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- Project Proposal:** First Step Domestic Violence Shelter  
<http://www.firststepweb.org/>
- Project type:** Male transitional shelter, Emergency shelter, community education, crisis line, counseling, and legal advocacy to families dealing with domestic violence issues.
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- Program Duration:** First meeting Dec. 2008 – Construction Summer 2010

**Abstract:**

The center serves four rural counties in northwest Ohio. The majority of people in these counties live in small rural towns employed by the agriculture industry or industrial factories (automotive, etc.). Many such factories have been shut down as a lot of industry production moves out of the country and an economic recession hits home. The loss of jobs and general economic status of the area began First Step thinking about how to serve the community even more than it does.

The organization is putting in place the programs to serve and necessitate male victims of domestic violence transitional housing, as well as possible future emergency shelter housing. They have a need for very affordable construction (possibly using re-used materials) as well as an interest in sustainable design strategies. Materials and labor would most likely be donated or purchased locally.

With the center being mainly funded by grant money, there will be an understanding that construction, if any, will be done in phases as the funds become available. There is no construction budget set at the moment.

First Step, and its managers, is very committed to new ideas so collaboration with the group will be easy and beneficial to us as well as them. If, at the very least, this project gives them more ideas for what direction they can head in the future than I think it will be a success. Although, it has potential to be much more.

**Funds:** All funding will be handled by First Step itself through grants



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## | Project Description |

Addition of **male transitional shelter**:

- Classroom (multi-purpose room)
  - Kitchen
  - Dining Room
  - Family Room
  - Children's Play Room
  - Bedrooms
  - Communal Bathrooms
  - Laundry
  - Storage
  - Night Monitor Station
- ✓ Square footages approximately the same as existing female transition shelter
- ✓ Design for possible future edition of emergency shelter

## | Design Strategy |

Design focus suggested by client:

- Maximum functionality
- Basic sustainable design strategies as a minimum standard
  - o Passive solar design, rain water reuse,
- Possible use of other sustainable strategies depending on cost effectiveness
  - o Wind energy, grey water system, etc.
  - o Local, Recycled, and Reusable Materials