SERVICES PROVIDED:

Sable House staff and volunteers provide the following services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Polk County:

- **24-hour Crisis Hotline** – For victims in crisis who need support and information about their situation
- **Emergency Shelter** – For victims (and their children) who need a safe place to flee from domestic violence
- **Support Groups** – For victims (and their children) who need weekly support, information and education about domestic violence issues
- **Sexual Assault Response** – 24-hour response for victims of sexual assault including court accompaniment
- **Victim Advocacy** – Advocate on behalf of victims with the legal and social service systems
- **Community Outreach** – Community based presentations about domestic and sexual violence
- **Legal Advocacy** – Help navigating through the legal system and filling out paperwork, if needed.

ROLE OF PRACTICUM STUDENT:

The practicum student works with staff to provide services that meet the needs of the student and the clients. Students may choose to work in any of the service areas listed above.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK IS REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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