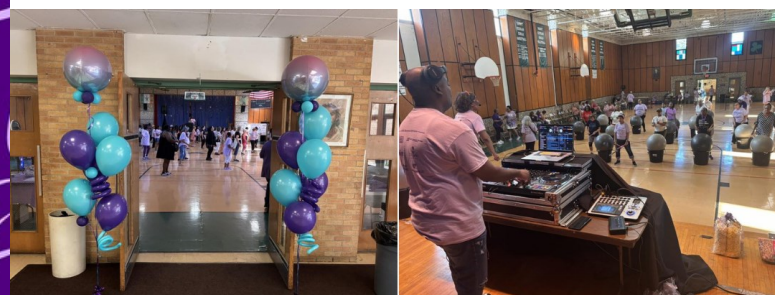
We all got into this work because we believe in the fundamental human right to safety—every single person, no exceptions. The circumstances our clients are navigating are unimaginable, but we show up every day to walk beside them.

This Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, I ask you to stay with us in this mission. Our work has never been more critical. Your support helps us offer safety, dignity, and hope to those who need it most.

In Peace,

Jennifer Gabrenya

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Together, we raised over
\$8,000 for Anew’s services!**





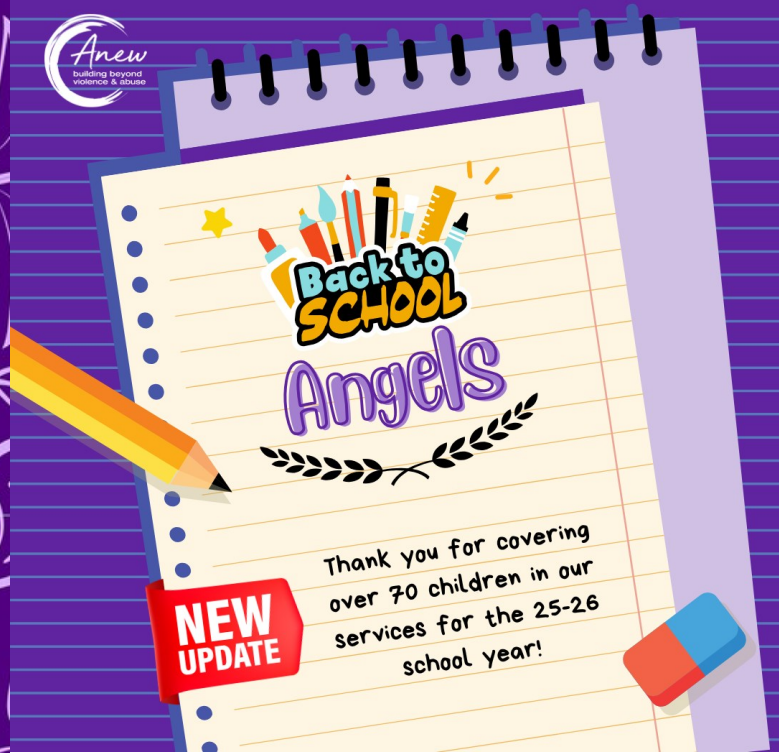
Anew
building beyond violence & abuse

DANCING AWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Boots on the Ground for Awareness & Action

WOW! Our Dancing Away Domestic Violence Event was a huge success! Thanks to the 170 people who enjoyed country line dancing, Zumba, cardio drumming, and the infamous "Boots on the Ground" sensation taking over the line dancing community! We are so grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, Event Committee and participants who continue to make this event a success every year. Your support helps us continue to make an impact in the lives of survivors and their families. Keep moving and we will see you next year!

Back to School Angels, Thank you!



COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE

Sneaker Ball

CELEBRATING

45

YEARS

OF HOPE IN ACTION

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025
AT GEORGIOS BANQUETS
8800 W 159TH ST, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

IT'S TIME TO *Lace Up*

6 PM
CHECK-IN BEGINS

7:30 PM
PLATED DINNER SERVED

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$125 PER PERSON
Dinner, Open Bar, DJ, Dancing, Silent Auction, Raffles

\$150 PER PERSON STARTING SEPTEMBER 10TH

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 5/14/2025

★ **Bilingual Crisis Intervention Advocate**

★ **Bilingual Partner Abuse Intervention Group Co-Facilitator - Part Time**

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.

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