

With over 15 years' experience of providing services for children, young people and their families, we understand more than anyone the challenges they face.

"Since working with Base Camp I have learned to see things in a different way. I can not believe how far I have come, I thought I was headed for a life on the dole, but having someone show me alternative pathways has been fantastic" Ben, 17

Turning Point's **'Bottling it Up'** report highlighted that one in eleven children in the UK are living with parents who misuse alcohol. These children are at a high risk from hidden harm with many of the issues facing these families going unseen behind closed doors.

Turning Point's unique Base Camp service directly responds to the Governments' **'Think Family'** agenda by providing support for children, young people and their families who are experiencing alcohol related issues in the home.

Get in Contact

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About Turning Point

We turn lives around every day, by putting the individual at the heart of what we do. Inspired by those we work with, **together we help people build a better life.**

Turning Point is the UK's leading social care organisation. We provide services for people with complex needs, including those affected by drug and alcohol misuse, mental health problems and those with a learning disability.

Confidentiality

All staff adhere to strict ethics on client confidentiality under the Data Protection Act 1998.

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BASE CAMP**
turning lives around



Base Camp



**Providing a unique service
for young people &
families affected by alcohol
problems at home**



When a parent misuses alcohol the whole family suffers, especially the children



About the service

Base Camp has been running in Manchester, Wakefield and Barnet since 2006 helping over 180 young people and their families every year.

Base Camp works with young people individually or in groups in order to help them develop their personal and social skills and give them the right information and experience to understand the situation which surrounds them. Base Camp enables young people to become rounded individuals, leading healthy and productive lives, and fulfilling the **'Every Child Matters'** objectives set out by Government.

Base Camp provides a valuable opportunity for young people to talk about their problems, worries and concerns with workers who understand and listen.

The role which Base Camp plays includes helping stem any trend towards drug or alcohol misuse, encourages young people back into school or assisting in finding them employment and accommodation. Base Camp encourages young people to grow in confidence and aids them in learning new skills, helping them to become responsible adults.

The young people who access Base Camp are also able to meet and make friends with other young people in similar situations, helping decrease feelings of isolation and loneliness. And importantly, Base Camp is fun.

Base Camp also offers much needed support for parents. Our close links with local alcohol services means that we can assist parents in accessing the help they need as well as providing parenting advice and support.

Research & results

A recent evaluation report by two leading researchers from the Alcohol, Drugs and the Family (ADF) research programme at Bath University, concluded that; **'Base Camp offers crucial support for young people'** (Wall & Templeton, 2009). This report was able to show that young people involved with Base Camp felt they were engaging in **'...a positive, meaningful and valuable service'**.

Referrals

Referrals to Base Camp can come from many areas. These include:

- Social Services
- GP's
- Schools
- Health Visitors
- Drug and Alcohol teams
- External Agencies