

2013-2014 Annual Report

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Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, Transitions:

- Served **2,665** victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other serious crimes.
- Sheltered **103** victims of domestic violence and their children for **2,489** days.
- Answered **2,448** hotline calls.
- Supported victims with **10,209** hours of counseling and advocacy.
- Presented **264** community education and training events for **4,950** individuals.
- Provided **952** school programs to **19,514** students.
- Benefitted from **6,241** volunteer hours of work provided by community volunteers.

Transitions says “NO MORE” to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Transitions joins with victim services centers across the country in saying “NO MORE” to domestic violence and sexual assault in a national campaign. This campaign aims to bring together all people, organizations, and communities that support ending domestic and sexual violence in our society. For more information, visit our website at www.transitionsofpa.org or www.pasaysnomore.org.

NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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Programs Director

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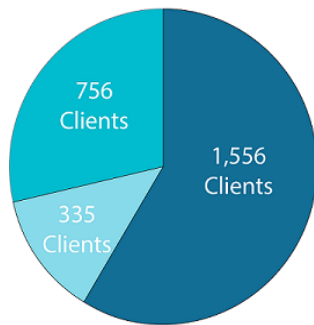
Damesha S.
Northumberland County Shelter Manager

Heather S.
Education Director

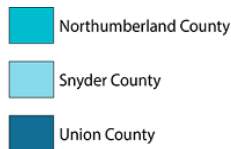
Patti S.
County Coordinator

Judy W.
Union County Shelter Manager

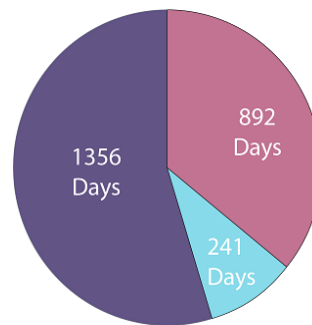
Leslie Y.
Fiscal and Fundraising Administrator



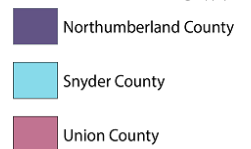
2,647 Clients



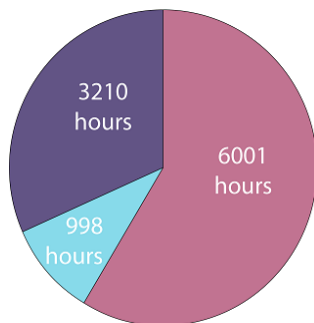
Number of Clients Served



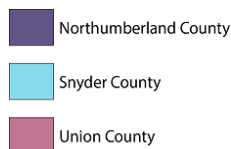
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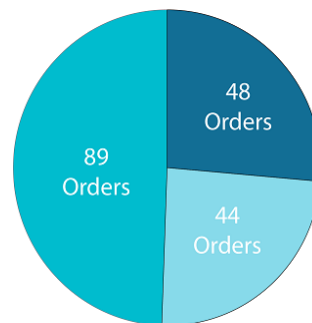
Total Shelter Days



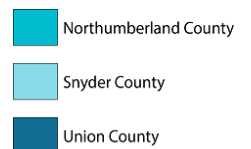
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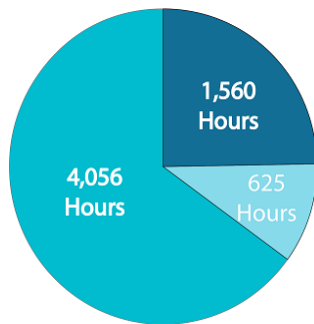
Counseling Hours



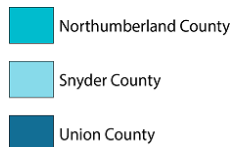
181 Orders



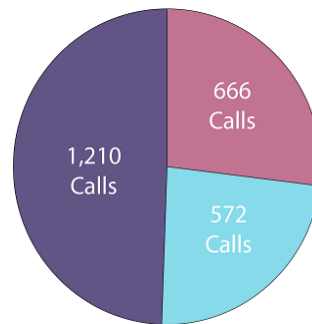
Total Protection From Abuse Orders



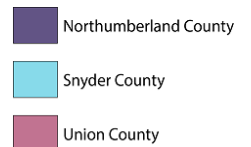
6,241 Hours



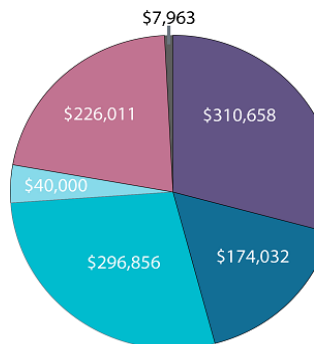
Number of Volunteer Hours



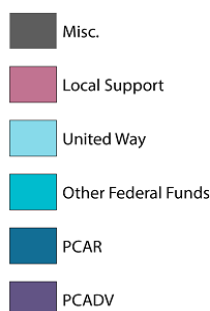
2,448 Calls



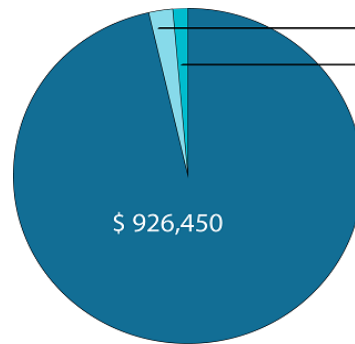
Number of Hotline Calls



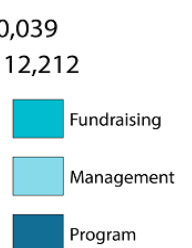
\$1,043,753



Revenue



\$ 958,701



Total Expenses

New Programs Implemented at Transitions

Teen Talk Program

Transitions expanded on a psycho-educational group that we have been providing to female adolescents at White Deer Run Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center. The curriculum developed for this group utilizes popular media as a vehicle to educate participants and open discussion on a wide range of safe living topics including the impact of victimization, signs of abusive situations, family relationships and building healthy relationships.

Through a PCAR Special Initiatives grant and an AmeriCorps volunteer, Adam H., Transitions began to facilitate our psycho-educational groups in the adolescent male unit. Through the course of this program, Transitions provided psycho-educational groups to 110 male adolescents and 84 female adolescents.

Human Trafficking Response

In 2013, Transitions joined the North Central PA Human Trafficking Response Team. This team is made up of the counties that border Route 15 from the New York border to Harrisburg (Bradford, Tioga, Lycoming, Union, Snyder and Northumberland) working together to end human trafficking in our counties. With the recent passage of Act 105, PA has strengthened services for victims of trafficking and penalties for traffickers and procurers of services from trafficked victims. This law applies to labor and sex trafficking. The majority of trafficking in the United States involves US citizens and not citizens of other countries being trafficked in the United States. Many of the people Transitions serves are survivors of trafficking.

Project Connect

In January, Transitions began the second year of Project Connect in Selinsgrove and Lewisburg High Schools. We have held a number of events within the schools to bring awareness to the project and the issue of Adolescent Relationship Abuse. In February, we coordinated events with Dating Violence Awareness Month, such as a "Wear Orange 4 Love Day" and reading the National Respect Announcement. These events were held to help students in the schools learn about Adolescent Relationship Abuse and intimate partner violence. In the month of April we organized a Teen Dating Violence Video Contest. The contest was opened to all high school students in our three county service area. As part of the contest, students were asked to create a brief PSA on dating violence, its effects and how to get help. We used this contest to raise awareness about Project Connect and build new collaborations in the community. A number of students participated in the project, and a local news station reported on the event and aired the winning video.

Lethality Assessment Program

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. In half of domestic violence-related homicides, officers previously had responded to a call on the scene. The re-assault of domestic violence victims in high danger is reduced by 60% if they go into shelter. This research is the driving force behind the development of Maryland's Lethality Assessment Program, which has now been adapted for implementation locally.

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 Police have implemented LAP, and Bucknell University, Mifflinburg Police and Shamokin Dam Police are in the process of implementation. Transitions intends to 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 Domestic Violence Shelters
- Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Legal Advocacy
- Medical Advocacy
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Teen Groups
- Prevention Education
- Outreach



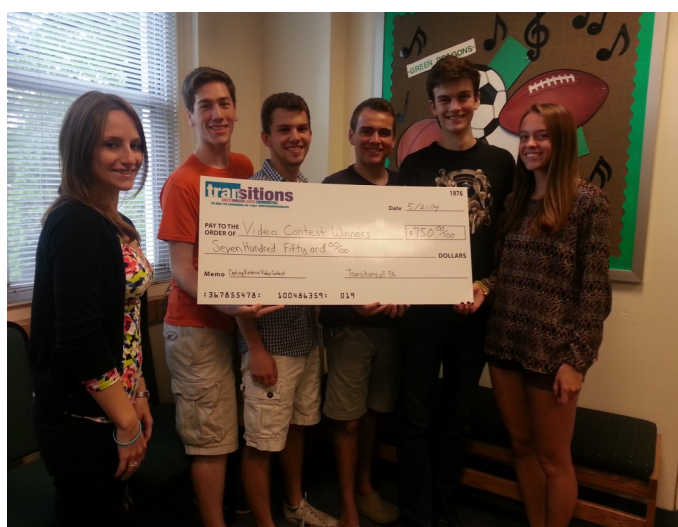
Students at Empire Beauty School in Shamokin Dam say “No More” to domestic violence and sexual assault after a training provided by Legal Advocacy Coordinator Katy K. in April 2014.



County Coordinator Patti S. sets up information for the community at Sunbury Hospital's Healthy Woman Expo in October 2013.



Transitions honored the 20th anniversary of Evangelical Community Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program in April 2014.



Education Specialist Sara G. presents a check to the winners of the 2014 Teen Dating Violence Public Service Announcement Contest in May. Winners were high school students from Lewisburg Area High School.

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