

Stepping Stones Resource Center

Mission

"Stepping Stones Resource Center provides basic needs, life skills education and advocacy services for disenfranchised youth by supporting independent thought and empowering self-directed action."

Stepping Stones Resource Center promotes this mission by offering the following:

- A Safe, Nonjudgmental, Inclusive Environment
- Food, Clothing, Personal Care Items
- Safe Sleep Space
- Laundry
- Computer Workstations
- Assistance with Employment and Educational Goals
- Case Management Services
- Information and Referral

Vision

Stepping Stones Resource Center is committed to providing services that address barriers to independent living and self sufficiency of disenfranchised youth and will continue to offer and expand opportunities that promote goal establishment and attainment.

Values

- *Safety:* SSRC guests will be provided a safe environment which promotes freedom from threats of physical violence, sexual exploitation, verbal abuse, intimidating behavior, and invasions of privacy.
- *Self-determination:* SSRC guests will be provided the opportunity to make choices based on personal perception of what is in their best interest.
- *Diversity:* SSRC values human diversity including race, ethnicity, gender, religious / spiritual practice, partner preference, gender identity, economic class, and legal status.
- **Dignity and Worth:** SSRC will treat guests with respect believing that every individual possesses strength and opportunity for personal, educational, and professional growth.
- *Human Relationships*: SSRC recognizes the value of social organization and the ability to promote health and healing through peer and community relationships.
- *Social Justice:* SSRC is committed to challenging, combating, and advocating against all types of social oppression including racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism.
- *Service:* SSRC guests are entitled to informed service that maintains ethical practice through professional standards.

