



Celebrating 40 years of service in our community!



Stepping Stones Agencies Newsletter

JULY 2020

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE IN CHILDREN



Children living in our shelter create safety plans and learn about topics like expressing feelings and understanding abuse in an age-appropriate way. Advocates available 24/7 at 445-4673.

Children who come to Stepping Stones with their parent receive important support from our Children's Advocates in order to help process through things they've experienced. We consider children PRIMARY victims, even if they weren't a direct recipient of violence. Why? Because throughout our 40 years of providing services, we know that witnessing abuse can affect their lives long after the abuse ends.

The parent and the advocates help children to gain self-worth and independence through age-appropriate activities like safety planning and educational groups.

Safety planning helps a child

know what to do if they ever feel unsafe. Just like an adult, a child's safety plan helps them know who they can talk to and what to do to if something is happening in their home.

Educational activities include topics like understanding their feelings, learning about choices, and learning about abuse. These topics help children build their independence and worth as they learn what is and isn't ok behavior.

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse and need to talk to someone, our advocates are available 24/7/365 on our helpline: 928-445-HOPE (445-4673).

FAMILIES FINDING INDEPENDENCE

Families work hard at Stepping Stones to regain their independence and self-worth, and that includes children! Adults who have participated in our programs are asked to

take an anonymous survey upon completion of the program to provide feedback on how they feel their lives have improved. From Jan 1- March 31, 2020, those who participated shared:

100% reported they feel they are regaining control in their life.

100% reported they know how to plan for their continued safety.

100% reported they felt their safety improved even after leaving Stepping Stones.

100% reported their children have skills that enable them to keep themselves safe in the future.

The best part of the program was the emphasis on independence and becoming a stronger individual. Stepping Stones taught me ways of coping, living, and succeeding.

- Stephanie, shelter graduate

ADVOCATES AVAILABLE ON OUR 24/7/365 HELPLINE 928.445.4673

IMPORTANT AGENCY UPDATES FOR JULY



OFFICE MOVE UPDATE

Stepping Stones Administration Office and Step One Community Center will be moving up to our new Prescott Valley location at 2651 N. Industrial Way later this summer. We anticipate this transition will be complete by October. Currently, there are NO meetings being held at Step One Community Center, and meetings will not begin again until we are settled in October. If you have questions about our move, please call Robin or Alexis at 928-772-4184, and watch our social media and website to stay up-to-date on all the details!

THRIFT STORE SAFETY

Just a reminder - Stepping Stones Thrift Store associates are working hard to sanitize and clean, as well as wearing masks, to help keep our stores as safe as possible. We ask that our customers please use social distancing when shopping, stay home if you are not feeling well, and encourage wearing masks in our stores to help protect others. Please note that restrooms and fitting rooms are CLOSED at this time.

We continue to monitor requirements and guidance from our local and state governments, as well as the CDC. Thank you for supporting local families with us!



Associates are sanitizing, cleaning, and following CDC guidelines for COVID-19.



DONATION PICK UPS

Donation pick ups for large items such as furniture can be schedule through our Donation Center at 928-759-0225. Typically, we are at least 1-2 weeks out. You can also call this number to learn more about what items we are accepting/unable to accept at this time. Donations and proceeds stay local and support families right here in our community!

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