



# Turning Point

## Domestic Violence Services

P.O. BOX 103 • COLUMBUS, INDIANA 47202-0103

### Annual Report to the Brown County Community

#### Community Outreach

- Emergency Shelter
- Education, Prevention, Training
- Goal Planning
- Advocacy/Case Management
- Children's Program
- Legal Advocacy Program

#### Service Area Brown County

1-812-988-2239 ext. 12464

**Bartholomew**  
1-812-379-5575 ext. 211

**Shelby**  
1-317-398-5682

**Jackson**  
1-812-523-3472

**Jennings**  
**Dearborn**

**Jefferson**  
1-812-265-3910

**Ohio**  
**Decatur**

**Johnson**  
1-317-736-8666

**Ripley**  
**Switzerland**

Toll-Free Helpline  
800-221-6311

Administration  
812-379-5575

Help for  
Today...Hope for  
Tomorrow.

JULY 2009

"I was not used to being treated  
like a person and that is how  
I acted when I got here  
(Turning Point.)  
Staff respected me and  
encouraged me and now  
I feel much better about myself."

Turning Point Client



## Victim Success Outperforms Increase in Violence

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services reports a 35% increase in the number of outreach families served this year to date compared to 2008!

YEAR	1st Quarter 2008	1st Quarter 2009	% (+) (-)
Clients Served	415	561	(+) 35.0%
Units of Services Provided	2,274	3,153	(+) 38.6%

Clearly, the current economic downturn is contributing to an increase in domestic violence.

In addition, Turning Point staff has reported an increase in the intensity of the violence that is being presented by victims. Other domestic violence providers confirm our experience. Catherine Shugrue dos Santos of Sanctuary for Families, New York State's largest nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to dealing with domestic violence victims and their children, states "Clients are coming in more severely battered with more serious injuries. This leads us to believe that the intensity of the violence may be escalating."

Furthermore, according to a number of studies funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) within the United States Department of Justice, research findings paint a very daunting reality of the challenges victims of violence may be facing in these times:

- Unemployment instability increases the risk of intimate partner violence;
- Intimate partner violence is more likely to occur when couples feel financial strain and repeat victimization of women is more frequent when couples feel financial strain;
- Women experiencing recent intimate partner violence experienced unstable employment over the three year period of the study;

Perhaps this explains why most everyone who hears that domestic violence has increased this year reacts with little surprise. While it visibly causes most people to wince upon hearing it, we are not surprised!

**The real surprise may reside in the lesser-known reality of the success that victims of domestic violence are achieving!**

In 2008, 78% of victims of domestic violence served in-shelter at

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## Victim Success

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Amy Oliver, Turning Point Director of Legal Services, presented the Power of One Award to Erin Kean.

Turning Point did not immediately return to their assailant following their shelter stay.

An average of 94% of victims who had been provided with case management services through one of our outreach programs remained free of their abuser at 3 months.

In fact, a 1999 study conducted by Sullivan and Bybee affirms two significant truths about the relationship between the success of victims of violence and the impact of agencies such as Turning Point:

More than twice as many women receiving advocacy services experienced no violence across the 2 years post intervention compared with women who did not receive such services.

- Women who worked with advocates experienced less violence over time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources.

### Why is this so important to note?

Because, in a 1991 study, Chris M. Sullivan notes that 3 factors appear to influence the decision of women to seek outside help to end the violence they are experiencing:

- Severity of the abuse;

- Number of resources a woman possesses; and
- Belief that such efforts will be successful.

While the increase in violence may not be surprising to any of us, we at Turning Point want you to know that victims of violence continue to amaze us with their resiliency and achievements in the face of the violence they are overcoming. They are seeking help in record numbers, gaining valued resources to help themselves, and learning that their efforts can indeed be successful!

This is also significant as a compliment to Turning Point team members who are doing such great work in providing services to our families, despite agency staff reductions over the past year.

In each community we serve, I invite the community to continue to place a greater emphasis upon the changes that our community needs to make rather than to fall back on the historical focus of what changes that a victim should make to keep her (self and children) safe.

At Turning Point, all experience and research points out that as the community changes to provide more resources and options for victims of violence, they are more likely to seek help and to be successful in making the tough changes in their lives that will empower them to break free from violence.

By Rhea Murray, Director of Outreach; and Pat Smith, President. Darla McKeeman, PhD, Director of Client & Training Services contributed.

## 2008 Program Statistics



98% of victims of domestic violence do not go to shelter...  
2% choose shelter

Agency Statistics	2007	2008
All Calls Received	12,793	11,134
Families Served in Community Outreach	1303	1,317
Adults Served in Shelter	161	170
Children Served in Shelter	128	179
Total Nights in Shelter	5383	5,689

Prevention & Awareness Training	2007	2008
Number of Presentations	270	262
Number of Attendees	4,426	5225

### Brown County

	2007	2008
All Calls Received	379	452
Families Served in Community Outreach	91	64
Adults Served in Shelter	3	7
Children Served in Shelter	7	4

### Prevention & Awareness Training

Number of Presentations	1	1
Number of Attendees	34	32

## Financial Report 2008

INCOME	AGENCY TOTAL	BROWN COUNTY
State and Federal	608,312	27,020
United Way Funds	294,019	2,850
Contributions/Foundation	460,073	11,517
Operating Income	1,362,404	41,387
Restricted Income	-	-
Capital Improvements*	54,020--	-
Total Income	1,416,424	41,387
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel	1,093,236	49,171
Facilities	119,777	2,404
Operations	224,909	9,266
Total Expenses	1,437,922	60,841

## Donors

### Awareness Advocates

**\$1,000-\$2,499**

Don & Laura Stuart  
Grace Church  
Annella Hamilton

### Breaking the Cycle

**\$500-\$999**

Steve & Cathy Junken  
Nashville United Methodist Church  
St. David's Episcopal Church

### Child Advocates

**\$250-\$499**

Kenneth & Janet Harker  
Psi Iota Xi, Eta Alpha Chapter  
Robert & Christiine Ritzmann

### Companions in Action

**\$100-\$249**

Keith Bradway  
Brown County Live Entertainment  
Jones Law Office  
Michael & Jaydene Laros  
David & Cathy Martin  
Lucinda A. Nord  
Jim & Amy Oliver  
Daniel & Sue Reuter  
Timothy & Cathy Rothrock  
Rita Simon  
Bill & Ann Walters

### Safe Haven Supporters

**\$50-\$99**

Bill & Jenny Austin  
Judith Burns  
Michael & Marilyn Day  
Steve & Sandy Fittz  
Raymond & Leona Gray  
Richard & Jan Halladay  
Stu & Jane Huffman  
Leo & Edie Katalinas  
Robert & Donna Ormiston

### Silent No More

**\$1-\$49**

Anonymous (2)  
Elva M. Bohne  
Steven & Patricia Conard  
Pam Crawford  
Rick & Stephanie Dean  
Indiana Family Social Services  
DVPI, SS6  
Terry & Debra Lackey  
Mark & Peggy Lindenlaub  
Michael & Mari Miller  
Paul & Carole Page  
Becky Rejko  
Galen & Rebecca Robertson  
Richard L. & Carol J. Routh  
Ray Schaefer  
Kim & Martha Sechler  
United Methodist Women  
Barbara Zieg

Jenny Fleetwood,  
Turning Point  
Community Services  
Director, received a  
\$500 check from  
Brown County  
Community Foundation  
CEO Bob Kirlin,  
for Shoe Card  
funding.



L to R: Sue Vansickle and T. Neil Moore, PhD, Community Justice Institute of Indiana, received the Mission Partner Award from Rhea Murray, Turning Point Director of Outreach Services.

## Honorariums

Grace Church  
Kenneth & Janet Harker  
Steve & Cathy Junken  
Daniel & Sue Reuter  
Robert & Christine Ritzmann  
The Children  
Stu & Jane Huffman  
Mrs. Sugar Eacret  
Michael & Marilyn Day  
Jenny Fleetwood  
Annella Hamilton  
Gay Hayes  
Judith Burns  
Fane Hein  
David & Cathy Martin  
Jane Huffman  
Jim & Amy Oliver  
Doris Mae Jones  
Wanda Jones, Attorney at Law  
Evelyn Kent  
Galen & Rebecca Robertson  
Amy Oliver  
Richard L. & Carol J. Routh  
Bonith Oliver  
Jim & Amy Oliver  
Helen Plank  
Kim & Martha Sechler

## Memorials

My Mother  
Pam Crawford

## Grants & Foundations

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Brown County Community Foundation  
Brown County Department of  
Child Services  
Brown County Drug Free Council  
Brown County Lions Club  
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute -STOP  
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute -VOCA  
Indiana Housing and Community  
Development Authority  
Emergency Shelter Grant  
Indiana Family Social Services Adm. (FSSA)  
Domestic Violence Prevention &  
Treatment  
Family Violence  
Sex Offense Services Program  
Social Services Block Grant  
McKinney Vento  
Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)  
Legal Aid District Eleven

# Brown County *update*

Turning Point estimates that 200 Brown County families are victimized by domestic violence each year! Turning Point President Pat Smith states, "These levels of violence amongst our families are not acceptable and must be reduced or eliminated."

## Service Growth to meet Need

Turning Point has grown its domestic violence services in Brown County from Emergency Shelter & Crisis/helpline to a full service presence throughout the county that includes one-on-one family interventions and case management to over 60-90 families per year!

In addition, Turning Point is now providing critical Prevention & Awareness services to women and children in order to stop abuse before it continues in the next generation! We are beginning to reach more Brown County families through our prevention and awareness trainings!

## Current Community Partners

Since its inception in Brown County providing services has largely been accomplished through Turning Point gaining the support of Brown County (BC) Community Foundation, BC Department of Child Services, BC Drug Free Council, BC Lions Club, Emergency Shelter Grant, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Family Social Services Administration (FSSA), McKinney Vento, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) and Psi Iota Xi, Eta Alpha Chapter. Some local churches have also assisted.

Each year, the deficit in funding these critical Brown County services is met by Turning Point providing funds from unrestricted revenue or grants that come to Turning Point from sources outside of Brown County. According to Smith, "Our Board and staff are committed to the investment we have made in Brown County domestic violence services."

## Deficit

In 2008, the funding deficit for domestic violence services in Brown County was \$19,454. Even so, Smith points out, "We will not reduce services at a time when the need and demand for services is so great!"

## Goal

Smith states, "Instead of reducing services, we will overcome the deficit by rallying the support of individual donors and Brown County community partners to build our funding capacity by \$20,000 per year over the next three years.

Turning Point will need your help and the help of many community members to sustain and grow domestic violence services in Brown County. Smith is confident that the community will respond. "Domestic violence represents a terrible blight in any community. The Brown County community will want to help these families find safety and see their children grow up in a better world free of family violence! We will achieve it together!"

To assist in this critical community initiative, please contact Turning Point President Pat Smith at 812-379-5575, ext. 201 or [patricksmith@turningpointdv.org](mailto:patricksmith@turningpointdv.org).

*Please consider  
a gift today!*



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For additional information  
about our services,  
please go to our website at  
[www.turningpointdv.org](http://www.turningpointdv.org)

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Columbus, IN  
Permit No 19

A United Way/Fund Agency

## Thank You

On behalf of our clients,  
Thank You to each corporation,  
individual, church, and civic  
organization for your ongoing  
contributions of in-kind gifts and  
services which enable us to  
offer Turning Point services  
at no cost to our clients.

A Special Thank You to our  
Anonymous donors.

Help for  
Today...Hope for  
Tomorrow.

## Transitional Housing *Wish List* From Columbus Service League



Debbie Dailey (L) of Brown County Department of Child Services, accepted the Distinguished Service Award from Jenny Fleetwood.

## Save the Date

October Awareness  
Luncheon

Monday, October 19

RSVPs requested.

Please call

812-379-5575 ext. 202

or

[nbirdwellgoodin@turningpointdv.org](mailto:nbirdwellgoodin@turningpointdv.org)

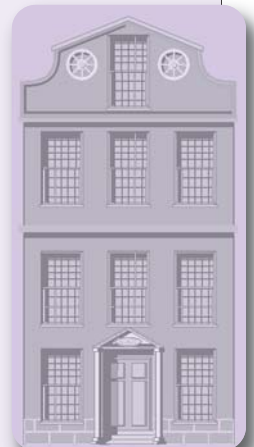
In 2008, Turning Point relocated its administrative offices to the United Way Building. This year the former Administration building will be converted into two apartment units to house domestic violence families for up to two years. In preparation for this exciting new opening, the Columbus Service League (CSL) has taken on the task of furnishing one of the apartments with needed essential items.

If you would like to assist with "wish list" items for the apartments, CSL has now registered the Transition House at Target! To see the list, please go to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) or a store kiosk and then go through the following steps:

- Go to "FIND A LIST"      • Go to "FIND BY ORGANIZATION"
- The organization is under "CSL" and it should bring up the list
- It will say that it is for "TURNING POINT TRANSITION HOUSE"

Nita Whaley with Columbus Service League has offered to store the items. Whaley can be reached at **812-418-5207**.

To make a financial contribution for building renovation, contact Nichol Birdwell Goodin, 812-379-5575 ext. 202.



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