

2014-2015 Annual Report

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, Transitions:

- Served 2,641 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other serious crimes.
- Sheltered 185 victims of domestic violence and their children for 3,412 days.
- Assisted with 151 Protection from Abuse Order filings.
- Answered 2,321 hotline calls.
- Supported victims with 8,282 hours of counseling and advocacy.
- Presented 249 community education and training events for 4,661 individuals.
- Provided 595 school programs to 13,636 students.
- Benefitted from 7,640 volunteer hours of work provided by community volunteers.

Recognizing Lisa Steele, Former Board Chair

This summer, Transitions Board Chair, Lisa Steele, stepped down from her position. Lisa has served on the Board of Transitions for six years, holding the position of Board Chair for the last three. During her time on the Board, the annual budget has grown 20 percent and now exceeds \$1 million. A comprehensive crime victims' services agency, Transitions of PA continues to have a strong, clear focus on violence against women, which shows itself most strongly through domestic violence, rape and sexual assault.

When asked what she had learned during her time with Transitions of PA, Lisa responded, "When I began, I did not have an understanding of the pervasiveness of domestic violence and tolerance of it in our culture. The idea that it is present regardless of class, ethnicity or age was a surprise to me. Only when the staff presented data about people they were helping did this become clear. I have a scientific background and it was easy to understand the sheer number of clients that seek relief, counseling and support to 'leave' if they wish and to live safely. The experience changed my thinking that domestic violence happened to people in lower income families. It is a problem throughout our society. "

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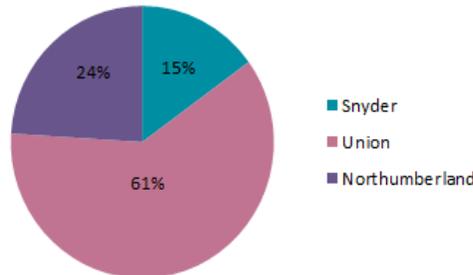
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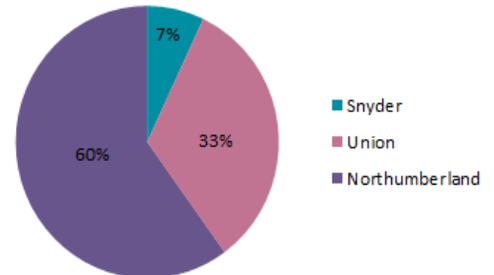
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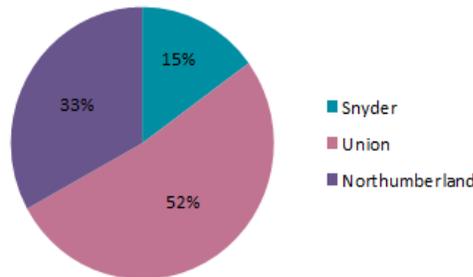
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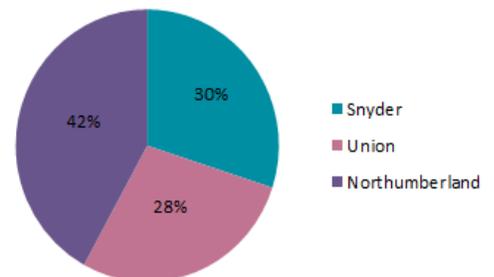
3,412 Shelter Days



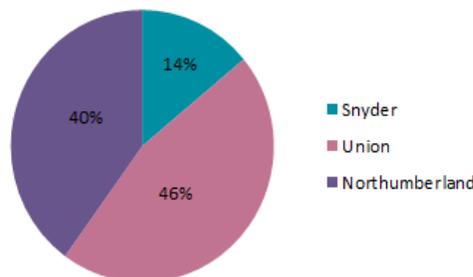
8,282 Counseling Hours



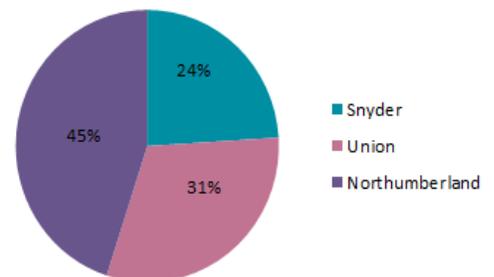
151 PFA Orders



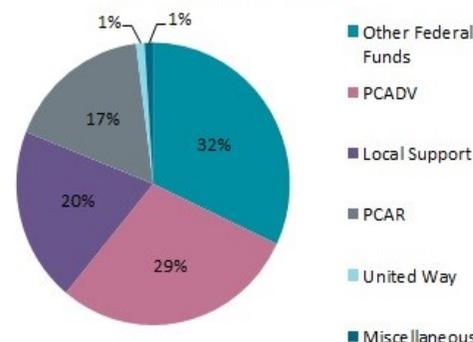
7,640 Volunteer Hours



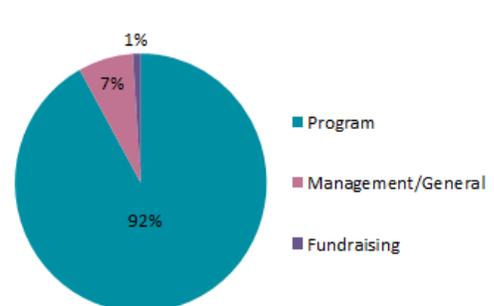
2,321 Hotline Calls



\$1,043,753 Revenue



\$992,375 Expenses



New Programs Implemented at Transitions

Economic Empowerment Programs for Domestic Violence Victims

Transitions of PA has implemented economic empowerment programs for domestic violence victims during the last year. Most people only think of physical abuse when considering domestic violence; however, financial abuse occurs in 98% of all domestic violence situations. It is an invisible weapon that an abuser uses to maintain power and control over the victim.

Transitions of PA utilizes the Allstate Foundation's "Moving Ahead Through Financial Management" curriculum with shelter guests and other survivors of domestic violence in our community. This program is specifically designed to address the significant gap in resources to assist advocates and survivors with the many economic challenges they face. Additionally, Transitions of PA uses funds granted by the Mary Kay Foundation to assist survivors of domestic violence with job and school readiness programs as well as other financial management assistance.

Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse Training

Transitions of PA has five staff persons certified by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape to provide up-to-date training on mandated reporting of suspected child abuse in Pennsylvania. Professionals who interact with children, such as teachers, counselors, child care workers, youth activity leaders, coaches and medical professionals, can increase the quality, quantity and consistency of recognizing and reporting child abuse by receiving this current and thorough training.

After training, attendees are able to recognize the signs of abuse, understand the dynamics of child abuse, navigate the procedures for reporting child abuse to child protective services and increase the likelihood of making a report of suspected child abuse.

Lethality Assessment Program

Transitions of PA continues the implementation of the Lethality Assessment Program in Union, Snyder and Northumberland Counties. Research conducted by Johns Hopkins University showed that only four percent of domestic violence murder victims nationwide had ever used the services of a domestic violence program like Transitions of PA.

The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is a two-pronged intervention process that is initiated by law enforcement during the response to a domestic violence call. Law enforcement utilizes an evidence-based tool to ascertain the victim's safety risks. The officer then will connect the victim with Transitions' advocates to provide services and safety planning. The Buffalo Valley Regional, Mifflinburg, Bucknell University and Riverside police departments have implemented LAP, while Shamokin Dam police is in the process of implementation. Transitions will work with additional law enforcement entities in our service area to continue to expand the use of this evidence-based, life-saving program.

Transitions' Services:

- 24-hour Hotline
- Emergency Safe Houses
- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Economic Empowerment Programs
- Legal Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Teen Groups
- School Programs





Counselor/Advocate Alesha L. provides information and activities to kids at Snyder County Night Out in August 2014.



Information to parents about Transitions of PA's services and education programs is provided at the Head Start Health Fair in October 2014.



Staff at Transitions of PA wear teal to honor Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2015.



As a member of the PA Coalition Against Rape's Executive Committee, Transitions of PA's CEO Susan Mathias met with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL's Social Responsibility Committee in May 2015 to discuss the role that the NFL can play in ending sexual violence.

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