



Transforming lives of survivors of domestic violence.

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StepStone, owns 15 single-family homes and has served nearly 700 women and children since 1996. Families live in our homes for up to two years while they gain the skills to become self-sufficient. We then offer outreach and follow-up for another two years if needed.

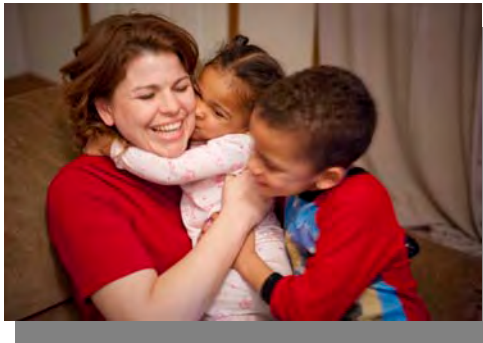
In 2011 StepStone served 187 women and children.

Housed Clients 23 women and 41 children.

Outreach Clients 39 women and 57 children.

Referred Clients 10 women and 57 children.

Total Served 72 women and 115 children



Counseling Services A grant from a private foundation allowed us to add a part-time children’s play therapist. She conducted 96 therapy sessions in her first eight months. The Kansas Attorney General’s Office continues to fund a half-time therapeutic counselor (LSCSW) to work with the women. This year she has served 34 clients, in 206 sessions, free of charge. Because we are not required to generate billable hours for insurance reimbursement, we are able to offer longer sessions as needed.



New Collaboration StepStone and Sheridan Village, low income senior housing, have developed a new program. Sheridan Village Senior Pals connects the children of StepStone families with the residents of Sheridan Village. The children benefit from the exposure to seniors, who fill the void of real grandparents, while the seniors have time to enjoy the relationship with the children who replace their own families who very often live in other states.



Of Note: During this past fiscal year, we completed requirements to receive Accreditation from the Kansas Coalition of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalition. We began the first of a 3-year Transitional Housing grant from the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women. Sister Karen Salsbery, CSJ, joined the StepStone staff as Resource Specialist for that grant. Dung Kimble, LMSW is now StepStone program director.