

STEPS



STEPS TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE

A Program of Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families

Mission

STEPS to End Family Violence is dedicated to empowering families and communities through innovative strength-based programs that promote healing and social change. We are a progressive community organization that values justice and diversity.

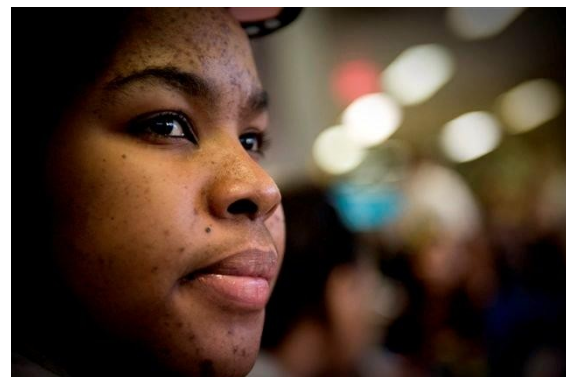


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“It is a wonderful program...they were always by my side and never judged me, even when I just felt like giving up. They always sent positive thoughts to me.”

~ Kalima, ATI Client

Services

- Advocacy & Referrals
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Crisis Counseling
- Toll-Free Helpline (1-877-STEPS-94)
- Parenting & Children’s Groups
- Civil Legal Services
- Re-Entry Case Support & Counseling
- Rikers Island-Based Services
- Training & technical assistance to community-based organizations, schools, social service providers, and community members

Vision

STEPS to End Family Violence is nationally recognized for its comprehensive work in empowering individuals and families. We work in partnership with schools, the criminal justice system, and collateral agencies to promote greater health and safety. STEPS is committed to raising awareness around the social issues that affect the people we serve and increasing community and political involvement toward enabling greater empowerment.

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History

STEPS to End Family Violence was founded in 1986 by Sr. Mary Nerney, who saw a great need through her work in New York's jails and prisons for services aimed at helping incarcerated women with histories of violence and abuse. Begun with a staff of two as a court advocacy project for battered women defendants, the program has since grown exponentially and now reaches over 5,000 New Yorkers each year.

Celebrating our 25th anniversary in 2011, STEPS continues to find significant success in educating the public and policy makers about the work we are doing to promote safety and social change.

“I learned that abuse can come in many different ways, and it is important to know who you are with and be careful. [RAPP] helped me because now I know what to look for when I am in a relationship.”

- RAPP Teen Participant



Programs

- Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)
- Children's Therapy Program
- Civil Legal Services
- Clinical Services
- Court-Based Programs
- Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)
- Re-Entry Program
- Safety Planning
- Teen Accountability Program (TAP)

Values

- Non-Violence & Peace
- Justice & Human Rights
- Empowerment
- Growth
- Respect
- Community & Supporting Diversity
- Compassion



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