

TURNING POINT

Transforming Lives, Strengthening Communities

Presiding Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

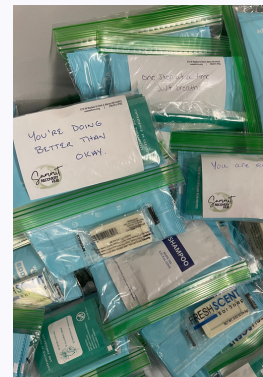
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July Plenary Session at Summit Recovery Hub

Summit Recovery Hub is dedicated to promoting sustained recovery by providing connection, pro-social community activity, support and advocacy to those affected by substance use, addiction, and mental health challenges. For more information about Summit Recovery Hub please visit <https://www.summitrco.org/>



At our plenary session we created hygiene bags with soap, deodorant, body wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. However, each hygiene bag holds more than essentials. Tucked inside is a message of hope, reminding every person on the road to recovery that they are seen, supported, and never alone. The hygiene bags can be found at the Summit Recovery Hub, along with other recourses and supplies that are provided for those in need.

Let's Connect on Socials



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Turning Point Trends



Meet Emily Beers Program Administrator



How long have you worked in the Turning Point Program?
2006

What made you choose your career?

When I graduated from college, I knew I wanted to work for Oriana House. However, I didn't think they would hire me without experience. In the middle of my job search, a friend from high school called me out of nowhere whose dad worked for the company, and he was quick to interview me for the job. It helps to know people, I guess!

What is the hardest part about your job? Hardest part of my job is finding a balance. The day is never over; the job is never done.

What is the most rewarding about your job? The most rewarding part is building friendships that last forever, in both clients and coworkers.

Emily Beers has worked in the field of community corrections for over 22 years. She is a graduate of The University of Dayton where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Immediately following graduation, she began her career with the Oriana House, Inc., in an entry-level Resident Supervisor position. In 2006, Emily began working for the Drug Court Programs as a Caseworker, and in 2014 she was promoted to Program Coordinator. As the current Program Administrator, her primary focus remains that of providing oversight to the specialized docket in accordance with the written program description. Emily finds her job most rewarding when she can motivate and empower staff to make effective decisions that carry the weight of changing someone's life for the better. In addition to her position at Oriana House, Inc., Emily owns six horses and is an auxiliary member of the Summit County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit. In 2011, she was chosen to represent Oriana House, Inc., as a member of Akron's Child and Family Leadership Exchange Class XVII, and in 2025 she was selected to sit on the faculty for the Supreme Court of Ohio's Judicial College. Emily resides in Akron, Ohio with her husband and two children.

Daily Dose of Joy

For those of you who weren't tuned in, earlier this month we celebrated Akron's 200 years as an incorporated city. During the Bicentennial Parade, we marched in pride on our city, and marveled at the resilience of its history and beauty. This parade was particularly "joyful", as Turning Point Program alumni and their families joined me to march in this celebration.

Parades are always such a unifying community moment, and who better to share it with than my remarkable Turning Point graduates, who carried their own legacy that day. Presiding over a recovery docket for more than a decade, I've seen so many successes from our participants. Walking together with them in this manner was especially moving as a powerful testament to the strength of individual personal transformation and its impact on our community.

Even with the soaring temperatures, our spirits stayed high. The enthusiasm from the cheering crowds and those marching had us all smiling through the heat. This beautiful intersection captured my love for this City of Akron and my love for our program participants who work so hard and in such extraordinary ways to simply live "ordinary" lives.

This moment and so many others remind me why I remain committed to a thriving recovery community. As I marched with them, I celebrated not just the rich history of Akron - but their bright futures as productive and contributing members who make Akron strong. Thank you to my Turning Point alumni for sharing that day with me.



Save the date- September 2, 2025

National Recovery Month, which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices.

Turning Point aims to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery. Our goal is to transform lives and strengthen communities.

In honor of National Recovery Month, Turning Point is hosting our third annual Community Resource Fair on September 2, 2025, in collaboration with the City of Akron.

Please contact Jillian Zetts if you would like to participate or support the annual event at 330-319-3429 or jzettts@summitpcourt.com

