

PROGRAM UPDATE

For April, May & June 2025



Intake & Assessment Center

Shelter services were provided for 12 children who received a total of 376 nights of service. The children represented ages 10-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. 7 counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Basic Center Program (BCP)

BCP shelter services were provided for 0 youth, for a total of 0 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 6 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 7 youth for a total of 389 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 78 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. 12 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 2,313 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A total of 102 individuals donated 339.75 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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Empowering children and families  
to seek and experience an improved  
quality of life.



“Intern/Volunteer”

We were excited to have Tinley Wharton intern with us this summer! We partner with these Universities/Programs for Internships.

- Mississippi State University - Social Work, Family Studies
- Mississippi University for Women - Family Studies
- University of Alabama - Master Level of Social Work
- University of West Alabama - Clinical Mental Health
- Union University - Master Level Social Work

“Christmas Fundraiser”

We are excited for this year's Christmas shirt, tile, & ornament design! We will be having pre-sales August-September with pick-ups starting in November. Be sure to get your Shirt!! Stay up to date on our website and social media pages for more details. You can also email [kelly@sallykatewinters.org](mailto:kelly@sallykatewinters.org) or call the office at 662.494.4867.



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A MESSAGE:

Dear Sally Kate Winters Family Services Family and Friends,

As we transition from a beautiful spring into summer, we're thrilled to share the incredible dedication of the SKWFS staff, board, and volunteers, and highlight some of our recent achievements!

April was a powerful **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. We hosted our fourth successful radio remote with Super Talk Mississippi, raising critical awareness, and our Child Abuse Prevention Parade saw an incredible turnout, thanks to our local schools, daycares, businesses, and volunteers. A big thank you to Access Family Health for on-site services and West Point Nutrition for their "BLUE menu" support. We wrapped up the month with our annual **Butterflies & BINGO** fundraiser, featuring beautiful youth art in the silent auction. We're immensely grateful to our generous sponsors: Bank of Commerce, Renasant Bank, Southern Ionics, Bank First, Hass Outdoors/Mossy Oak, City of West Point, Prestage Farms, Phillip's Hardware, Kevin Flurry-State Farm, Pediatric Dentistry of Columbus, Steel Dynamics, Dutch Oil, Larry Clark Chevrolet, and Lann Chemical.

In May, we championed **Mental Health Awareness Month** by hosting our inaugural "Muffin Moments for Mental Health" event. This gathering brought together churches, community leaders, and residents to boost awareness and education on the emotional needs of children and families. Thank you to everyone who participated!

June saw wonderful support from Dauphin United Methodist Church volunteers, who helped us plant our summer flowers. We're also proud to share that our **Transitional Living Program reached full capacity** – a testament to its profound impact on our youth. We also celebrated important milestones for several of our youth and navigated some bittersweet staff transitions.

Looking ahead, I'm incredibly grateful for your continued support. Your contributions of time and donations are vital, driving our mission to empower children and families and protecting children in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering support!

Cindy Tucker  
Executive Director

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By DC and Vicki Dimino

In Memory of Pete O'Shea, Bobby Berry, Charles Magers, & Christopher Henley

By Kathy & Dwight Dyess

In Memory of Henry Tex Brown & Mike J. Brown

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In Memory of Tommy Briggs & Sue Gailey

By Steve & Becky McKinney

In Memory Samuel Pilkinton III

By Melinda Pilkinton

In Memory of Joe Kellum Martin

By Willie Hightower & Carolyn Hood

In Memory of Nellie Ann Whitt Long

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In Memory of Hamp & Gilda Hurst, Bobby & Bobie Sue Horner

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Julia & Rob Kelsey Birthday Fundraiser

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By CV and MT Williams

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“Child Abuse Prevention Month”

April 2025 was a huge success! We are continued to be in amazement of our community's support. We had over 500 children and countless adults join us in our annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Parade. Joining us for SuperTalk we had board members, staff, and community partners. We can't wait to see what April 2026 has in store, if you want to be a part of it, feel free to contact our office!



“Mental Health Awareness Month”

May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. This year we had our first Muffin Moments event with the community. We invited local churches to join us to learn and talk about helping to Bridge the Gap. We are so thankful for their support.

