

*People's Place  
Families in Transition  
Mission, Values, Goals*

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Families In Transition serves women and children seeking the safety and care of our shelters. Our families have been victimized by domestic violence in its many forms-physical assault, psychological and emotional battering, and spiritual abuse. The women and children that reside in shelter share many needs including security, housing, legal counsel, employment, schools, healthcare, counseling, understanding of domestic violence and its effects, and emotional support. We offer services and support around these family needs while striving to promote healing from the traumatic effects of domestic violence.</i>
<i>Values</i>	<i>Safety is our highest value. We work toward ensuring that all members of our community feel safe physically, emotionally, psychologically, socially and morally. We work toward a system of community responses to domestic violence that promotes accountability for batterers and provides advocacy to victims. We work from an antiracist/social justice framework. We work toward undoing oppressive social factors, such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and poverty that hurt people and add to the trauma of domestic violence. We value open communication and risk-taking in questioning authority and holding people accountable when power is abused. We value the pursuit of finding our voice and helping others to find theirs. We value hard work, for staff and resident, and sharing of knowledge.</i>
<i>Goals</i>	<i>We work with women to empower them to be able to accomplish the following: S=Safety: attaining safety in self, relationships, and the environment E=Emotions: identifying levels of emotions and modulating them, or adjusting them, in response to memories, persons, or events L=Losses: feeling grief and dealing with personal losses F=Future: trying out new roles or ways of relating and behaving as a survivor to ensure personal safety and helping others, setting goals and planning for the future</i>