

PROGRAM UPDATE

For January, February & March 2026



Intake & Assessment Center

Shelter services were provided for 11 youth who received a total of 286 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 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 1 foster care youth for a total of 8 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 374 nights of service. 4 counties and 1 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 93 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. 11 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 2,004 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A total of 117 individuals donated 819.5 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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“SKWFS Celebrations”

This year marked 35 years of dedicated work by Sally Kate Winters Family Service’s wonderful IAC Case Manager, Cynthia Mathews! Thank you, Cynthia for your commitment to the mission of SKWFS and for all you do!



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A MESSAGE:

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,

What a quarter it has been! In 2025, Sally Kate Winters Family Services transformed the lives of 389 young people and provided 2,920 nights of services through our residential programs — and we could not have done it without you.

In January, we joined the national movement for Human Trafficking Awareness Month, a cause at the heart of our mission. This quarter, our youth also enjoyed cookie decorating with volunteers, a game at Mississippi State University, movie outings, and a financial education boot camp hosted by Bank of Commerce. In March, we celebrated Social Work Month with a Lunch and Learn and participated in several Safe Place activities for National Safe Place Week. Our mandated reporting training continues to equip our community to protect and advocate for vulnerable youth.

A heartfelt thank you to United Way, Bank of Commerce, and Renasant Bank for their generous support — including their partnership through the Mississippi Children's Promise Act. If you or your organization would like to give back through the MS Children's Promise Act Tax Credit, visit our website to learn more at www.sallykatewinters.org/promise-tax.

Together, we are making a difference — one life at a time.

With gratitude,

Cindy Tucker
Executive Director

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By Marvin Turnipseed

In Memory of Theo Coggins
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In Memory of Mr. Clark Williams
By Pat Shaffer

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In Memory of Lonnie Peoples
By Ruby Goodgame

In Memory of Doris Shaffer
By Randy and Nita Shaffer

In Memory of Andy DeSantis
By George Mike & Billie Dee Henson

In Memory of Henry Tex Brown & Michael J. Brown
By Tex & Barbara Brown

In Memory of Noah Henley
By Eugene & Katy Susan Allen

In Memory of Andy DeSantis
By James & Ladonna Helveston

In Memory of Andy DeSantis
By Steve & Becky DeSantis

In Memory of James Powell
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In Memory of Beverly Campbell
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“National Safe Place Week”

National Safe Place Week is every third week of March that is geared towards highlighting the Safe Place Program as well as licensed Safe Place agencies within our community. The Safe Place Program is a preventative program with a mission to help youth in crisis find safety. Thank you to all of our local Safe Place agencies for providing a safe place for youth in need of immediate help!



“Capitol Day Mississippi”

Sally Kate Winters Family Services Child Advocacy Center (CAC) staff had the amazing opportunity to participate in Capitol Day at Mississippi’s capitol in Jackson, MS. SKWFS staff Felisia Cooper, Tessa Andersen, Whitney Carrol, and Mississippi State University intern Ella Willow traveled to the state capitol to engage with our local Senators and Representatives to support our work with victims of child abuse!

