

PROGRAM UPDATE

For July, August & September 2022



Emergency Shelter Program

ESP services were provided for **22** children who received a total of **433** nights of service. The children represented ages 6-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. **13** counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program

RHY shelter services were provided for **2** youth, both age 13, for a total of **18** nights of service. The youth represented **1** county and were identified as runaway and youth at-risk of homelessness. **6** crisis calls were managed by RHY staff, providing resources for youth in need of services. A total of **31** 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 **2** foster care children for a total of **9** 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 services were provided for **4** youth for a total of **277** nights of service. **3** counties 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 services were offered for **62** children 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. **10** 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 2,211 meals for children in need during this quarter. A total of 48 individuals donated 516.5 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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“Staff Additions”

We are excited to share with you our new Victim Advocate Cassidy Snyder, and Forensic Interviewer Jennifer Spears. Cassidy is a graduate from University of Tennessee Martin’s Social Work program. She loves all things Disney, coffee, her husband, two dogs, and Mississippi State Baseball! Jennifer is a graduate of the Mississippi State University Social Work Program. She enjoys spending time with her family, visiting the beach, and watching a good movie! We are so excited for these two to join our SKWFS team.



Jennifer Spears



Cassidy Snyder

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A MESSAGE FROM SHEILA:

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, I am reminded of one of her many ‘royal quotes’ used to inspire others – “When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.” This is such a powerful message for children, youth, and families dealing with trauma, abuse, and uncertainty. The fight or flight response is definitely real and drives many of the conversations, behaviors, and treatment plans for the children receiving our services. The emotions of fear, anxiety, sadness, and restlessness often interfere with our ability to maintain courage and optimism in difficult situations. As adults, we experience this.

As children and youth, the realities and emotions of life situations are sometimes too overwhelming for them. Trauma is relentless and every child that enters our doors is experiencing some type of trauma. They need help, and often ask for help in the most unloving ways. Our job is to offer them a safe space to manage all of the emotions related to their trauma experience and help them gain the courage for a better future. This is the goal, some children experience the impact of this goal and some children choose to fight the help being offered. We hope to impact all children in a positive way but the reality is that we will impact a few and their lives will be changed dramatically.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services has been busy this quarter with the unexpected. During a July thunderstorm, we experienced severe property damage to the TLP houses from falling trees. Thankfully, the three male clients asleep in one of the housing units were not injured when a hackberry tree fell through the center of the house. Frightened for sure, but no physical injuries!! Bob Lummus and his crew were Rock Stars for a few days so that our TLP clients did not have to be displaced for a lengthy period of time. We did however, suspend intake for female residents while one housing unit is receiving structural repairs. Hopeful this program will be back to normal by December 1st.

Also, Sally Kate Winters Family Services received notification of funding for several grant applications submitted to support all four programs. The Victims of Crime Act Grant renewed funding to support services provided for child victims through the Emergency Shelter Program and Children’s Advocacy Center Program. The Family and Youth Services Bureau approved funding for a three-year grant cycle for the Transitional Living Program supported by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. This funding source also supports the Basic Center Grant for the availability of four shelter beds within the Emergency Shelter Program to serve runaway and homeless youth. This program is entering Year 2 of a three-year funding cycle. State Assessment funds allocated by the Mississippi Legislature was awarded through the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Mississippi to support services available through the CAC program and Multi-disciplinary response to felony child abuse cases. International Paper Foundation awarded a \$3,500 grant to support improved well-being services for children placed in the Emergency Shelter Program. Grant applications along with local support are vital to meeting the annual operating budget of the organization. Local financial support and volunteer hours are identified as match sources to meet eligibility requirements for most of the federal and state funding secured. All revenue streams allow us to continue meeting the daily the needs of children and youth in crisis.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services will be experiencing a leadership transition within the last quarter of 2022. After twenty-eight years as the Executive Director, I decided to step down from this position. This decision is definitely bittersweet and I do not have the words to convey the impact this experience has made in my life. I am grateful for the opportunity to work for this organization and to make a difference in the lives of 4,352 children and youth in crisis. The growth and improvements made to our program and services are a true example of community involvement with 142 board members, 100 individuals employed, and countless volunteers, together we have built a stable organization. Now is the time to allow a new leader to emerge and move the organization forward. My hope is that the next Executive Director experiences the overwhelming generosity and support of this community that has been evident throughout my tenure. We look forward to this new transition and your continued support. Thanks again for entrusting me to serve in this capacity through the years, forever humbled by this experience!

Sheila G. Brand

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“Endowment Fund”

Did you know that Sally Kate Winters Family Services has an endowment fund?

The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission and work of our organization.

The principal of an endowment is kept intact and only the annual earnings, typically income and a

portion of the capital growth, are used to fund current needs. Our organization has established its

endowment so that we can continue to carry on our important work in the years to come. You can make

a significant contribution to further our mission...and it's easier than you might think. For more

information, check out our website www.sallykatewinters.org

“Christmas Shirt”

It's Chirstmas Shirt time! Christmas shirts, (Youth XS-L

\$25, Adult S-XXX-Large \$25), tiles and ornaments (\$16)

are availble for pre-sale! Regular sales, pickups and

payments will begin November 1st. You can order by

calling 662-494-4867, messaging us on Social media, or

email outreach@sallykatewinters.org. Proceeds will be

directly impacting the lives of the youth served through

our four programs! Thank you for supporting our

organization and making a difference!



“Children’s Advocacy Center”

During the past few months, SKWFS

CAC has increased efforts to enhance

our partnerships with our

multidisciplinary teams by providing

related professional trainings. Trainings

included “Legal Considerations in Child

Abuse and Other Crimes against

Children” and guidance on expert

witness testimony for mental health

providers of child victims. Effective

multidisciplinary teamwork ensures that

each case receives the investigation,

advocacy services, follow-up, and

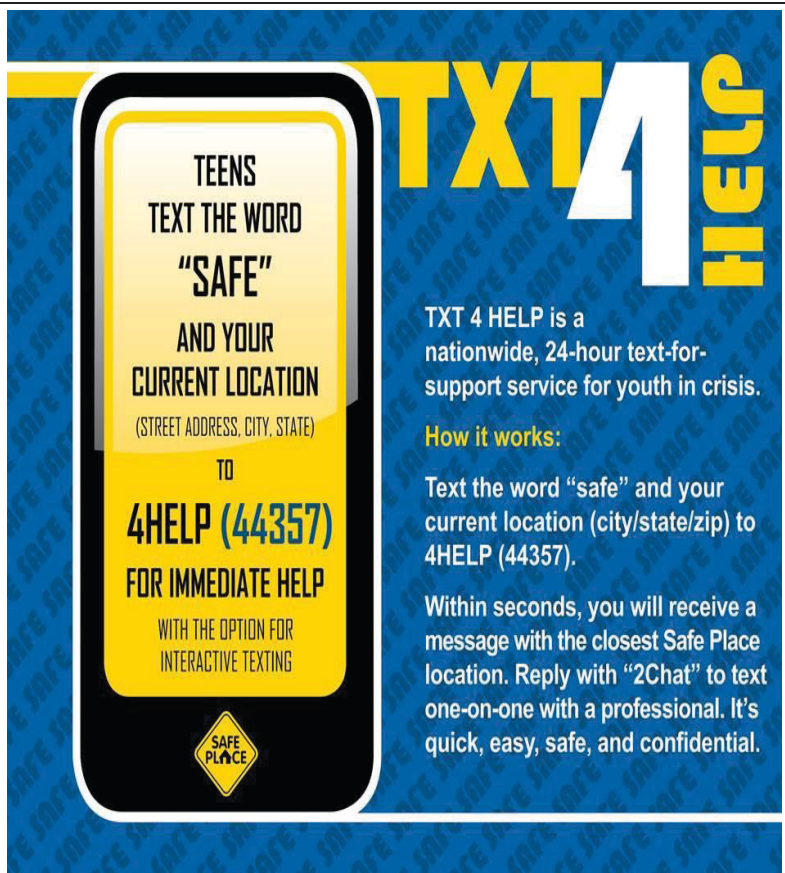
desired legal outcome necessary for

victims and their families. We

appreciate all of our MDT members from

Clay, Choctaw, Lowndes, Noxubee, and

Oktibbeha counties!



“Runaway and Homeless Youth”

During the third quarter we had two

male youth come through our

Runaway and Homeless Youth

program. After exiting the program,

the youth and their families are still

receiving aftercare counseling though

Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

“Transitional Living Program”

Tyquan Conner entered into the Transitional Living Program June 2022 and has begun working toward

independence and a sense of belonging. He has done this by participating in volunteer work at the

Mission and Animal Shelter in West Point. Tyquan began participating in church services with the

Mission and decided to give his life to Christ. The Mission organized a baptism service for the youth on

August 24, 2022. Sally Kate Winters Family Services staff participated in the service.

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