

# TurningPoint

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES



Turning Point Board of Directors: Paint the Night Purple Gala 2025

## FROM THE HEART OF 3M

### Funding Real Lives: *The Cost of Cuts in Domestic Violence*

In today's uncertain economic climate, funding for domestic violence programs is under strain—and the consequences are deeply human.

As public dollars shrink and grant processes become more competitive, Turning Point, like many nonprofits, will face difficult choices: cutting staff, reducing services, or limiting access. These aren't just operational decisions. They are decisions with lasting impact on survivors who are seeking safety, stability, and healing.

Policy changes at the federal and state levels have added another layer of complexity. Shifting immigration laws, housing restrictions, and healthcare barriers leave many survivors afraid to ask for help, even when their lives depend on it. Some clients tell us they feel like they're being treated as disposable, like they don't matter. **But people are not waste. Every life is worth protecting.**

When funding is cut, it reverberates through entire communities. A child witnessing abuse at home. A survivor is trying to keep a job while navigating court proceedings. A shelter is forced to turn someone away because the beds are full. These aren't numbers in a budget spreadsheet. These are real lives.



Domestic violence is already isolating. Underfunding services adds another layer of harm. Survivors deserve more than emergency intervention—they deserve support systems that recognize their dignity and meet their long-term needs.

As we face this funding landscape together, we must remember that the true cost of cuts isn't measured in dollars—it's measured in human potential lost, healing delayed, and justice deferred.

Now is the time to invest—not retreat. Your monthly commitment will help support our mission and survivors.

Our collective action can ensure that every survivor knows: **you are seen, you are valued, and you are never alone.**

Thank you for being part of our community. Together we can continue this life changing work.

With deep appreciation,

**Mary Margaret Maule**  
Executive Director  
MBA, CDVP



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# WOODSTOCK PRIDE 2025



*Turning Point Staff & Volunteer Walkers at Woodstock Pride 2025*

At Turning Point, we welcome everyone because domestic violence impacts all of us. In honor of Pride Month, we proudly participated in the Woodstock Pride Fest this past June. Our team walked in the parade and hosted a booth to raise awareness about domestic violence and share the work we do as an agency. Turning Point remains committed to supporting anyone affected by domestic violence, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.



We had a fantastic time attending Woodstock Pride again and we can't wait to see you next year!

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# OUT OF THE DARK: Summer Educational Series

Join us for our free summer educational series presented by Turning Point staff, designed to deepen community understanding and spark meaningful conversations around topics that impact us all. Each session dives into critical issues ranging from domestic violence, equipping attendees with knowledge, tools, and resources to create safer, more empowered communities. Check out our next session this week July 17 at 6 pm on Domestic Violence and the LGBTQIA+ Community.

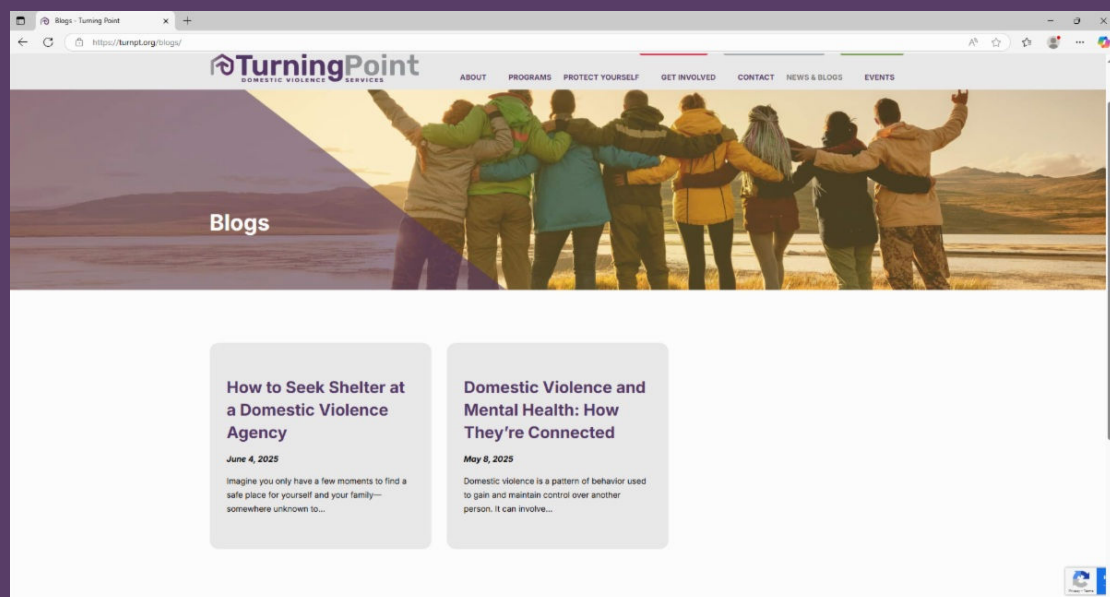


Whether you're a community member, service provider, educator, or advocate, this series offers valuable insights to help you better support those around you.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP](#)

## INTRODUCING OUR BLOG

When you visit (turnpt.org), you will see a tab that reads “News & Blogs”. Clicking blogs will allow you to read new blogs written and edited by Turning Point staff. We will be posting the 2nd Wednesday of every month, so be sure to stay followed on our social media and check out our website to know when new blogs go live! We have a couple blogs live and ready for you right now on mental health, shelter and the Take it Down Act, check them out below.



[READ OUR BLOGS HERE](#)



# WAYS TO SUPPORT US

Every mission thrives on the strength of its supporters. Ever wondered how to support our mission? Here are 7 ways you can help support us.

- 1.) **Gift Card Program:** Gift cards help us empower our clients to maintain their independence by assisting with the purchase of clothing, household items, birthday gifts, and more.



*Lockton Companies Donation*



*Living Waters Lutheran Church Donation*

- 2.) **Amazon Wish List:** Have your donation of personal hygiene or household cleaning products delivered right to our agency from Amazon!

- 3.) **Planned Giving:** Looking to leave a gift that will impact generations? Turning Point can help you learn how you can make a legacy gift to the agency.

- 4.) **In-Kind Donations:** Turning Point operates two in-house pantries for our clients. We accept donations of nonperishable foods, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning and paper products by appointment. If you have any questions regarding donations, please contact Mallory Breutzmann at 815-338-8081 or mbreutzmann@turnpt.org



*Emotional Support  
Dog Volunteer*



*Easter Baskets donated by  
a local community member*



*Personal Hygiene  
Product Pantry donated by The  
Period Project*

- 5.) **Volunteer:** We have multiple different opportunities at Turning Point. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Turning Point, visit our Volunteer Page.
- 6.) Host as a Speaker for a Free Educational Presentation at your work, school or community group. Learn more on our website.
- 7.) Reshare Our Content on Social Media: Interacting with our social media presence is an excellent way to support us! When you reshare our content across social media, the more likely a survivor will find our agency and can get the help they need.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO TAKE ACTION

VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



Doing something good never tasted better!  
We're having a fundraiser, and we need your support. Here's the best part: all you have to do is eat at Wendy's! Drop by, bring your friends, and enjoy a meal while helping us out.

## Turning Point Domestic Violence Services

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**  
**Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**2433 Richmond Road, #9321  
McHenry, IL**

**30%** of the sales during your designated timeframe  
on the day of your fundraiser will go back to your organization!

Domestic and intimate partner violence can affect anyone. Turning Point serves everyone and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

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