

TURNING POINT

Transforming Lives, Strengthening Communities

Presiding Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

Turning Point Times

May 2025- National Treatment Court Month

Treatment Court Month is a nationwide celebration of lifesaving treatment courts led by @AllRise.org. The Turning Point Program is proud to join more than 4,000 treatment courts across the country to celebrate leading people out of the justice system and into long-term recovery. Treatment courts break the cycle of crime and addiction, reunite families, make our communities safer, and do so at far less cost than jail or prison. That's why we celebrate the month of May as National #TreatmentCourtMonth!



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fun time with friends

To kick off the month we collaborated with community partner, Keep Akron Beautiful (KAB). Established in 1981, KAB is a nonprofit organization that works to implement a comprehensive litter prevention, recycling promotion, and beautification program for the City of Akron. The Board of Directors envisions a litter-free Akron, where all citizens and businesses take pride and responsibility for the cleanliness and beautification of their environment. KAB's mission is to "Improve Akron's quality of life through beautification and responsible environmental management."

Turning Point Trends

Recovery Library



Our recovery library is located at Oriana House's Coffee House and is open to all Turning Point participants. The recovery library offers a safe space for meetings, educational resources, and sober support. Our recovery library provides participants easy access to materials about addiction and recovery, and encourages them to deepen their knowledge on mental health, addiction, and relapse prevention.

Our Recovery Library is a curated collection of authentic, hope-filled, and trustworthy resources that include:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Codependent No More By Melody Beattie
Rewired By Erica Spiegelman
The Hell and Back Gang by David Paul Eich
Diversity Starts With You By Marlon Moore. Ph.D.
Sober Chronicles By Marc Lee Shannon
Recovery Freedom From Our Addictions By Russell Brand



Recovery Wall

For #Nationaltreatmentcourtmonth, the Turning Point Team made goodie bags and held a prize basket raffle to celebrate the importance of National Treatment Court Month and treat our participants who continue to thrive everyday! As a visible display honoring recovery, Turning Point Participants reflected on "their story" and what inspires them, pushes them, and promotes them to succeed. These unique stories can be seen outside of Judge Oldfield's courtroom all through May and June, as we continue to celebrate #recovery.



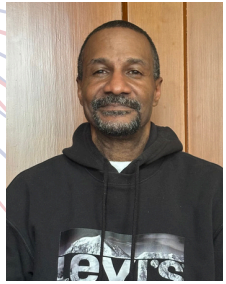
Turning Point Talent

A poem called *Temptation*

Written by Derek Smoot

Let's kick temptation more and more
Because temptation makes you do things,
that you never thought you'd do before.
The drugs, they get you on a spin.
And when you try once my people,
you're bound to try again.

You scramble, unable to overcome the obstacle.
The high that take you blind and then you look for sunshine.
Walk. Don't run the path, cause you move too fast.
You shoot to the top, then drop, flop, dead on your...
Ask me a question, and see I answer with a fat rap.
And that's a fact, Jack.
As I attizack from the bizzack.
I rumble with the ruffs, fists of cuffs.
It's in discussion, I live through channels.
And the crime and corruption.
I dance with the devil, and he sends me on the wrong trail.
Always pray to God when I'm locked down in my jail cell.
But back on the road, I seem to find the right route again.
Damn sin, seem to travel straight through a friend.
Temptation. Got my friend doin' ten to twenty five.
Temptation. In the ghetto, makes it hard to stay alive.
Temptation. I stand before you as a rebel.
Temptation. Ain't nothin' but the devil.
PS: Up with hope and no more dope.



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Let's Connect on Socials



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"In social media, kindness is contagious, and a simple act of positivity can create a ripple effect of goodwill."

- Unknown

Daily Dose of Joy

Have you ever been in a situation where you experienced some sort of strong, negative emotional reaction to something in your environment? External triggers for people in recovery are people, places and activities that make them want to use drugs again. There are often specific locations, activities, things, situations, people or events that the individual in recovery associates with use.

To assist in overcoming that common occurrence, Turning Point works hard to help our participants develop new routines, with new people, places and things. We partner with a number of community organizations to offer a range of healthy activities so each person can step out into a different situation and create positive associations.

One community organization who really mixes it up and offers a variety of activities is Hope United's Tyler's Redemption Place, started by Turning Point Advisory Board members, Shelly and Travis Bornstein. At Tyler's Redemption Place, you can find a wealth of new things to try. They offer a variety of recovery meetings - from SMART recovery to Journaling through Recovery to Label Free Recovery (to name a few). They really have a meeting for everyone and even a Q&A for people who want to understand AA! You can also find bible studies, mindfulness sessions and support groups for veterans, families currently living with someone in addiction, and those grieving a loss. Tyler's Redemption Place also offers healthy activities like yoga, cardio drumming and a new Saturday Running 2B Well group; and, they always have fun weekend events planned such as bonfires, pancake breakfasts and summer block parties. Check out their calendar page AND their events page at www.hopeunited.life.

If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction, finding healthy, fun activities and creating a new routine is critical for success. Start looking for places to help you navigate this journey. You can do it!

