

- 1st Step, Inc. has advanced client interests in technology-related opportunities by referring them to Technology Business Consultant, Gary Walker. A number of mutual clients have been developed between Gary and MI-SBTDC services in the Upper Peninsula.
- While providing expanded services to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at the Baraga Village Hall, 1st Step, Inc. worked with several of the Native American communities in advancing business opportunities for their members.
- Region 1 successfully completed two Community Development Block Grant applications for business expansions. They also worked with Michigan Economic Development Corporation account managers on a number of other potential projects that could lead to business expansions.
- 1st Step continues to offer services targeted to women-owned businesses and provide seminars and workshops tailored to their needs; this is particularly true for in-home daycare owners.

## Economic Impact

Businesses Served	1476
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Total Counseling Hours	2632
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