

TURNING POINT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TURNING POINT
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES



During our last Board meeting, Board Chairperson Chris Griffith presented Pastor Jerri Williams with a Plaque of Appreciation. As her time on the TPDVS Board comes to an end, we wanted to convey our heartfelt gratitude for her services. Board service can be the most challenging volunteer duty, and she handled her responsibilities and commitments as treasurer with admirable grace and passion. We appreciate all of her efforts and wish her a lovely retirement!

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE DAY WE DID NOT ANSWER A CALL FROM SOMEONE NEEDING HELP. CALLERS ARE OFTEN SEEKING EMERGENCY SHELTER, NEEDING REFERRALS, OR WANTING SOMEONE TO LISTEN AND “HEAR” THEIR NEEDS. OUR TOLL-FREE CRISIS LINE IS ALWAYS OPEN, 24-7 AND AT TPDVS OUR HIGHLY TRAINED ADVOCATES CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT NO MATTER WHAT THE CALLER’S CONCERNS ARE. WE HAVE CONVERSATIONS EVERY DAY ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS THE EXTREME CHALLENGES FAMILIES ARE FACING.

RECENTLY WE HAD A CALL FROM A FATHER WITH 2 YOUNG CHILDREN. HE INITIALLY HESITATED TO REACH OUT FOR SERVICES BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN. HE WAS SO GRATEFUL WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO HELP HIM AND PROVIDE HIM WITH A SAFE SPACE FOR HIS FAMILY. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT ONLY A WOMEN’S ISSUE IT’S AN “EVERYBODY” ISSUE. OUR ADVOCATES HAVE COMPASSION, COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION TO HELP CREATE A HAPPY ENDING FOR FAMILIES. TOGETHER WE BELIEVE IT CAN HAPPEN.

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Pride Month

Domestic Violence can happen to anyone in any relationship. At Turning Point, we offer a safe environment to anyone in an LGBTQIA+ abusive relationship seeking help. No one's turned away because of whom they choose to love; no one is judged. Abuse in LGBTQIA+ relationships happens at the same rate as in opposite-gender relationships and is just as damaging and hurtful. In fact, in some cases, they experience DV at an even higher rate than others. But in relationships, there are often extra obstacles when seeking help.

You are welcome here. At Turning Point, all survivors can find help. We recognize that men, LGBTQIA+ people, and non-binary/gender non-conforming individuals can be survivors of intimate partner violence. We will not turn anyone away based on gender, sexual identity, race, ethnicity, religion, age, ability, language spoken, or any other factor. We welcome you as you are.

"United we advocate, together we thrive"

TURNING POINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES WHEN YOUR HOME ISN'T SAFE

Text

606.792.2291

(msg. + data rates apply)

Call

800.649.6605

24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week

Special thanks to the young men and women from UPIKE that contributed their time and energy to keeping our grounds beautiful for our survivors. All of us appreciate their love and kindness at Turning Point. Thank you! And, Go Bears!



PERSONAL AUTONOMY

We at TPDVS are highly alarmed by the release of a draft majority decision indicating that the Supreme Court may overturn Roe v. Wade. Domestic Violence is about power and control, and many abusers exploit a partner's physical autonomy and reproductive choices as weapons of Violence. When survivors may choose whether or not to continue pregnancies, it might signify that they are safe enough to escape abusers and start new lives. Reproductive coercion is abuse. All individuals, especially survivors of domestic abuse, deserve complete control over their lives and choices, including choosing whether or not to become or remain pregnant in a safe and accessible manner. We hope that this ruling is not definitive and that the Supreme Court reconsiders reversing this established statute.