

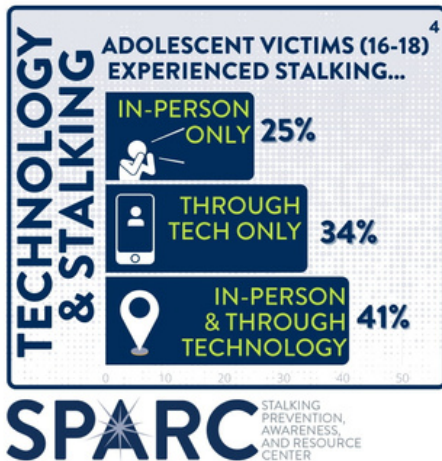
Advocacy In Action

February 2023 Newsletter - News and Updates from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

STALKING & ADOLESCENTS

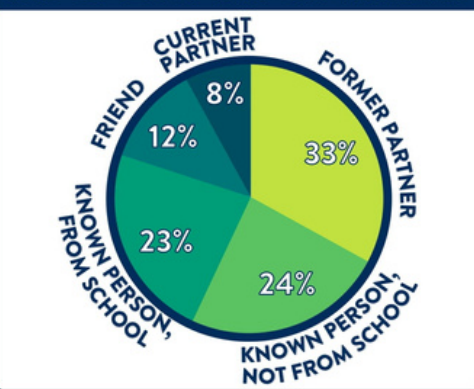
While research on stalking among adolescents is limited, estimates generally show that adolescents are stalked at higher rates than adults.



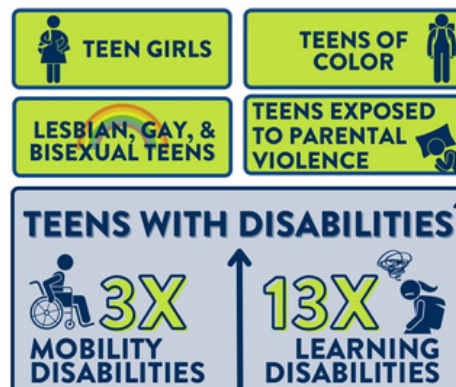
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ADOLESCENT STALKERS²



INCREASED RISK OF STALKING VICTIMIZATION:²



How Would You Help?

From loveisrespect.org:

Have you ever wanted to help a friend in an abusive relationship but didn't know how? Have you ever tried to help someone and they didn't end their relationship?

Were you disappointed? Did you wonder why you even bothered? Helping a person in an abusive relationship is frustrating sometimes. Be patient. Maybe they will come around, and maybe they won't. But by trying to help, you showed your friend that you support them and can be trusted.

Remember it is difficult and scary to leave an unhealthy relationship.

Take this quiz to find out how ready and willing you are to help.



Students from Salisbury High School's Theatre group proudly displaying their "Love Is" poster they created during a healthy relationship presentation.



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Wear Orange Day - 2/7

Join us on Tuesday, February 7th to "Wear Orange for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." Orange is the color associated with advocates, activists, and survivors of teen dating violence. Stand together with us in one united voice. Take a picture wearing orange, share one of our posts, or share something about teen dating violence on your social media networks. Be sure to tag us in your posts! #wearorangeday #tdvam #beaboutit #tdvam23 #myturningpointlv



Working Better Together

Act 55 of 2022 was signed into law this past fall. The new Act requires all institutions of higher education and privately licensed schools to establish and maintain formal partnerships with their local rape crisis center and domestic violence programs. While other mandates have required schools to offer education and resources to students who have experienced sexual assault and harassment on campuses, this law now requires similar resources for students and faculty who experience domestic and intimate partner abuse.

Our Training & Education Team worked with our local universities, colleges and trade schools through December to individualize agreements that best meet their unique needs. The agreements vary from school to school and include commitments by Turning Point to help schools develop or revise policies and to conduct trainings on how to respond to domestic and intimate partner abuse for faculty, staff, and students. In total, we entered into 17 agreements with schools we have worked with for years as well as those who will newly partner with us. We are grateful to each for their commitment to helping keep their campuses safe and supporting survivors!

Applied Motion Technologies Inc./ITTC.
Blackstone Career Institute
Bridgeway High School/Bridgeway Academy
(Adult Diploma Program)
DeSales University
Falcon Institute of Health and Science
Lafayette College

Lehigh Carbon Community College
Lehigh University
Lincoln Tech
Lehigh Valley School of Dental Assisting
McCann School of Business and Technology
(Allentown Campus)
Metro Beauty Academy

Moravian University
Muhlenberg College
Northampton Community College
Triangle Tech
Welder Training and Testing Institute

Training and Education Updates



Leading our training initiatives for 2023 and beyond is our new Training and Education Director, Melissa Grimmer. While new to this role, Melissa not new to Turning Point, having served as our Medical Advocate for the past year. Prior to moving to the Lehigh Valley from Minneapolis, she worked for more nearly 15 years in roles where she built her skills in domestic violence advocacy and education. Congratulations, Melissa!

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity of becoming the Training and Education Director here at Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. I look forward to building our Team and also building relationships with the community on a solid foundation."



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Working Better Together



We are excited to let you know that Turning Point was selected for not one, but three, grants to support our work with survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley in January.

- We were one of 82 nonprofits selected out of a pool of 2,500+ applicants to receive funding from The Big Lots Foundation, who awarded us a grant of \$2,500 to help us purchase much needed items for our Emergency Safe House Program.
- We were approved for a generous grant of \$2,500 from the Fox & Roach Trident Charities to help us continue offering emergency shelter at hotels when our Emergency Safe House is at capacity.
- We were grateful to be notified that Asbury United Methodist Church's Asbury In Mission (AIM) has approved \$3,900 to continue supporting the direct needs of domestic and intimate partner abuse survivors and their families in the Lehigh Valley. We are honored to say that AIM has generously supported survivors for 26 years!

We are blessed to have such strong community support!

Getting a Fresh Start



From left to right: Our Advancement Coordinator, Leah Triber, with Blessed Beginnings Jordan Rentschler and Erica Berger holding one of their Welcome Baskets.

Thanks so much to our friends at Blessed Beginnings for braving the winter weather and delivering eight Welcome Baskets each with a slow cooker for survivors moving out of shelter and into their new homes.

Blessed Beginnings is a local non-profit agency with a mission to encourage, empower and uplift women who are starting a new life after abuse. They help domestic and intimate partner abuse agencies like Turning Point make sure we can provide survivors with the everyday essentials and home goods they need to make a fresh start in their new homes!

"Stop the Abuse, Stop the Silence"

In case you missed it, our very own, Miriam Rivera, Community Advocates Director was interviewed by host and Turning Point friend, Olga Negrón on WDIY 88.1 FM's Charla Comunitaria. [Click here to listen](#) to their conversation about recognizing abuse, available resources, and how our services and programs can help anyone suffering from domestic and intimate partner abuse.



TPLV Employment Opportunities

Have you ever considered working with victims and survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse? We currently have posted 3 full-time employment opportunities on our website for:

- Operations Administrative Assistant
- Youth Prevention Advocate
- Medical Advocate

To learn more about these positions and how to apply,

[CLICK HERE](#)



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Ways to Get Involved and Give Back

Mark Your Calendars

Our Third Annual Auction goes live starting on Friday, March 3rd

Our Third Annual Virtual Spring Auction opens on **Friday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m.** and will close on **Friday, March 10th at 4:30 p.m.**

Many thanks to all of the local businesses and Turning Point supporters who donated! Through your support, we were able to secure one of a kind experiences, specialty items, unique handmade goods, and gift cards for you to bid on.

100% of the proceeds from the auction support our work with survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors including our **Presenting Sponsor TierPoint, LLC** for their generous support:



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Support our mission by making a one-time or scheduling a monthly donation directly through our PayPal nonprofit page. We have also added PayPal as an option on our [website donation page](#).



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THIRD ANNUAL VIRTUAL SPRING AUCTION



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
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**AUCTION OPENS
MARCH 3-10, 2023**

Register early by visiting the link below
BIT.LY/TPLV2023AUCTION

Go to bit.ly/tplv2023auction to register early and set-up your bidding profile. You will receive notification when our auction catalog is available to view all of the items.

The first 50 people who register by March 1st will be entered into a raffle for a special prize!



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A Record Breaking Holiday Appeal!

Over \$76,000 raised thanks to all who gave to support survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley.

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