

Outcome Corner: The STEP Program

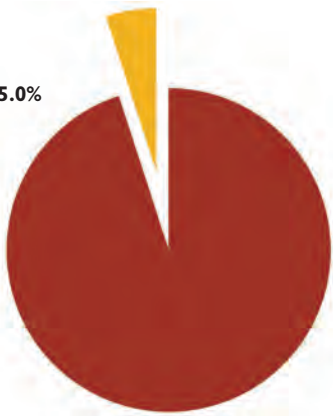
While the removal of children from home into foster care is painful and families eagerly await the time when they can be reunited, the period of reunification can also be very difficult. In Westchester County, the rate of failure of reunifications was 23.5% in the first year the children are home. The Children's Village STEP Program was designed to beat those odds by providing support to families during this difficult transition.

2007 – 2011 Outcomes

Goal: To reduce the recidivism rate of youth discharged from foster care.

Number of youth served: 670

**STEP Program
Successful Reunification
Five Year Average Rate: 95.0%**



Successful reunification rates for each year:



2011: 95.8%



2010: 94.2%



2009: 94.6%



2008: 95.1%



**Westchester Rate Prior to
The STEP Program: 76.5%**



2007: 95.4%

