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- Second Stage Housing is safe affordable housing that enables women, with or without children, who have experienced abuse to set and achieve life goals. Women who choose a Second Stage Housing program have identified a need for ongoing support and safety, while living in a violence-free environment. In 2010-2011, 47 women and 62 children resided in second stage housing. Women's Issues Branch provides program funding to the 5 Second Stage Housing programs in New Brunswick. The five programs include 32 rental units for which the Department of Social Development provides a rent supplement.
- During their 12-month stay, second stage staff provides many services to the women and children such as individual and group sessions, referrals to community services and advocacy. Programs for women and children are intended to assist them in exploring the impact of abuse in their lives, to do safety planning, to build social networks, to assist in assessing personal options and to develop skills for setting and reaching goals in their futures.
- Second Stage Housing programs promote safety and security by providing enhanced security measures. Stalking, harassment and abuse often continue after women separate from an abusive partner; therefore, security measures are important for women to feel and be safer in their own homes.
- Staff of Second Stage Housing is part of a larger network of individuals and organizations who work on violence prevention activities and awareness. They create and sustain relationships with various service providers who assist women in overcoming barriers related to their abuse experience, their participation in family violence network activities and continually update their knowledge on the issue.