

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Turning Points Network is a group of individuals, which contributes its time and energy toward the eradication of violence against women. This violence may be physical, emotional, or sexual.

We see violence against women as a grave outcome of society's traditional view of women, and we are committed to changing that view. We recognize that all women are potential victims and yet we reject the idea that rape and battering are inevitable.

Our goal is to work for social change by educating the community about the issues of rape, battering, isolation, and oppression: and by providing direct services to victims and families of violence, oppression, and isolation thereby enabling them to take control of their own lives.

Our objective is to help a woman clarify her needs and meet them herself. It is our intent to make a woman safe from abuse or fear of abuse, thus enabling her to make informed, considered decisions. We respect a woman's freedom to make her own decisions as a means of empowerment and breaking the cycle of dependency.

This agency advocates the policy that "the door is always open" for a victim to come back in the future, even though she may choose to return to an oppressive or violent relationship now.

Because domestic violence is rooted in attitudes toward women, the overwhelming majority of victims are women (97%). However, this agency does acknowledge that men can be victims of domestic and sexual violence and assists male victims seeking services.