



Transitions

A Stepping Stone Publication



Stepping Stone is an 8 bed transitional living program located in State College, Pennsylvania. Licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, the program serves placement and homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 21 for up to 18 months of programming. Our program's primary mission is to provide youth with a nurturing, supportive, and challenging environment conducive to learning the independent living skills needed to make the transition to self-sufficiency. Stepping Stone is one of many programs of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau.

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Holiday Wrap-Up

Stepping Stone staff and residents wish to extend a heart felt thank you to all of those individuals who helped make our holiday season extra special. Year after year, individuals and groups from around the community donate holiday gifts to our youth. A special thank you to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County's "A Book for Every Child, A Gift for All Seasons" program for all of the wonderful books, to the PSU Outreach Office for the generous gifts, and to the State College Presbyterian Church for their Angel Tree gift donations.



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TLP Gingerbread House

What is a holiday season without a gingerbread house! Residents, with the help of Residential Counselor Katherine Norris and Life Skills Coordinator Dene' Coyle transformed yummy treats into a spectacular gingerbread house. Resembling the likes of 334 South Burrowes Street, the house even had a pretzel rod fire escape! Staff was quite impressed with the creativity of our residents. Great job TLP!



Staff Profile: Dene` Coyle

Meet Dene` Coyle, our Life Skills Coordinator. Dene` began employment with Stepping Stone in June of 2006. Prior to being promoted to Life Skills coordinator, Dene` was one of our Residential Counselors.

Dene` grew up in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. After high school, she attended Duquesne University, in Western, PA and double majored in Political Science and Psychology.

Dene` enjoys working at Stepping

Stone for several reasons. First, she enjoys applying the skills she learned in college in a practical setting, when teaching youth life skills. Also, she enjoys the fun, interactive environment that comes along with working in a residential setting.

When not hard at work, Dene` enjoys reading, knitting, sewing, listening to and watching music and movies, scrap booking, playing cards, and rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Thank you Dene` for all of your hard work!

TLP Norms: Communication

Norms at Stepping Stone are expectations we hope each of our youth and staff adopt, in order to create a positive, goal-driven environment in the house. *Communication* is one of our norms. All youth and staff are expected to follow the following communication norms:

- No shouting or screaming
- Talk directly to a person when you have a problem or issue with them; do not speak about them behind their

back

- Talk problems out
- Give yourself time before speaking on or confronting a problem or issue so that your words come out in a mature, calm, and appropriate manner
- Do not make “smart” comments about others (this includes talking underneath your breath)
- No swearing

Did you know...Each week at Stepping Stone’s resident and staff House Meeting, a youth who has demonstrated appropriate behaviors in one of the norm categories, or who has gone over and above normal expectations, is acknowledged in front of his/her peers and can choose from a list of “Norm Rewards.” These rewards include such things as a 1/2 hour curfew extension, a free hygiene product,

TLP Picture Picks



A resident hard at work on the computer



Catonic (“Cat-Cat”) staying cozy inside

2006/2007 Donor List *those who have donated time, goods, service, etc.*

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Need to Make a Referral?

If you or someone you know would like to apply for admission, please call to reserve a slot in our interview schedule and to ask for an application (our application can also be accessed online at www.ccysb.com). Please be aware that Stepping Stone is not an emergency shelter. If you would like to know more about the program, we do offer tours of our facility and can send you further information.



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TLP Fun Facts!

Did you know Stepping Stone's weekly life skill workshops are open to youth in the community? If you, or you know a youth who may want to attend our weekly workshops held every Wednesday from 7pm -8pm, please call Kate Sager, Assistant Director, or Dene' Coyle, Life Skills Coordinator at (814) 234-2632.

Did you know that Stepping Stone accepts volunteers? If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Jennifer Hitz, Director of Shelter and Independent Living Services at (814) 234-2632 or (814) 234-0803 to discuss volunteering opportunities.

Children and youth have a right to be safe at all times. The safety of our children and youth in our agency is our number one priority. We expect everyone associated with the Youth Service Bureau to support children and youth's safety and well-being.

Upcoming Events:

Snow Tubing	February 15th	7pm-10pm
Life Skill Workshops	Every Wednesday	7pm-8pm

**Alumni residents interested in joining us for activities, please call us at (814)234-2632.*

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