

PROGRAM UPDATE

For January, February & March 2025



Intake & Assessment Center (Shelter)

Shelter services were provided for 15 children who received a total of 290 nights of service. The children represented ages 3-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. 8 counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Basic Center Program (BCP)

BCP shelter services were provided for 2 youth, for a total of 30 nights of service. 0 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 3 foster care children for a total of 10 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 329 nights of service. 5 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)

CAC services were offered for 96 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. 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 1,977 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A total of 82 individuals donated 278.75 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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“Giving”

The QR code below can be used to donate to our organization. This can be done in memory or honor of someone and a thank you letter, and acknowledgement letter would be sent.
Contact our office at 662.494.4867 for questions regarding donations!



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A MESSAGE:

As we bid farewell to Winter and welcome the promise of Spring, Sally Kate Winters Family Services reflects on a dynamic and productive start to 2025. I wanted to highlight some of the ways our agency has been impacted by our community and how our staff continue to make an impact on the community as well. We are immensely grateful for your continued support and contributions, which make our work possible.

The year began with a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community's law enforcement at our A.M. Social with a Cop. We extend our sincere thanks to the West Point Police Department for their participation and for fostering stronger ties with those we serve.

We also received a generous \$10,000 donation from Bruff with Bank of Commerce of West Point and a \$75,000 donation from Tim O'Brien with Renasant Bank of West Point through the Children’s Promise Tax Credit Act. This vital program, which provides dollar-for-dollar tax credits to individuals and companies who give to qualified charities like ours, makes a significant difference in our ability to serve vulnerable children and families. (Please visit our website to learn more about how you can participate in the Children's Promise Act.)

In February, our TLP staff participated in Love 146 Human Trafficking Prevention Presentations, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to protecting youth in our community.

March brought National Safe Place Week, during which we were proud to nominate Columbus YMCA as our Safe Place Site of the Year, recognizing their dedication to providing safe havens for young people in crisis. We also extend a warm welcome to our new volunteers from Yokohama Tire, who generously contributed their time and energy to enhance the landscape at our Transitional Living Program houses.

These are just a few highlights of the work we've been doing at Sally Kate Winters Family Services. As we kickoff April 2025, nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are committed to our mission to empower children and families to seek and experience an improved quality of life. We look forward to continuing to serve our community and appreciate your continued support.

With Appreciation,
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Boys & Girls Club of West Point

Boys & Girls Club of Starkville

Starkville Fire Departments, #1, #2, #3, #4, #5

Columbus Arts Council

Columbus Fire Departments, #1, #2, #3, #4, #5

Columbus Housing Authority

Columbus Housing – Sims Site

The Discovery Center

West Point Fire Department, #1, #2



Family Resource Center

Father's Child Ministries

NMMC – West Point

Bryan Public Library

YMCA – Columbus/Caledonia

Aberdeen Police Department

Starkville Police Department

Okolona Fire Department

Houston Fire Department

SKWFS

“Volunteer Opportunities”

There are many ways you can donate your time and volunteer with Sally Kate Winters Family Services. This can be tutoring, hanging out with our youth, a special project, office organization, event & fundraising planning, internships, and more. You can access the volunteer application on our website. Contact our office at 662.494.4867 or email kelly@sallykatewinters.org to learn more about volunteering with our agency!



“Children’s Promise Tax Credit Act”

The State of Mississippi offers a tax credit for donations made to an eligible Qualified Charitable Organization. Your donation to Sally Kate Winters Family Services can be a DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR Tax Credit on your Mississippi taxes. We would like to Thank Bank of Commerce and Renasant Bank for donating through the Children’s Promise Tax Credit Act.



“Safe Place Week”

National Safe Place Week is recognized during March. The goal of NSP week is to bring awareness to the national outreach organization available for youth. This year's Safe Place Site of the year was Columbus YMCA. The staff and TLP youth also participated in Adopt a Highway!



SKWFS Youth & Staff

Columbus YMCA