



TURNING POINT INC.
SERVICES TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**Turning Point, Inc
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24-Hour Crisis Line: (586) 463-6990



MISSION STATEMENT:

Turning Point's mission is to provide programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness to regain control of their lives.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

Our philosophy is to work toward ending the use of violence as a means of oppressing and controlling others, and endorses the concept of helping people assume power over their lives. Turning Point serves the community by educating about the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, and as a voice advocating for the people we serve. Turning Point is dedicated to the development and promotion of model programs that address the root causes of violence, and to the enhancement of the quality of life for present and future generations.

OUR COMMITMENT:

Turning Point holds the belief that all people have the right to a violence-free life. Turning Point recognizes the importance of empowering people and working to end violence by providing counseling, support, advocacy, and a safe haven. We are committed to improving the lives of victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy for changes in the "systems" and through community collaboration. A community working together to end violence does make a difference.

OUR SERVICES:

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| 24 Hour Crisis Line | Prevention Education |
| Emergency Shelter/Case Management Services | Support Groups |
| Domestic & Sexual Violence Counseling | Forensic Nurse Examiner Program |
| Legal Advocacy | Personal Protection Order Assistance |
| Youth and Family Program | Second Hand Rose Resale Shop |



Our Services

24-Hour Crisis Line

Our professionally trained and highly skilled staff is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week to provide crisis counseling. Some callers are seeking information, some need validation of their feelings, others are seeking a safe place to sort out their lives. Many callers are seeking counseling to help them deal with the dynamics of domestic violence or sexual assault. Other callers are simply concerned and worried about their loved ones

Emergency Shelter

Turning Point provides temporary emergency shelter to victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. Each resident is assigned a case manager to assist them in obtaining necessary resources, i.e., housing, transportation, employment, etc. There are also opportunities to learn about health issues, budgeting, stress management, substance abuse and much more through a variety of presentations by interns, nurses, and community people.

Counseling

Staff provides individual counseling, play therapy and support groups to survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence and their significant others. The goal of counseling is to assist survivors in reducing the impact of sexual assault or domestic violence on their lives and assisting them in regaining control of their lives. All counseling is free and confidential.

Legal Advocacy

Staff provides advocacy through the criminal justice system by program staff accompanying survivors to pre-warrant interview, police reports, preliminary exams, trials and sentencing. This service is available to survivors even if they are not seeking counseling.

Youth and Family Program

The children in our Shelter also participate in counseling programs and support groups. They have the opportunity to talk about feelings, learn to resolve conflicts and develop a safety plan. The children also have time for games, crafts, and computers.



Our Services

Prevention Education

Turning Point's Prevention Education Program works to empower youth, helping them find their voice when they are bystanders to violence, giving them the confidence to confront the behaviors and attitudes of their peers. The program is presented through a classroom format to students at local schools. Schools are offered two and three day presentations on sexual assault, dating violence and/or sexual harassment. The presentations are interactive and dynamic, utilizing open discussion, role-plays, handouts and PowerPoint presentations.

Support Groups

It is common for survivors to feel alone in dealing with the impact of violence on their lives. Support groups offer an opportunity for survivors to share their experiences and identify common feelings, which foster a connectedness among group members. Survivors often report that they feel less isolated by the end of the group. We offer sexual assault groups, domestic violence groups and empowerment groups.

Forensic Nurse Examiner Program

Turning Point's Forensic Nurse Examiner Program is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide sexual assault survivors with physical and emotional care. The examination site is a private office in a non-hospital setting. The FNE staff will obtain information about the sexual assault, perform a medical forensic examination, collect forensic evidence, document injuries, provide medication for sexually transmitted diseases, and discuss pregnancy and HIV concerns. First response advocates are also available to attend to the emotional needs of the survivor by providing crisis intervention, safety planning assistance, medical information, legal information and information about community services.

Personal Protection Order Assistance

The office provides support and assistance to over 2,000 individuals each year. The PPO Specialist explains how the process works, and the procedures that need to be followed to file a personal protection order. The advocate is also available to handle emergency requests, safety planning, and provide crisis support to the survivor.



Turning Point Wish List

Gift Cards

- Meijer/Kroger
- Target/Wal-Mart
- CVS/Rite Aid/Walgreen's
- Gas Cards
- Phone cards
- Home Depot/Lowes/Sears
- Staples/Office Depot/Office Max
- McDonalds/Burger King
- Movie theatre cards
- Pizza and Sub shops
- Amazon.com e-certificates

Gift cards allow us to meet families' unique needs all year long!

Clothing Items*

- Pajamas, robes and slippers
- Women's casual & business clothing
- Clothes for children/teens
- Sweaters and sweat suits
- Undergarments (bras, panties and socks small and large sizes)

**The shelter only accepts new clothing. We accept gently used items at Second Hand Rose.*

Food Items

- Coffee/Coffee Creamer/Sugar
- Soups/spaghetti/sauce
- Tuna
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Juice boxes/hot chocolate
- Cereals (hot and cold)
- Individually wrapped snacks/chips
- Bottled water
- Large bags of Jolly Ranchers

Children's Play Therapy

Room

- Two 50lb. Bags of Play Sand
- Relaxation/Nature CD's
- Undecorated Mardi Gras Masks
- Smocks of all sizes for painting
- HP photo paper for children's projects

Craft Supplies/Games

- Plain T-Shirts (any color)
- Fabric Paint, Fabric Markers, Permanent Markers
- Arts & craft kits
- X Box
- X Box, Super Nintendo and Nintendo 64 games (non violent)
- Karaoke machine

These games are for the shelter and help kids have the fun they deserve!

Personal Hygiene Items

- Over counter meds i.e. cough syrup/aspirin/cortisone cream
- Lotion/lip balm
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Combs and brushes
- Scarves and hair wraps
- African American hair care products (Hair grease, pink oil moisturizer, relaxer, African Pride, Diane brushes, wide toothed combs)

Babies and Toddlers

- Diaper Bags (for mommy)
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6)
- Socks, shoes
- Sheet sets & blankets (crib/twin)
- Baby wipes, bottles, food, formula
- High chairs
- Crib mattresses and covers

Agency Needs

- Collapsible Table-Top Display Unit
- 4 yards of play sand
- Journals, Journals, Journals – these are given out to people utilizing our support services and shelter program
- Data Memory Sticks
- Small riser for events
- Microphone system
- Copy paper (white and color)

Shelter Household Needs

- Paper/Foam plates
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Garbage bags (33 gallon)
- Small sandwich bags
- Dish and Liquid Hand soap
- Powdered laundry soap (Industrial Sized Boxes)
- Dryer Sheets
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cleaning Supplies: Vinegar, Bleach, Windex, All Purpose Cleaners, Sponges, Disinfectant Wipes, Ajax
- 1 Commercial Vacuum Cleaner
- Set of Tools – with Pliers, Channel Locks, etc.
- Irons and Ironing boards
- Cordless Drill Battery, Dewalt #DW9094 14.4 V

Donations By Theme!



“Welcome to Your New Home” Families moving into their new homes face cleaning projects right away. A bucket filled with supplies like bleach, cleaning products, toilet bowl brush, mop, paper towel, etc. would be helpful.



“All About Me!” Journaling is a very therapeutic tool for adults and children. We give out over 500 journals each year. Items to include are journals, notebooks, pens, pencils, stickers, alarm clocks and disposable cameras.

Turning Point is registered at Target and Babies R Us for other shelter needs!

Thank you!!



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Thank You!