

Turning Point

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Confronting domestic Violence in McHenry County Since 1981

FROM THE HEART OF 3M

Dear Friends,

As I sit in my office watching the snow melt under a rare burst of February sunshine, I'm grateful that winter's grip is beginning to loosen. It feels as though spring is just around the corner—a reminder of renewal and hope.

February is often called the month of love—with Valentine's Day on the horizon and the promise of warmer days ahead. But it's also **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**, a time to reflect on how we can help young people build relationships that are healthy, safe, and respectful.



I still remember my first teenage relationship—the excitement, the uncertainty, and the confusion that come with navigating new emotions and expectations. Love felt thrilling and terrifying all at once. It's not hard to see why so many young people struggle to understand what love should feel like, especially when mixed messages about relationships surround them at every turn.

"Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your happiness." — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Today, one in three teens experiences some form of abuse in a dating relationship—whether physical, emotional, or digital. That staggering number reminds us why our work is so important.

Technology has changed everything about how young people connect. Texting, social media, and constant online presence can blur the lines between affection and control. It's easy for boundaries to get lost, and

that's where caring adults—parents, teachers, mentors, and all of us—come in.

Open communication is essential. Teens need to know who their trusted adults are and that it's safe to ask questions, share concerns, and talk honestly. When we give them space to learn and grow, we help them form relationships rooted in respect and trust—not fear or pressure.

In a world full of “situationships,” instant validation, and performative gestures, young love can be confusing. But at the heart of prevention lies something simple: teaching what healthy love looks like. That's how we break the cycle of domestic violence—by showing that love never hurts, and care always means respect.

As we recognize **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**, I invite you to join these conversations—with your family, community, and the young people in your life. And thank you, as always, for standing beside us. Because of your support, we're making meaningful change—one conversation, one connection, and one relationship at a time.

In Love and light,

Mary Margaret Maule
Executive Director
MBA, CDVP

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month which aims to raise awareness about teen dating violence and promote healthy, safe relationships among adolescents.

Did you know?

Nearly **1 in 11 female** and about **1 in 15 male high school** students report having experienced physical dating violence in the last year.

About **1 in 9 female** and **1 in 36 male** high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the last year.

This month, we strive to break the cycle of violence by offering support and resources to survivors and their families. With many teens in McHenry County

affected by dating violence, it is crucial for all of us to seize this opportunity to intensify our efforts and draw attention to this pressing issue. Together, we can create a community of care and empowerment, working to ensure safer futures for young people.

Year round Turning Point's Outreach and Prevention team provides presentations to pre-k through college on anti-violence education such as friendships, emotions, bullying, healthy relationship and teen dating violence awareness. We hope by having these conversations with youth and teens early they will not have to use our services down the road.



Turning Point's Outreach and Prevention Team



Thank you to MSUFCU for your donation for us to print our prevention Worksheets this school year.

FEBRUARY 2026



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

04 Wed

TDV WORKSHOP

6:30-7:30PM

@ ALGONQUIN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY EASTGATE BRANCH

05 Thurs

**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP
(TEENS & PARENTS)**

6:00-7:00PM

@ HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

IN THEIR SHOES

4:00-5:00PM

@ CL THE BREAK

09 Mon

TABLING

3:30-6:00PM

@ NIPPERSINK LIBRARY

10 Tues

BOUNDARIES STORYTIME

3:00-4:00PM

@ ALGONQUIN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
EASTGATE BRANCH



11 Wed

COMMUNITY HUB

1:30-3:30PM

@ WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDSHIP STORY TIME

4:00-5:00PM

@ YFC

14 Sat

**STRONGER TOGETHER: HEALTH, HARM REDUCTION, &
HEALING RELATIONSHIPS**

11:00-1:00PM

@ LIVE4LALI

16 Mon

YOUTH WORKSHOP MS

3:40-5:00PM

@ YFC

TDVAM WORKSHOP

6:30-8:00PM

@ WOODSTOCK PUBLIC
LIBRARY

17 Tues

TABLING

3:30-6:00PM

@ CARY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

18 Wed

**YOUTH
WORKSHOP HS**

2:00-3:00PM

@ YFC

**DIFFERENCES
STORY TIME**

4:00-5:00PM

@ YFC

BULLYING STORY TIME

6:30-7:30 PM

@ JOHNSBURG PUBLIC
LIBRARY

25 Wed

BULLYING STORY TIME

4:00-5:00PM

@ YFC



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Join Us for Our Annual Paint the Night Purple Gala!



Throw back to last years gala set up!

Join us for a night of advocacy on **February 28th, 2026!**

You won't want to miss this unforgettable evening at Turning Point's Paint the Night Purple Gala, where we come together to support McHenry County's **ONLY** comprehensive domestic violence agency. Every dollar raised during this special night helps survivors find safety, healing, and hope. Be a champion for change—purchase your tickets today!

Try your luck during our silent auction, jewelry mystery box and wine pull! This year our silent auction will feature Bears and Cubs tickets, golf outing at the Crystal Lake Country Club, Flying lessons and a private in home chef! More experiences to be announced soon!

Make a night of it and stay at the Holiday Inn after the gala, we have a block of rooms saved just for you! Book below!

[TICKETS AND INFORMATION](#)

[BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM](#)

Ways to Give - Sponsorships

PAINT THE NIGHT
PURPLE

02.28.2026 | FIARA CONVENTION CENTER
DINNER - AUCTION - ADVOCACY

2026 Sponsor Menu

PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$15,000

- Presenting Sponsor Logo prominently recognized on all digital and printed materials
- Acknowledgment on sponsorship banner
- Full page ad in event program
- Acknowledgment in all media outreach
- Premier table for 10 with 4 bottles of champagne on the table
- Recognition from the podium night of event
- Pre-recorded sponsorship message to be used as promotional outreach

HOPE GIVER: \$10,000

- Sponsor Logo recognized on all digital and printed materials
- Acknowledgment on sponsorship banner
- 1/2 page ad in event program
- Acknowledgment in all media outreach
- Premier branded table for 10 with 2 bottles of champagne on the table
- Recognition from the podium night of event

COMMUNITY BUILDER: \$5,000

- Sponsor Logo recognized on all digital materials
- Acknowledgment on sponsorship banner
- Shared 1/2 page ad in event program
- Branded Table for 10
- Recognition from the podium night of event

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PAINT THE NIGHT
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ADVOCATE: \$2,500

- Branded Table for 10
- 1/4 page ad in event program

SUPPORTER: \$1,000

- 1/4 page ad in the program


COCKTAIL SPONSOR: \$4,000

- Sponsor Logo prominently recognized in program at service locations
- Acknowledgment on sponsorship banner
- Full page ad in event program
- Recognition from the podium night of event

MYSTERY BOX SPONSOR: \$3,000

- Sponsor Logo prominently recognized in program
- Branded thank you inside mystery boxes
- Acknowledgment on sponsorship banner
- 1/4 page ad in event program

For questions or to become a Turning Point Sponsor, please contact Mallory Breutzmann at mbreutzmann@tupnt.org or call us at 815-338-8081

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Sponsors are the backbone of our incredible fundraisers.

Your generosity directly empowers us to expand our reach, enhance our services, and better support survivors and their families. Whether through a **monetary donation, sponsorship, or an auction item**, your contribution plays a critical role in helping us fulfill our mission.

In Fiscal Year 2025, thanks to sponsor and community support in raising over \$94,000 at Paint the Night Purple, we were able to:

- Serve **2,039 adults** through counseling, legal advocacy, and alternative to violence programming
- Support **5,575 nights** of emergency shelter for 93 adults and 47 children
- Assist in filing **584 Orders of Protection** at our courthouse satellite office
- Answer **2,672 hotline calls** on our 24/7 domestic violence hotline

We are inviting you to stand with us. Sponsorships offer a meaningful way for you or your organization to be recognized for your commitment to our mission to *Confront Domestic Violence in McHenry County*. All sponsors and donors will be acknowledged through social media, event signage, and printed materials, ensuring your support is visible to our entire community.

EMAIL OUR EVENT COORDINATOR

Or call us and ask for Mallory Breutzmann at 815-338-8081

Read Our Blogs

Blogs are posted the 2nd Wednesday of every month, so be sure to follow our social media and check out our website to see when they go live!

For the month of January, we are highlighting
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month!

Empowering Our Youth: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February 10, 2026

Turning Point Staff on Wear Orange Day for Teen Dating Violence Awareness | February 10th, 2026 February is Teen...

Spreading Awareness During National Stalking Awareness Month

January 14, 2026

January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM). Stalking is considered more than one or two occurrences of repeatedly and...

[READ OUR BLOGS HERE](#)

Upcoming Events

Check out our Teen Dating Violence Awareness Calendar for details above!

Paint the Night Purple Gala 2026: Saturday February 28

20-Hour PAIP Facilitator Training: March 10-12th

40-Hour Domestic Violence Training: March 16-18th

[SIGN UP FOR A TRAINING](#)

[Purchase Tickets to the PTNP Gala](#)

Turning Point is the only comprehensive domestic violence agency in McHenry County. Our services for survivors include a 24/7 helpline,

emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, mental health therapy, children's counseling, and legal advocacy. Our survivor services are offered at no cost to the community and are available in both English and Spanish.

Our Alternatives to Violence programs include our Partner Abuse Intervention Program, Survivor's Intervention Program, and Positive Parenting Interventions program. These programs are open to the community and have sliding scale fees.

Turning Point also offers Outreach and Prevention programming to local McHenry County schools and community members.

Our holistic approach ensures that we address domestic violence at every stage—from crisis intervention to prevention—so that we're not just reacting to violence, but actively working to stop it before it begins.

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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