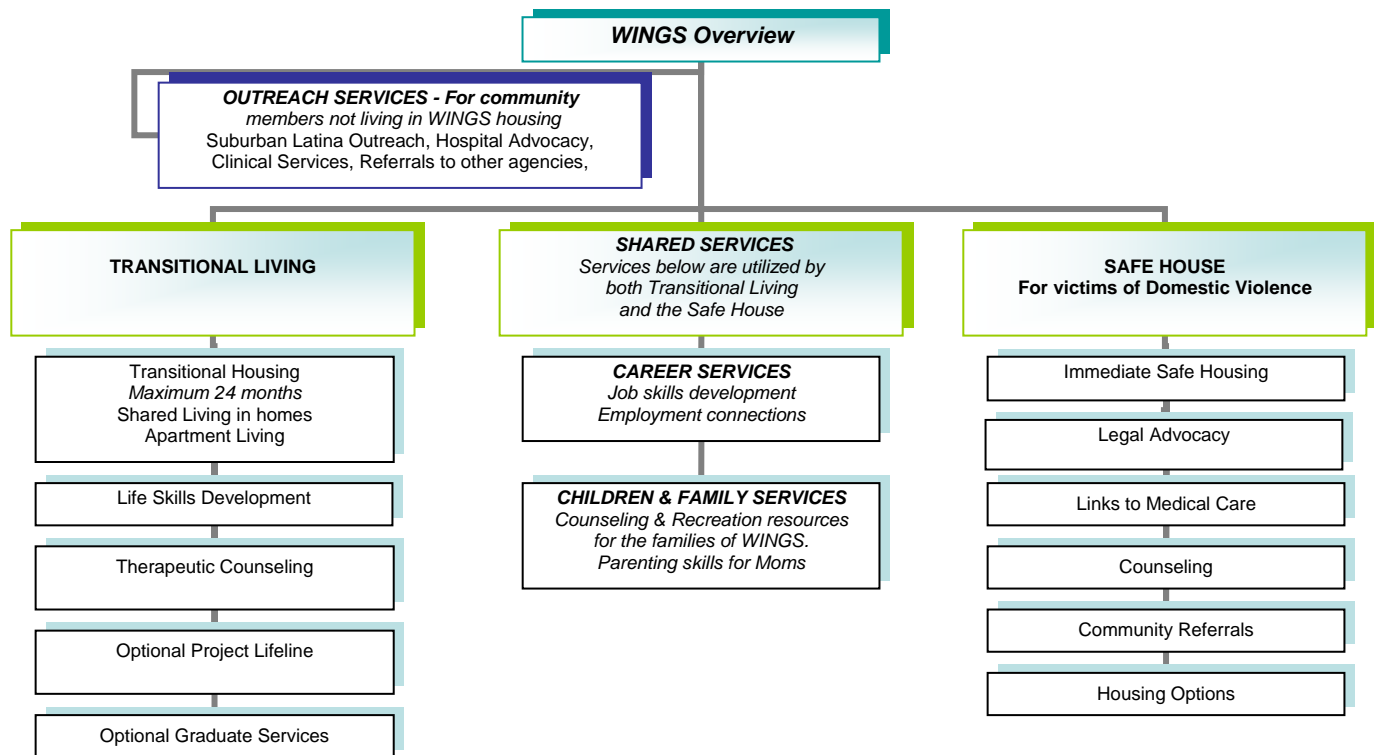




## *Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams*

WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger) is committed to addressing the needs of women and children who are homeless or suffering the devastating effects of domestic violence. WINGS receives well over 1,000 calls each year for help in surmounting the tremendous obstacles of finding decent and affordable housing, career guidance, and good quality child-care. **WINGS provides the following services:**



## *Demographics & Capacity*

- **Transitional Living:** WINGS currently operates 4 homes and 20 apartments that serve women and their children from Chicago and the suburbs of Cook and Lake Counties.
- Current maximum capacity is 165 women and children each night in our transitional homes and domestic violence shelter, but the actual number served fluctuates depending upon family size.
- In 2007/2008 WINGS provided 30,235 nights of transitional housing, food and supportive services for 134 women and children. (85 children and 49 women)
- WINGS' **Safe House** served 181 women and children (108 children and 73 women) with 10,036 nights of shelter

- **Individualized Transitional Housing** provides women and their families with financial and program support while living in permanent housing.
- **Clinical Services** are available to victims of domestic violence. Sessions focus on providing emotional support, domestic violence education, and safety planning.
- **Hospital Advocacy:** WINGS works with local area hospitals to provide victims of domestic violence with immediate crisis counseling, intervention and access to area resources.
- **Suburban Latina Outreach:** This initiative addresses the unique needs of the Latina population by utilizing bilingual, bicultural volunteers under the direction of a bilingual, bicultural Latina Outreach Coordinator.