

PEEK AT THE POINT



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Quarterly Newsletter

Turning Point Center for Youth & Family Development, Inc.

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MANUEL'S STORY

Manuel was eight years old when he first started smoking marijuana.

Eight years old.

At ten, he started drinking beer. At twelve, he was drinking hard liquor. At fourteen, he experimented with hallucinogenics and at sixteen he was snorting cocaine.

He dropped out of school in the beginning of the ninth grade. He simply wasn't motivated. He was involved with gangs, consumed by drug use, and just not interested in school. It didn't help that he didn't get along with school administrators.

Manuel was referred to Turning Point by the Division of Youth Corrections after facing harassment charges. While at Turning Point, he learned he was expecting his first child. He was seventeen years old.

Seventeen, 8th grade education, about to become a parent, committed to a residential treatment facility for a period of six - nine months. What would you do?

Manuel embraced his chance to turn his life around. He re-evaluated his life and chose to become a positive role model for his new family. Manuel completely divorced himself from his previous lifestyle as a gang member. He earned his General Education Diploma, developed appropriate coping skills, surrounded himself with a strong support system and perfected his time management skills.

Manuel is currently working full time in Berthoud. He has completely changed his life. He is a loving father to his daughter, and a caring partner to his girlfriend. He is building a positive and healthy future for his family.

We are so proud of his dedication to his family and his education. Now it is Manuel's turn to make a difference in the life of a child.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"The important thing is this: To be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become."

- Charles DuBois

Turning Point has had the privilege of enormous growth and success in its 41 year history. We are currently serving more kids and their families than ever before. This is made possible solely because we are buttressed by the support of you, our friends and community.

While our mission has not changed, the need for our services has never been greater. Simply put, families in our community are in need of help. For many years we have asked kids to look deep inside and instigate change in their lives. In much the same way, kids have moved us as an agency to examine in what ways we are able to help kids and to rise to meet that challenge.

We continue to appreciate all the ways that you support and are involved with Turning Point and the kids we serve. I encourage you to continue to make a difference in the lives of kids.

Thank you,
Steff
Stephanie Brown, LCSW
Executive Director

TURNING POINT STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS FROM THE COLORADO JUVENILE COUNCIL

Dan Wellman, Turning Point's Operations Director, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Colorado Juvenile Council's Supervisor of the Year award.



Dan Wellman
Operations Director

Sandy McGlynn, administrative assistant at Turning Point's Waverly School, is the 2008 recipient of the Support Staff of the Year Award.



Sandy McGlynn
Administrative Assistant

Congratulations Dan & Sandy!

2008 STAFF RETREAT! BLAST FROM THE PAST: FOUR DECADES OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Steff Brown
Jeff Carlson
Kim Bappe



Josh Leber
Sarah Keck

TURNING POINT AWARDED THREE YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION



CARF International has announced that Turning Point has been accredited for a period of three years for its Residential Treatment programs. This latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to Turning Point.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

"Turning Point is commended for the quality of its in-house training program, which enhances the skills of the staff members working with persons served, provides a strong community promotional component, and assists the community in addressing the needs of persons served. The quality of the promotional materials and the way in which the program is outlined are excellent."

-CARF Survey Report

THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER AWARDED NAADAC APPROVAL



Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division

Contributions to the Community Training Center, a registered training program for child care providers in Colorado, are eligible for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit.

This is a 50% tax credit to businesses and individuals who make monetary donations that support childcare activities in Colorado.

*Make an investment in Colorado Youth.
For more information, contact Nicole Conant at 567.0885.*

The Community Training Center at Turning Point is now approved as a training facility by both the Colorado Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) and NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.

Launched in 2003, Turning Point's Community Training Center was developed to meet current and future community needs for professional and public training in the areas of substance abuse, residential treatment, mental and physical health, and adolescent care.

Community Training Center course offerings include True Colors, Red Cross First Aid/CPR certification, Domestic Violence, Diversity and all of the classes and supervision hours required to achieve Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC) levels I, II and III.

Turning Point's Community Training Center works toward improving childcare in Northern Colorado by training direct-care staff in the most essential areas of development and need. New classes are being offered all the time. If you have an idea you'd like to share, please contact Quality Assurance and Training Coordinator Josh Leber at 970.221.4040 x16.

You can view a full course catalog on-line at www.turningpnt.org.

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DAVE MORAN JOINS TURNING POINT AS GRANT WRITER

Dave Moran has recently joined the development office at Turning Point as Grant Writer. His areas of expertise include budget administration, grant writing and development of policies and procedures for residential programs for high risk youth.

Previously Dave served as Executive Director for Jacob Family Services and Midway Youth Services, providing foster care and community based services to at-risk youth populations and providing long term residential care and educational services to high risk youth mental health populations.

Dave Moran



Dave can be reached at dmoran@turningpnt.org or 221-0999 x27.

"Dave brings a lot of experience to the table in terms of securing public and private funding, budget administration, and policy and procedure development and implementation. His strong background in residential treatment and the treatment of high risk youth specifically make him an excellent addition to our agency. Turning Point is very pleased to welcome him on board."

- Stephanie Brown, Executive Director, Turning Point.

TURNING POINT THANKS SPRING '08 INTERNS

Each semester, Turning Point staff are joined by Colorado State University interns pursuing degrees in sociology, psychology and other human services. Interns are introduced to residential treatment counseling in the millieu. They learn to think on their feet and effectively work with high risk youth. Many of our interns stay with Turning Point after graduation as Counselors and Therapists.

Turning Point would like to thank the following for their contributions to the agency over the past several months: Sandra Carter, Joe Chaisson, Lindsey Cole, Katie Deputy, Tyler Duffield, Lindsay Hall, Jessica Hansen, Elicia Jackson, Erica Keter, Vanessa Luna, Dominga Martinez, Tiffany Martinez, Shochet Mischo, Jessire Munoz, Amanda Norbey, Diane Olmstead, Katie Percy, Elaine Pickett, Jessica Pitts, Kelly Prime, Sarah Rochette, Abby Ruble, Nicole Spoto, Nicole Sory, Don Tarvin, Letishia Wilson and Nicholas Worstell.

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WAVERLY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE MUCH NEEDED UPDATES

Built in 1918, Waverly School first served youth in grades K-12 up until about 1960. Waverly merged with the Poudre School District and continued to serve elementary aged students. The building was then used as a youth center by the school district from 1992 until 2004 when the building was placed on the market.

Turning Point first acquired Waverly School in 2005, setting itself apart from similar agencies by offering clients an individualized education program off-site in an independently operated school. Over the past several years, Turning Point has made many improvements to the building. Volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce's Red Carpet Committee are currently installing new landscaping and painting the building's interior. Supplies have been generously donated by Sharp Brothers Seed Company in Greeley and Hageman Earth Cycle in Fort Collins.

Turning Point youth are bussed to and from Waverly School Monday through Friday, and attend classes just as they would in more traditional school settings. Our education program is state approved, we have a Title I reading teacher on staff, and we offer both GED and Diploma track programs to our youth. Classrooms are staffed by Special Education Teachers and Education Counselors, providing youth with the individualized attention, support, consistency and feedback they need to make strides in their education foundation.

If you would like to help with the improvements at Waverly school, please let us know! Financial contributions may be made using the enclosed envelope. In-kind donations are always welcome. Our IT department has been working tirelessly to upgrade the school's computer lab and our Title I Reading Teacher continues to increase the library's resources. If you would like to make a contribution of time to our school, please call our Volunteer Program Coordinator Gwen Bell at 970.221.0550 x102.



Waverly School
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WORKING DIRECTLY WITH KIDS AND ADMINISTRATIVELY ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

For more information, please contact
Volunteer Program Coordinator Gwen Bell at
970.221.0550 x102 or gbell@turningpnt.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you would like to financially support Turning Point's programs serving high risk youth, and if you would like to provide troubled youth with the tools and opportunities they need to turn their lives around, please make your contribution using the enclosed envelope.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

Highland Meadows Golf Course, Windsor

Sign up as a sponsor or foursome today! 970.567.0885

TURNING POINT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT.



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Turning Point invites you to participate in our
 2nd Annual Pedal to the Point Bike Tour!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008

This year's routes will include a 24 mile family
 ride, 52 mile intermediate ride and 72 mile
 endurance ride.

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For more information:
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