



History

Synergy Services, Inc. was created through the merger of three dynamic social service organizations in Kansas City. Synergy House, SafeHaven of Kansas City and Children's Advocacy Council joined together to create one organization with complimentary services. As a single organization, Synergy Services, Inc. has the capacity to offer wraparound services to individuals and families while continuing to meet the growing mental health and social service needs of the community.

Synergy House, a youth focused program, was formed in 1970 to shelter and counsel the growing number of runaway and homeless youth in an effort to keep them safe from the violence of home and the streets. SafeHaven of Kansas City grew out of a community concern for addressing the issues of domestic violence. In 1984, the agency began offering counseling services and later opened three shelters for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The two agencies merged to become Synergy Services in 1997 in an effort to provide seamless shelter and counseling services to women, children and youth. In 1998, the programs of the Children's Advocacy Council (CAC) were incorporated into Synergy Services, adding a strong child abuse prevention emphasis. The dovetailing of these organizations has allowed Synergy Services to provide a coordinated response to meet the current needs of the community and remain responsive to the emerging issues facing individuals and families in today's society.



Administrative Offices

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Domestic Violence Hotline

816-HOTLINE

(within the Kansas City area)

1-800-491-1114

(outside Kansas City)

24-Hour Youth Crisis Hotline

816-741-8700, or

1-888-233-1639 (toll free)



**The Lifeline for Families
and Individuals in Crisis**



Volunteers provide direct services to our clients in Residential and Community Outreach Programs. Volunteers also serve on boards and planning committees and help with many special projects and events throughout the year. The Volunteer Program encourages volunteers to share their unique talents in creative ways. Volunteer positions are available in but not limited to the following areas:

Community Service

- 🎗️ **Synergy In Style Thrift Store** Volunteers are needed to organize and process donations and work the sales floor. Daytime and weekend volunteer hours are available.

Residential Facilities

- 🎗️ **Children's Center** Provides short-term residential services to children from birth to 17 years of age who have been placed in the custody of Division of Family Services (DFS) or for parental crisis placement. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **Synergy House** Provides short-term residential care for abused, homeless or runaway youth ages 12 - 18. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **SafeHaven Domestic Violence Shelter** Provides residency, counseling and support to adult women survivors and their children in Clay County. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **Transitional Living Program (TLP)** Provides long-term independent living environment, skills assessment, and support services to homeless youth ages 16-21. Need assistance moving youth into and out of apartments in the KC area, evening and weekend volunteer schedules.

Please contact Sue Ann Greer for further information on volunteering for any of these listed opportunities, or to inquire about other services that you may provide to assist Synergy Services, Inc and its mission.

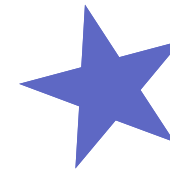
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Community Outreach

- 🎗️ **Court Services** Serves adult survivors of domestic violence victims who are involved with the legal system in city and state courts. Advocates assist individuals from the community as well as women in the shelter. Weekday and evening volunteer hours only.
- 🎗️ **Mentor Moms** Pairs pregnant and parenting teen moms with trained mentors spend 8 - 10 hours per month providing support and work to make parenting less stressful and encourage the teen moms to pursue educational and career goals. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **Graduates as Parents** Pairs pregnant and parenting teens who have received their high school diploma or GED with trained mentors who provide support and friendship. The mentors encourage teens to pursue educational and career goals. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **Mentors for Youth** Matches adult mentors one-on-one with at-risk youth ages 6 - 17; Mentors spend 8-10 hours per month providing friendship and positive life experiences. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **SafePlace** A community outreach program affiliated with QuikTrip, provides a network of "Safe Places" for youth and families to go in crisis situations. Flexible volunteer schedule.
- 🎗️ **The EXCEL program** Volunteers needed to facilitate life skills/job skills classes designed to increase participants' confidence in their ability to obtain and maintain meaningful employment. (Adult and teen programs) Weekday volunteer hours available.
- 🎗️ **Bridge/ SPAN** Volunteers provide advocacy to victims of domestic violence in the hospitals. Evening and weekend volunteer schedules available.
- 🎗️ **Street Outreach** Volunteers assist in providing street-based resources, necessities and education to homeless youth.. Evening and Overnight hours available.
- 🎗️ **STOP-Violence Prison Program** Volunteers provide training in their field of expertise to inmates across Kansas in conjunction with a program facilitated by trained volunteers. Non-flexible schedule.



Synergy Services envisions a world without family violence, abuse and neglect. As a lifeline for families and individuals in crisis, Synergy seeks to provide quality services to persons of all ages. Synergy strives to empower individuals, strengthen families, and develop the community through crisis intervention, shelter, counseling, advocacy, and education.



MO Tax Credits are available for individuals and businesses who make donations to Synergy Services.

Donations of funds, food, clothing, toys, and household items are appreciated.

Services are provided on a sliding scale fee basis and no one is denied care due to an inability to pay.