



BREAKING THE SILENCE

Your support gives survivors a voice.



QUARTLERLY NEWS



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

»»» LEADING THE WAY

Melanie leads Turning Point with a deep commitment to creating safer communities and empowering survivors of domestic violence to rebuild their lives. With a passion for advocacy, collaboration, and compassion, she works alongside staff, partners, and supporters to ensure every survivor has access to safety, healing, and hope. Melanie believes that true change happens when communities come together — and she's dedicated to helping make that change possible every day.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SAFE HOUSE <<<

We're thrilled to announce plans to open a safe house in Franklin County this coming Fall 2026—but we need your help to make it happen. This vital new refuge will provide survivors of domestic violence and their children with safety, support, and hope for a fresh start. Your generosity can directly determine whether this safe space opens its doors on schedule. Every gift brings us closer to creating a secure home where survivors can heal and rebuild their lives.

INNOVATION MEETS IMPACT

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

TURNING POINT IN FOCUS

»»» FUNDING AT A CROSS ROADS

Beginning in April, 2026 Turning Point Advocacy Services—and shelters nationwide—face a 40–60% reduction in VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding. This critical funding supports essential programs, including our emergency shelter, advocacy, and counseling for survivors of domestic violence and their children. Without these resources, we may be forced to reduce services at a time when demand continues to rise. Your support has never been more important to help fill the gap and ensure survivors still have access to safety, hope, and healing. Together, we can stand strong and continue providing life-saving support to those who need it most.

**2 IN 5 WOMEN
1 IN 3 MEN**

In Missouri experience
intimate partner
physical violence,
sexual violence, or
stalking

»»» TOOLS FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Did you know Occupational Therapy (OT) plays a vital role in helping survivors of domestic violence regain independence, confidence, and a sense of control over their lives? In a shelter setting, OT focuses on building daily living skills, coping strategies, and emotional regulation, which are essential for survivors rebuilding their lives after trauma. Through individualized support, survivors learn to manage stress, develop healthy routines, and engage in activities that promote physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being. OT not only supports immediate healing but also equips survivors with tools for long-term resilience, empowering them to move forward safely and confidently. We are proud to offer this innovative service to our clientele. You can learn more at our website:

<https://turningpointdvs.com/occupational-therapy-program/>

»»» ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Meet Kelsey, our Advocacy Manager. Kelsey brings deep compassion, leadership, and dedication to her work with survivors. She oversees advocacy services with a survivor-centered, trauma-informed approach, ensuring clients receive consistent support, resources, and guidance as they navigate some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Kelsey is deeply committed to empowering clients, strengthening advocacy services, and supporting her team so they can show up fully for those we serve. Her passion and steady leadership make a meaningful difference every day for our clients and our organization.



**Kelsey
Advocacy Manager**

YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

➤➤➤ HEALING AND GROWTH FOR A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

A client arrived at the shelter with her teenage daughter, who was struggling with anxiety and isolation. With time, support, and stability, her daughter began to heal—gaining confidence and returning to public school after months of rarely leaving the shelter. The client utilized advocacy resources to secure housing closer to her other children and reliable transportation. Most importantly, both mother and daughter were able to break through the mental barriers created by trauma. Today, they are thriving, living independently, and continuing to move forward with strength and resilience.

➤➤➤ A FAMILY REUNITED

A client came to the shelter alone with one clear goal: to secure housing so her children could live with her again. While staying at the shelter, she worked full time, repaired her credit, and saved diligently. With guidance and support, she confidently navigated housing options and secured her own place in less than a month. The moment she shared photos of her children standing outside their new home marked a powerful milestone—one of reunification, perseverance, and hope

➤➤➤ FROM SURVIVAL TO STABILITY

Our client and one of her children stayed with us for a little over a year. During that time, she maintained steady employment, successfully finalized her divorce from her abuser, and remained an actively involved mother and grandmother. When she exited Turning Point, she transitioned into her own home, where her two minor children were able to live safely with her rather than with their abuser. Since leaving our program, our client has reached out multiple times to share how impactful Turning Point was during one of the most difficult years of her life. She utilized every available resource and worked tirelessly to rebuild her independence and strength. Today, she is living free from abuse, embracing life as a strong, independent woman, and enjoying time with her children and grandchildren.

**JOIN US IN OUR
MISSION TODAY!**



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GET INVOLVED

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>>> GIVE FUNDS

Donor support is at the heart of the safety and hope we offer survivors of domestic violence. Because of your generosity, Turning Point Advocacy Services can provide emergency shelter, compassionate counseling, advocacy, and critical safety resources for survivors and their children when they need it most. Every gift helps ensure there is a safe place to turn, caring support to lean on, and a real opportunity to begin again. Your kindness sustains our programs, strengthens our outreach, and allows us to meet growing community needs—creating meaningful, life-changing impact for those we serve. Please consider making a gift today to help survivors find safety, healing, and a fresh start. Visit <https://turningpointdvs.com/donate/> or contact us at office@turningpointdvs.com.

DID YOU KNOW:

Missouri offers 70% Tax Credits for donations over \$100

SAVE THE DATE

Boots n' Bling Annual Gala
Friday, April 10th 2026

Innsbrook Resort
993 Aspen Cir Dr, Innsbrook, MO 63390



>>> GIVE TIME

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Turning Point Advocacy Services, helping us bring critical programs and special events to life. By lending your time, skills, and energy, you directly support survivors of domestic violence and their children—providing hope, comfort, and community. Beyond events, volunteers can serve as advocates, raising awareness, educating others, and helping break the cycle of abuse. Every hour you give strengthens our mission and amplifies the impact of our services. Join us today to be a voice for change and a source of support for those who need it most. Please email exec.director@turningpointdvs.com if you are interested in getting more involved.



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