

Turning Point DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Confronting Domestic Violence in McHenry County Since 1981

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Dear Friends,

Each March, Women’s History Month reminds us that the progress women experience today was not inevitable—it was built through generations of courage, advocacy, and the refusal to accept violence, inequality, or silence as the status quo. For those of us working in the field of domestic violence, that history is not distant, it lives in the work we continue every day.

There is a simple truth that reminds us why this progress matters so deeply:

Half of the world’s population is women, and the other half are their children.

When women are safe, empowered, and able to live free from violence, entire families and communities grow stronger. The well-being of women shapes the well-being of the next generation—and ultimately, the health of our entire society. We all have a vested interest.

In the movement to end domestic violence, that progress is especially visible.

Not long ago, domestic violence was widely treated as a private matter— in fact, the very seed of Turning Point Domestic Violence Services is rooted in a survivor when seeking help from the courts, - “go home and it’s a family matter”.

Survivors had few legal protections, limited financial options, and very few places to turn for safety. And the ever present question - **“WHY DOES SHE STAY?”**



Decades of advocacy by women helped to evolve the perception of Domestic Violence. . Through education, policy reform, and the creation of community-based services, survivors today have access to legal protections, confidential advocacy, and shelters designed to help families rebuild their lives.

Financial empowerment has been equally transformative. Economic independence remains one of the most powerful tools in preventing and escaping abuse. As women have gained greater access to education, careers, and financial resources, they have also gained greater agency over their lives and relationships.

And yet, the work is far from finished. Nationally, 1 in 3 women will experience physical violence from an intimate partner in her lifetime, and women remain far more likely than men to be killed by a current or former partner.

At Turning Point, we see the impact of that empowerment every day. For more than four decades, Turning Point has had the privilege of standing beside survivors in this community—providing safety, advocacy, and the support needed to rebuild lives.

We witness survivors rediscover their strength. We see women who once felt trapped begin to reclaim their futures—securing employment, returning to school, finding safe housing, and rebuilding confidence that abuse tried to take from them. The transformation is often quiet but unmistakable. Shoulders lift. Voices grow stronger. Hope returns.

Women's history is still being written. It is written in moments of courage, in the quiet rebuilding of lives, and in communities that refuse to accept violence as inevitable. At Turning Point, we see that courage every day in the survivors who walk through our doors. With the support of this community, those moments of courage become new beginnings—and together we move closer to a future where safety, dignity, and opportunity belong to every woman and every child. Everyone.

In Love and light,

Mary Margaret Maule
Executive Director
MBA, CDVP

Women's History Month

LEARNING IN BLOOM



Spring Educational Series

Honor Women's History Month and join us in exploring the historical roots of the domestic violence movement, the disproportionate effect of violence against women, and how society continues to nurture gender-based violence.

These presentations are free and open to all!

CEUs available upon request.


*Women's History Month
Learning in Bloom*

Honor Women's History Month with Turning Point DVS. Join us in exploring the historical roots of the domestic violence movement, the disproportionate effect of violence against women, and how society continues to nurture gender-based violence. These presentations are free and open to all. CEUs available upon request.

Virtual Presentations

- March 11th - 12:00pm - Domestic Violence 101
- March 11th - 6:00pm - Teen Dating Violence 101
- March 25th - 12:00pm - Women's Empowerment
- March 25th - 6:00pm - Gender Roles and Domestic Violence

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/r/r1tBgQnj9yvX>
Email - tiffanyh@turnpt.org with any questions




*Women's History Month
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A DISCUSSION ON THE CULTURAL ACCEPTANCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

March 19th 6:30-8:00 pm
In Person at Turning Point DVS Main Campus

Join **Turning Point DVS and McHenry County NOW** for a facilitated discussion on the cultural acceptance of violence against women. You will join other community members in a "world cafe" style conversation. This will be the second time we co-host this event and are excited to revisit this topic.

Pre-registration is encouraged
This event is free! Snacks included.

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/r/dTquVcEBcJ>
Email - elissac@turnpt.org for any questions





Register for Virtual Presentations - All Month!

Register for our In-Person Presentation March 19th!

2026 Paint the Night Purple Gala

Thank you for helping us raise over \$100,000!

The evening was both a celebration of how far we've come from our humble beginnings nearly 45 years ago, and a reminder of what we can accomplish when we continue to stand together. THANK YOU to everyone who gave us their time, energy, hope, and heart to our mission.

We are looking forward to next year - save the date for **Paint the Night Purple | April 10th, 2027!**



Hope Award Recipient - Tiffany Umbarger



Heart Award Recipients - Michael and Linda Klingenberg



Winning big at the silent auction!



Thank you to our volunteers!



Full photo album available on our [Facebook page](#)!

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 March, we are highlighting
Women's History Month and Domestic Violence

**History Intertwined:
Women's History
Month and Domestic
Violence**

March 11, 2026

As Spring begins this March, we want to take a moment to recognize Women's History Month. The blooming of...

**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...

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Culver's Care Night @ Woodstock Culver's!

Join Turning Point staff and volunteers at the Woodstock Culver's, located at 1620 W Lake Shore Dr in Woodstock, IL for a **Culver's Care Night!** A portion of the proceeds from all sales made will come right back into our community.

The more diners we have, the bigger the donation! We will see you there!



MAKE YOUR *Meal Matter*

TUESDAY • MARCH 24 • 4-8PM

Join us in supporting (Turning Point - Domestic Violence Services), as a percentage of sales will be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community - and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!



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Spring Donation Drive: Paper Products



Drop-Off Location: 11019 US-14 Building B Woodstock, IL
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Spring Paper Products Drive!

When can I drop off?

The drop-off time will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm through the end of April.

Where can I drop off?

You can drop off donations at our main campus in Woodstock.

What do we need?

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex tissues
- Reams of printer paper

For any questions contact Mallory Breutzmann at mbreutzmann@turnpt.org or call us at 815-338-8081



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Upcoming Events

March

Women's History Month - Learning in Bloom Trainings: All Month Long!

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

Culver's Care Night @ Woodstock Culvers: March 24th 4-8pm

May

40-Hour Domestic Violence Training: May 11th-13th

June

2027

Paint the Night Purple: April 10th, 2027

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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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