



**Outreach Scholarship Community
Partnership Award**

In recognition of a mutually beneficial sustained campus-community research partnership.

**Cris M. Sullivan
and
Suzanne Coats**

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The Outreach Scholarship Community Partnership Award honors Cris M. Sullivan, professor of psychology, and Suzanne Coats, executive director of Turning Point, Inc. Turning Point, Inc., a service agency based in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, provides programs and resources to help victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness regain control of their lives. The partnership is an exemplary model of campus-community collaboration that applies rigorous research methods to assess the quality of interventions designed to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dr. Sullivan is recognized nationally for her cutting-edge research on violence against women and its broader impact on parenting behavior, child adjustment, and community responses to male violence. She has generated more than \$7.5 million in research funding, primarily from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Department of Justice. Her scholarly work is published in peer-reviewed scientific journals as well as in training manuals and technical reports.

Ms. Coats is a passionate advocate for delivering effective community intervention programs that demonstrably enable Turning Point to achieve its community service objectives.

Professor Sullivan and Ms. Coats co-authored *Outcome Evaluation Strategies for Sexual Assault Service Programs: A Practical Guide* (2000). This training manual has had national impact on agencies that provide services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their partnership embraces four

key objectives: (1) developing a research infrastructure to support community mental health services research pertaining to violence against women, (2) developing a community-based care agency's infrastructure to enhance its capacity for collaborative research, (3) testing an evidence-based intervention in a community-based agency setting, and (4) evaluating an integrated model of the collaborative research process.

Their successes achieved over the past seven years provide visible evidence that the MSU and Turning Point, Inc. partners deserve recognition for their outstanding collaboration.