



The Second Step Report to the Community

2021-2022

The Second Step is a community of survivors, advocates, and volunteers who foster the safety, stability, and well-being of those who have experienced domestic violence.

Steps to Justice



Our team of attorneys provide free legal services to survivors. Legal issues include family law, immigration, restraining orders and housing.

Transitional Living



We combined our Residential and Housing & Stabilization Programs into a single program delivering a continuum of services aimed at securing safe, permanent housing for survivors.

Prevention, Intervention & Education



Prevention, Intervention & Education—formerly known as our Community Program—works with survivors on safety planning, accessing resources and achieving long term stability.

Escaping violence and achieving long term safety and stability is a complex process. Our staff provides a wide array of critical services. Here is one example of how our wraparound services lead to success.

One Survivor's Path to Independence

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Jody has fled an abusive relationship and is staying at an emergency shelter with her two daughters.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Jody contacts The Second Step and schedules a move-in to one of our transitional residences.

DEVELOPING GOALS

Once moved in, Jody partners with a Domestic Violence Advocate to develop goals. She registers for English classes, acquires a child care voucher and updates her resume.

EMPLOYMENT & INDEPENDENCE

Jody works with her Advocate toward finding stable employment. Jody's Advocate continues to check in with her for the next four months and learns that she has found meaningful employment. Jody and her girls feel safe and happy.

LEGAL SERVICES

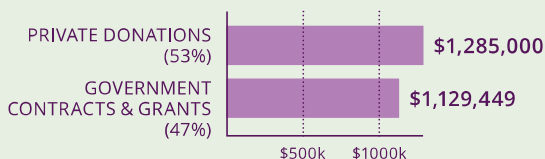
Jody consults with a Steps to Justice Attorney who advises her on her legal rights. She files for custody and child support. After extensive preparation, Jody goes to court and succeeds.

HOUSING

Jody meets with our Housing Advocate to assist with her housing search. Within six months, Jody and her two daughters move into an apartment.

Our Donors Help Survivors

Total FY23 Budget: **\$2,414,449**



"It feels so good to have someone advocating on my behalf. We are actively taking the steps needed to end this nightmare. Now, I can finally move on with my life."

STEPS TO JUSTICE CLIENT

Top 4 Requested Services



FAMILY LAW

104 survivors sought legal representation for matters ranging from divorce to child custody.



HOUSING

This year, Transitional Living Advocates facilitated the move to permanent housing for 46 survivors and their families.



EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Prevention, Intervention & Education Advocates provided healing-focused care to 99 survivors.



RESTRAINING ORDERS

71 survivors represented by Steps to Justice obtained restraining orders, often the foundation for true healing and independence.