

GREATER OUTREACH GAZETTE

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Hello All,

As we reflect on Pride Month, I want to take a moment to affirm that at Greater Outreach Services, our commitment to serving with compassion, dignity, and respect is unwavering, every single day of the year.

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the courage, strength, and beauty of our LGBTQIA+ clients, staff, and community members. It is also a powerful reminder of the work that remains, ensuring that every person we serve feels truly seen, valued, and safe in our care.

As an organization, Greater Outreach Services is dedicated to completing LGBTQIA+ trainings and continuing to equip our team with the knowledge and tools needed to provide truly affirming, culturally responsive care. This is not a one-time effort, but an ongoing commitment to growth, reflection, and action.

To our staff: Thank you for your continued dedication to creating spaces of belonging, healing, and hope. Your compassion and cultural humility make an immeasurable difference in the lives of those we serve.

Take Pride in Making Space For You and Our Clients

June offers us an intentional space for reflection—both personally and clinically—through the lens of Men's Mental Health Month and Pride Month

This month, I encourage each of us to pause and reflect on how we are applying our clinical skills with intention, humility, and cultural awareness.

Men's Mental Health Month



Men of all ages face cultural and systemic barriers to seeking mental health care. Many of our male clients may have been conditioned to avoid vulnerability or emotional expression.

As you engage your male clients this month, consider:

- How can we create spaces where men feel emotionally safe?
- How are we acknowledging and challenging the stigma that prevents men from seeking help?
- How are we helping normalize therapy and emotional well-being for male clients

Suggested Resources

Men's Mental Health:

- [ManTherapy.org](https://www.mantherapy.org)
- "Raising Boys to Be Good Men"
— By Aaron Gouveia

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Let's carry the spirit of Pride Month forward — not just in June, but in everything we do, all year long.

As we close out the 2024–2025 fiscal year and reflect on the journey five years post-pandemic, I am proud to say we've emerged stronger, more resilient, and more mission-driven than ever. This year has been marked by significant accomplishments, strategic partnerships, and a continued commitment to serving our communities with compassion and integrity.

Among our key achievements this year were the successful delivery of services through DWI programs, and multiple Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) initiatives—specifically through Trillium for DJJ in Rockingham County, Vaya for Substance Use Disorder services for DJJ in Dillon, and DPS-MHBG services also in Dillon. We were also added to the South Carolina vendor lists for Probation and Parole, as well as Vocational Rehabilitation, a major step in expanding our reach and impact.

We've also formalized important partnerships through new MOUs with Warren County Schools, New Season and Oak City Cares, organizations that share our vision of integrated, person-centered

Pride Month

Reflect this month on:

- Are we using affirming language in all interactions and documentation?
- Are we aware of how discrimination and minority stress affect LGBTQIA+ mental health?
- How can we continue to expand our cultural humility and competence when working with LGBTQIA+ clients?

Suggested Resources LGBTQIA+ Mental Health:

- The Trevor Project: thetrevorproject.org
- National Center for Transgender Equality: transequality.org

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." — Ola Joseph



If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or experiencing a mental health crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline—free, confidential support 24/7.

With gratitude,
Kimani Seryby LMHC
Clinical Director

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

We commemorate Juneteenth, on June 19, 1865, when enslaved peoples of African descent in Texas finally gained their freedom.

We remember them. We honor their memory. We celebrate freedom for all.

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These collaborations will help us further support those we serve with more holistic and coordinated services.

Looking ahead to fiscal year 2025–2026, we are excited to launch several new programs, including Community Support Team (CST) services, Intensive In-Home (IIH), Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP), Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT), and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR). These initiatives will deepen our ability to provide high-impact behavioral health support across our service areas.

On a more personal note, after 13 incredible years at our current location, we will be relocating. It's a bittersweet transition, but one filled with opportunity. We look forward to sharing more details on our new space, coming Fall 2025.

To all our community partners, funders, and supporters: thank you. Your commitment has been the foundation of our growth over the last five years. We are excited about the road ahead and honored to walk it with you.

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NC Certified Peer Support Specialist News

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