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A MESSAGE:

The months of April, May, and June bring a beautiful season of renewal, growth, and hope to our agency. Spring is always an incredibly active time at Sally Kate Winters Family Services we celebrate major milestones, transition from the school year into summer, and advocate for the safety of children across our Golden Triangle area.

The best way to describe April, May and June 2026 are Challenging!! Our emergency shelter program has been full of children representing the teenage years. As if adolescence is not enough, these youth have struggled with family issues, violence, and a new place to live. That's a lot to balance as a teenager! I am grateful for the staff who have been persistent in identifying and addressing their individual needs regardless of the challenge. In addition, our Children's Advocacy Center conducted 89 forensic interviews during these three months, Wow! This number represents alleged severe physical abuse and sexual abuse crimes against children in the Golden Triangle Area. We have worked with some very precious children and their families experiencing extreme crises, creating an inner emotional challenge for all of us.

Many of our youth arrive feeling discouraged and uncertain. While we provided housing, mentorship, and practical support, what begins to take root is something more powerful, hope. This is a gift, one that you all help us provide, the gift of hope!

Our Transitional Living Program has made great strides with the clients enrolled in the program. All youth were employed and working toward their independence goals with focus on life skills, budgeting, and planning for the future. One of our TLP clients graduated from high school and one graduated from the program. We applaud them and are very proud of them continuing to gain significant momentum with life skills, job opportunities, deeper community and hope for a brighter future. It does my heart good to see them adjust to what life has thrown at them and the challenges that they continue to face.

During the second quarter, we stood together as a community for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April and took the time in May to bring awareness to Mental Health. These national observances remind us of the vital importance of our mission. Thanks to your support, our Intake and Assessment Center (Emergency Shelter), Basic Care Program (RHY), Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) continue to provide a safe, nurturing, and compassionate environment where children can heal, play, and look forward to a bright future.

As we transition into the summer months, we are filled with gratitude for the personal resiliency shown by our youth every single day. Thank you for being a vital part of their journey toward hope and healing.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services Empowering children and families to seek and experience an improved quality of life since 1990.

With gratitude,
Cindy Tucker Executive Director

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In Honor of Scott Poindexter

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“Child Abuse Prevention”

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Sally Kate Winters Family Services held a Child Abuse Prevention Parade in West Point, MS and the Butterflies and BINGO to engage the community and discuss how we all play a vital role in preventing and ending child abuse and discuss the ways we can keep children in our communities safe. Thank you to our CAPM Sponsors!



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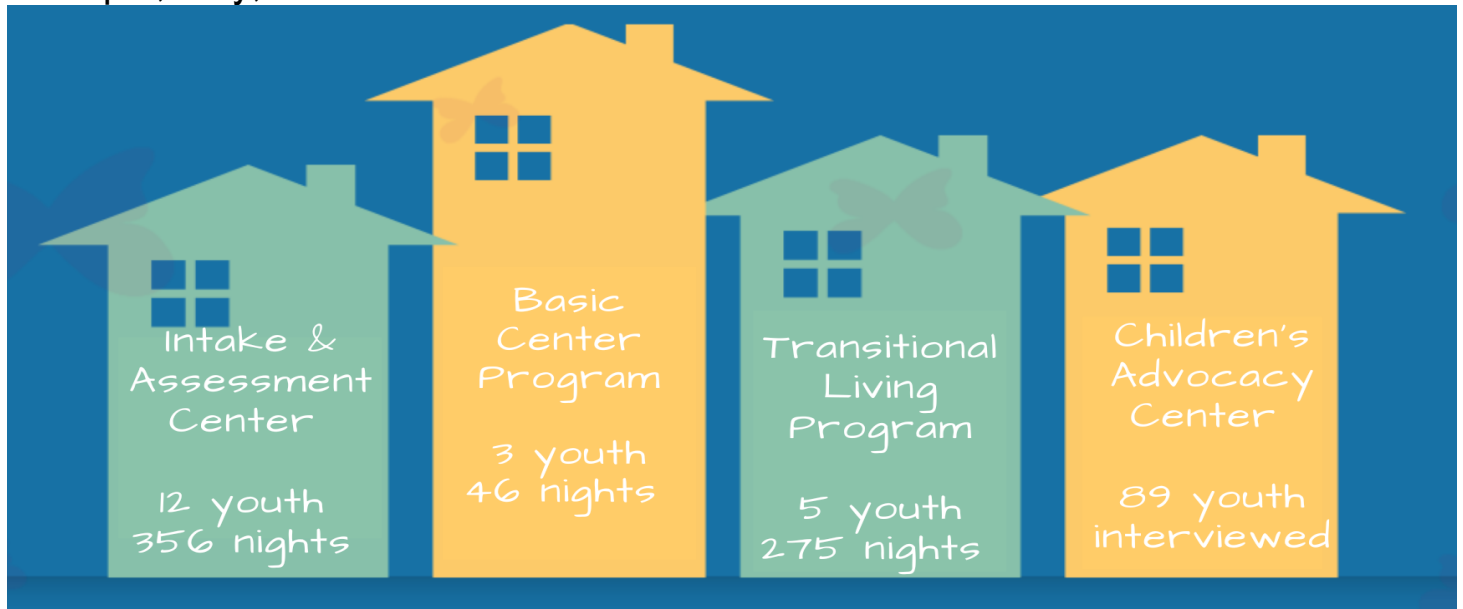
“Mental Health Awareness”

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. It's okay not to be okay. Sally Kate Winters Family Services supports the mission to address the stigma around mental health.



PROGRAM UPDATE

For April, May, & June 2026



Intake & Assessment Center

Shelter services were provided for **12** youth who received a total of **356** nights of service. The youth represented ages 10-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. **9** counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Basic Center Program (BCP)

BCP shelter services were provided for **3** youth, for a total of **46** nights of service. **3** crisis calls was managed by RHY staff, providing resources for youth in need of services. A total of **30** Safe Place Sites are available in a 5 county area to assist youth in crisis and connect them to local services.

Overnight Respite Program

Overnight respite services were provided for **0** foster care youth for a total of **0** nights of service. The Overnight Respite Program offers foster parents a short respite from providing 24-hour care for children in the state foster care system.

Transitional Living Program (TLP)

TLP services were provided for **5** youth for a total of **275** nights of service. **3** counties and **0** out of state were represented through the services offered by TLP. Youth participated in life skills classes, volunteer activities, educational enrollment, and employment as part of the TLP program.

Children's Advocacy Center(CAC)

CAC services were offered for **89** youth and their non-offending caregivers. Services include forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, on-site mental health, and referrals for other services. These children represented child abuse cases involving alleged sexual abuse, physical abuse, and witnesses to a violent crime. **14** counties were represented through the services offered by the CAC, along with monthly Multi-disciplinary Meetings and case review in the counties of Clay, Choctaw, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, and Noxubee.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services provided a total of **2,031** meals for children in need during this quarter. A total of **73** individuals donated **559.5** volunteer hours during the quarter.

“Juneteenth”

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery on June 19, 1865, in the United States. Let's continue to embrace equality and ensure our commitment to fighting injustice. Our wonderful youth here at Sally Kate Winters Family Services created this beautiful board celebrating Juneteenth!



“Newsletter Updates”

Moving forward, Sally Kate Winters Family Services has decided to publish our Newsletter twice yearly. We will provide updates throughout the year, but full Newsletters will be provided every six months. The next full Newsletter will be provided in January. We will continue to keep our contributors informed on a quarterly basis in the form of smaller, mailed updates. We thank all our contributors for patience during this time as we make these adjustments. Please contact SKWFS if you have a change in address.



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