

See what's new at TPN this month!

Turning Points Network

Preventing Violence
Promoting Respect
Strengthening Lives

New Staff at TPN!

We're happy to announce the addition of two new members of our team! Rowena and Nicole are members of the AmeriCorps Victims Assistance Program (AVAP) and will be on board as part of the direct services team.



My name is Nicole Jason and I am from Claremont, NH. I just recently graduated from Plymouth State University in May 2015 with my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I am a member of the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program and I am very excited to be part of this team because I love helping others and I want to learn as much as I can during my year here!

My name is Rowena Cushman, I am 48 years young. I am a survivor of domestic violence, and have learned to set boundaries that have helped me to a place of peace. My biggest statements of hope are the serenity prayer and a personal bill of rights. Empowerment is a wonderful thing to embrace.

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Making Lasting Change with Prevention Education

Each year, TPN's education team spends many hours visiting preschool, elementary, middle and high schools throughout Sullivan County. This year is no different! After a summer of preparation and miscellaneous projects, the education team geared up this fall, scheduling meetings with school administrators and educators to talk about school climate, promoting respect, empowering bystanders and what each individual school identifies as priorities for their students and staff.



A 2nd-12th grade curriculum, *Connect With Respect*, is available to all Sullivan County schools

and focuses on school climate, empathy, bystander responsibility and the on-going dialogue between staff and students. Emily Marrazzo, an educator at TPN notes "At the outset of a new school year, schools are working hard to develop norms around behavior and how students treat each other. Bringing *Connect With Respect* to students early in the year helps to reinforce the positive, respectful climate schools are working hard to create."

Body Safety is another program offered to area schools and is focused on personal body safety and sexual abuse prevention. In addition to discussing okay, not okay and confusing touches, students learn that their bodies are their own, and that touching should never be a secret. A local guidance counselor shares, "Grace will be a familiar face in our community that kids can identify and feel comfortable saying "Hi" to. She can now be identified as a safe person who can help."

In addition to school programming, the education team has been prepping for community events, like the Empowering & Supporting Middle School Girls program that is coming up this month (see above) and trainings for school PTSO meetings as well as building a new Sexual Violence Prevention program for high school students. The educators at TPN are very excited to pilot this new 2-session consent and sexual violence curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year. Want to know more about the program? Call us! TPN educator, Kerry Rochford Hague shares "Media attention to campus sexual assault nationally-and here in New Hampshire at St. Paul's-has shone an important spotlight on the issues of consent and sexual violence." TPN is happy to be a part of the critical conversation with high school students about sexual violence and the importance of consent. To view a video used in the program, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGoWLS4-kU>

If you are long past your elementary days, but would like to learn more about what TPN can do for you or a community group you are a part of, call us! TPN offers a variety of programs to civic organizations, business groups, churches and other interested groups. Programs are presented on topics including TPNs' crisis and support services, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, teen dating violence and healthy relationships, media and gender and child sexual abuse (among other requests). We can be reached by phone at **603-543-0155** or by emailing TPN's Education Coordinator, Grace Glor at grace@turningpointsnetwork.org.

Upcoming Events

Giving Tuesday: We have a day for **giving thanks**.

We have two for **getting deals**. Now, we have a global day dedicated to **giving back**. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and philanthropy. Watch the TPN website for more information.



Empowering & Supporting Middle School Girls: A unique and **FREE** program for middle school girls and the adults who care about them. Join us and TLC Family Resource

Center (formerly Good Beginnings of Sullivan County) on Thursday, **November 19th from 5:45-8:00 pm** for dinner, discussion, dessert and door prizes at the Teal Lantern 111 South Street, Claremont (inside the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center). We'll be learning about a number of topics and challenges facing girls including body image, peer pressure, media & cultural trends, sexting and more! All girls grades 6-8 and their parents/guardians are welcome! Email liza@gbnh.org or call 542-1848 to register **ASAP, especially if you need childcare for younger siblings.**

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