

The 28th district is represented by Senator Steve O’Ban, Representative Dick Muri, and Representative Christine Kilduff, and is located in South Puget Sound. Data below is for Pierce County and the Clover Park School District.



SIMONE’S STORY

Simone has moved at lightning speed since leaving a domestic violence situation. After 15 years of abuse, Simone

has relocated, holds two jobs, and is applying to apartments near her work with the ultimate goal of reuniting with her son.

Like many survivors, because Simone’s abuser controlled the finances, he retained the home, and she had to start from scratch. Simone had to part ways with many of the relationships she built while with her abuser, and without these connections, or a steady income, it was impossible for Simone to find a safe place to live.

After making fast friends in a safe house community, Simone was referred to the North Seattle Opportunity Center for Education and Employment. There, she was able to apply for resources like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and SNAP benefits, as well as receive intensive wraparound services from Solid Ground.

Solid Ground helped her to get a new ID and birth certificate, and provided gas cards so that she could make her appointments to follow through with her divorce. Because move-in costs can be prohibitively expensive, Simone will qualify move-in assistance once she finds an apartment within her budget.

Leaving DV situations can take time, and quality service providers are crucial. Simone says, “Things started to fall into place like a domino effect—I never got resources as quickly and as efficiently as I had when I came here.” Stability empowered Simone to speak courageously about the challenges women in abusive situations face, and she is committed to start a support group to help other women.

