



TURNING POINT

Transforming Lives, Strengthening Communities

Presiding Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

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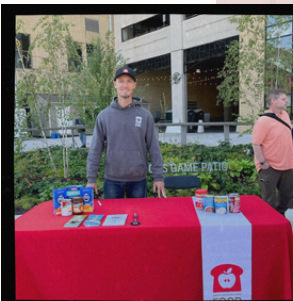


**NATIONAL
RECOVERY
MONTH**
RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.

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 hosted our third annual Community Resource Fair on September 2, 2025, in collaboration with the City of Akron at Lock 3. The event began with words from Akron Mayor, Shammass Malik and Judge Joy Malek Oldfield. The energy was kept by Attorney/ DJ Mialon Morris with 1 Call for All Entertainment.

The Fair boosted over 50 vendors who brought information and resources to support recovery. Their contributions connect individuals and families with vital services, fostering hope and healing. We are grateful for the abundance of resources provided in our community to help those in treatment.



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Clash of the Courts



The Turning Point Alumni group hosted their first annual "Clash of the Courts" on September 13, 2025 in collaboration with the City of Akron. Valor Court was coached to victory by Judge Susan Baker Ross and Turning Point was coached by their very own Judge Joy Malek Oldfield. This very special event was made possible by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation as well as IBH Addiction Recovery, The JADFA House, Just A Dad From Akron, SkyPoint Recovery, the City of Akron, and Hope United. It was a day full of recovery, fellowship and fun. We may not have taken home the trophy but at the end of the day, we celebrated the power of the recovery community in a positive way.



RECOVERY ROCK PAINTING

Painting rocks with inspirational messages is a beautiful way to spread hope and positivity in your community. Each rock can carry a message that uplifts, like "You are enough" or "Keep going; you're making progress." These small tokens serve as reminders of resilience and strength, brightening someone's day. By sharing these painted words, you can foster connections and encourage kindness.



Daily Dose of Joy



What a proud moment it was for me to announce a Turning Point Program alumni as one of the winners of CHC Addiction's Break the Cycle Awards of Courage. Nichole Rodkey is a living example of the power of recovery. Along with other awardees, Nichole was honored for her resilience and courage during her recovery journey. Through her time in TPP, Nikki successfully completed residential treatment at IBH and Touchstone.

She grew into a goal-oriented and focused woman and gained financial stability and responsibility for her own children. After graduating from TPP in 2022, Nikki went on to work at the very place she received treatment is now a CHC Addiction Women's Recovery Program Case Manager. I remember Nikki's mission statement for graduation. Nikki recounted the struggle she had with alcohol and drug use since she was 16 years old. The honor roll cheerleader who played sports and served as the Class Treasurer got addicted to meth, and within a year had lost everything important to her. Through her journey in the court system, Nikki found strength to change things about herself that she used to think were "unchangeable". And because of the support and guidance she received, and her own grit and hard work, Nikki now celebrates four years of recovery. She is a proud mom of four, a hard-working homeowner, a professional in the field of recovery and an example to those struggling with addiction. It was really moving for me to see this complete turnaround in her life. This is what the power of community and treatment and support can do. To use Nikki's words at graduation "NEVER GIVE UP. We can change. We are not just addicts. We are beautiful human beings that lost our way and can find our way back." Congratulations Nikki. I'm so proud of you.

Let's Connect on Socials



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Congratulations September Graduates



Pictured: Ohio State Representative Derrick Hall, 34th District, Guest Speaker Steve Wilt, Judge Oldfield and Ohio State Senator Casey Weinstein, 28th District
Graduates Pictured from left to right: Jeffrey Stine, Brittney English, Jaqueline Semuga, David Barber, Joshua Kessler, Ryan Knapp, William Taylor, Frank Goch

From running the streets to changing them, meet graduate Nikki Rodkey

Hello my name is Nikki, and I am a person in long term recovery. My recovery date is July 17th 2021. I lived in active addiction for almost 20 years. What started as just partying and having fun slowly took everything from me. I lost myself, my children, my stability and my freedom. I ended up homeless and completely broken.

On January 7, 2019, I entered into Turning Point. At that time, I already lost permanent custody of my son who was 18months old and my daughter who was 6 was living with her dad. I knew nothing about recovery or how to live with out drugs but I was willing to try.

I went through treatment, sober living, worked two jobs, saved my money and got my license and a car. I thought I was doing well but I let old people back into my life and went back to old behaviors. That is when I found out I was pregnant with my 3rd child. I managed for a while but I relapsed before the end of my pregnancy. Later, after more after more struggles, I lost that child too and it nearly destroyed me. But, it also became my turning point. I realized I couldn't keep living that way.

On July 2021, I turned myself into the jail. I begged the judge not to terminate me, and when she didn't I finally surrendered. From that moment on, I worked hard to complete my case plan with CSB. With support from Susy Burchfield and the Turning Point program, I was reunified with youngest son in February, 2022. By August, my daughter came to live with me full time, and in September I successfully completed Turning Point.

In December, I started working at CHC, the same place where I once was a client. Helping others in recovery gave me a new purpose and kept me strong. But I still was not done fighting. People told me I would never get my oldest son back but I hired a lawyer and kept showing up and fighting. On March 31, 2023 I was granted full custody of my oldest son. Today, all three of my kids who once lived in separate places without me are all home and together. I kept going, worked on my credit, and in 2024 I bought a beautiful home and had another baby boy. Today I am in a happy and healthy relationship and my children have stability, a safe home and parents who are present.

My testimony is this: I lost everything to my addiction. But by the grace of God and the support of the Turning Point team I have been able to rebuild my life. One day at a time and one kid at a time.

Turning Point didn't just give me accountability they gave me guidance and support I desperately needed to keep going when I wanted to give up. They didn't give up on me even when I stumbled and because of that I learned how to not give up on myself. If you are struggling, please know this:

No matter how far gone you feel, it is never too late.
Families can be restored, and recovery is possible. Hope is real!

