

Photo Year In Review



Transitions' CEO Susan Mathias speaks to guests at the open house for our completely renovated safe house in Shamokin that opened in May 2016.



Adam Laforme, Rich Shnyder, Harvey Edwards, and Geno Maturani (left to right) helped raise awareness about gender-based violence during our first annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event in October 2016.



Attendees peruse our auction program in June 2016 during our largest fundraiser of the year. Our 2016 auction theme was "A Fresh Start."



Transitions' CEO, Susan Mathias (right), presents Hannah McDowell, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Evangelical Community Hospital, with flowers in recognition of Forensic Nurses' Week in November 2016.

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2016 Annual Report

Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, Transitions:

- Served 2,042 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes.
- Sheltered 135 victims of domestic violence and their children for 3,380 days.
- Assisted with 197 Protection Order filings.
- Answered 2,157 hotline calls.
- Provided civil legal assistance to 37 victims of domestic violence.
- Supported victims with 8,323 hours of counseling and advocacy.
- Presented 274 community education events for 4,321 individuals.
- Provided 284 school programs to 7,393 students.

SEA Change in the Susquehanna Valley

Transitions focuses on safety, education, and advocacy (SEA) to improve the communities where we live, work, and play. Through direct services, education programs, and training to professionals, Transitions seeks to promote a SEA Change in the Susquehanna Valley.

Safety is our first priority. From the operation of a 24-hour crisis hotline to the availability of safe houses for victims of domestic violence, Transitions works diligently to offer safety to our most vulnerable populations.

Education is the first step to prevent violence before it begins. Transitions' Education Department utilizes evidence-based instruction to reach students and community members in the Susquehanna Valley.

Advocacy for victims and survivors of crime is critical to ending patterns of violence and abuse. Legal advocacy and civil legal representation provide victims with tools of the criminal and civil justice system to gain safety. Medical advocacy programs provide professionals with information and techniques to assist victims. Child advocacy ensures kids and teens learn healthy skills to cope with trauma.

Our work to end violence and abuse would not be possible without the continued support of our community. Thank you to our donors, our volunteers, and our community champions. Your commitment to safety, education, and advocacy saves lives.

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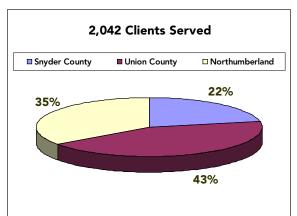
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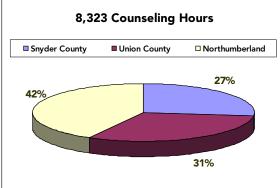
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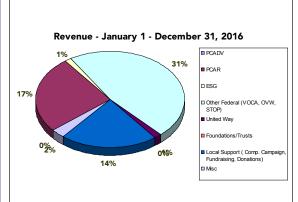
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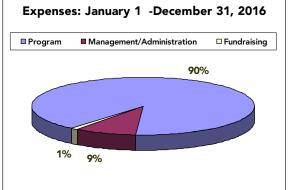
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New Safe House in Shamokin

In the summer of 2016, Transitions opened its new safe house in Shamokin. Victims of domestic violence and their children can find safety, peace, and opportunity at our newest facility



Safer Families, Safer Communities...

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New Programs Implemented at Transitions

Transitions Legal Center

Transitions Legal Center (TLC) began serving clients in June, 2016. During its first six months, TLC assisted 37 victims of domestic violence with protection orders, custody and divorce petitions, and other civil actions.

TLC offers victims free, comprehensive legal services that focus on family, housing, and economic issues. TLC engages community organizations and government to improve the justice system's response to victims, to better provide them with access to powerful and lifesaving legal services.

Trauma Therapy

In 2016, Transitions received funding from the Victims of Crime Act to provide trauma therapy to adult, adolescent, and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking.

Darlene Garcia-Johnson joined Transitions team to provide trauma therapy to victims in the Susquehanna Valley. "As a counselor, I employ a holistic integration of Person-Centered, Cognitive-Behavioral, Reality therapy and techniques. I often include techniques that focus on healthy communication and interpersonal dynamics."



Elizabeth de Castro Transitions' Civil Legal Representation Attorney



Darlene Garcia-Johnson Transitions' Trauma Therapist

Care for Kids

Care for Kids is an evidence-informed, health-based curriculum endorsed by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont. The Care for Kids Workshop prepares parents, caregivers, and early childhood educators to be proactive in preventing child sexual abuse through promotion of sexual health education.

Participants in the Care for Kids Workshop learn more about healthy sexual development in young children, skills to be an "askable" adult, and how to answer children's questions and talk with them about sexuality in ways that promote health, knowledge, and sexual abuse prevention.

TRANSITIONS' SERVICES:

- 24-hour Hotline
- Emergency
 Safe Houses
- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral
- Individual Counseling
- Therapy
- Group Counseling
- EconomicEmpowermentPrograms
- Legal Advocacy
- Civil LegalRepresentation
- Medical Advocacy
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Teen Groups
- Prevention Education
- Outreach



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