



NAME OF PROJECT: Long-Term Impact Analysis

To apply for this fellowship, please go to the Stoneleigh website and complete the individual application. Send the completed application to TPFC. Contact: Vicki Nolten-Mair, MSW; Director of Program Development, 215-528-8125; vnmair@turningpointsforchildren.org

On June 1, 2008, Turning Points for Children (TPFC) was created when Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania (CASPA) merged with the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children (PSSC). Together, these two agencies had over 300 years of experience serving Philadelphia's at-risk children and families.

Turning Points for Children's mission is to *support families in raising safe, healthy, educated and strong children by partnering with caregivers to develop and strengthen protective qualities and by offering them the tools, skills and resources they need to ensure their children's optimal development.*

TPFC provides: intensive in-home services to prevent the onset or continuation of child abuse and neglect; specialized services for teen mothers and their children; school-based programming for children and their parents; parenting education groups; case management and legal advocacy services for caregivers who are not a child's biological parent (e.g., grandparents, older siblings); supportive services for families who need temporary assistance to ensure the well-being of their children; reunification of youth with lost family members after being in placement for years; and emergency food and baby formula for families in need. You can learn more about us at www.turningpointsforchildren.org.

While Turning Points for Children implements strategies to measure outcomes at the time that services are provided, the agency has no capacity to evaluate its services' long-term impacts. Once clients' cases are closed, there is no further contact to determine whether the services they received have, in fact, changed their lives for the better. We are seeking to understand better how the lives of our clients have changed as a result of the services the agency provided. This information could be used with external stakeholders (e.g., individual donors, foundations, and governmental entities) and give the agency the capacity to increase funding and serve more children and families. The agency also hopes to use this research when advocating with legislators for more funding for prevention. In the event that long-term outcome data is less than overwhelmingly positive, Turning Points for Children would use the data to improve its current programs and develop new services that would be more effective—having significant justification for improvements. This data would also be shared with Turning Points for Children's major funder, the Philadelphia Department of Human Services, to provide them with information regarding the value of the millions of dollars they spend each year on prevention and early intervention services.

The Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellow would create and implement methodologies to collect, analyze and present data from former clients of Turning Points for Children (and of the two legacy organizations—CASPA and PSSC). While the Director of Program Development—an MSW with over thirty years of direct service, managerial, and administrative experience—will supervise the work of the fellow, the fellow would also have contact with Turning Points for Children's leadership team and program committee of its Board of Directors.

Candidates should have excellent written, verbal, and computer skills and experience in study design and analysis; must have persistence and patience and feel comfortable with contacting and interacting with diverse populations; graduate degree in Social Work or related field preferred.