



Sally Kate Winters Family Services



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**OVERNIGHT
RESPITE
SERVICES**



WHAT IS RESPITE?

Respite care is defined as an instance of short-term, non-medical care of a child that is provided to give the parents and child time away from each other. This allows the parents to emotionally recharge and become better prepared to handle the normal day-to-day challenges of parenting. Respite services are offered as a prevention measure to reduce family stress, thereby helping to preserve the family unit.

RESPITE SERVICES OFFERED:

- *Shelter room and board*
- *Twenty-four hour, awake supervision*
- *Emotional support within a safe environment*
- *Individual counseling, as needed*
- *Educational support*
- *Character enhancement activities*
- *Recreational opportunities*



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

OUR MISSION



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Sally Kate Winters Family Services offers overnight respite services for foster care children and children at-risk of out-of-home placement. Respite services are available for children ages 2 years thru 17 years within the Mississippi foster care system and/or with an Axis I diagnosis involved with a local mental health agency. Respite services are limited to fourteen nights annually. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

Overnight respite services are provided in conjunction with the emergency shelter program available for abused, neglected, and homeless children. Located in West Point, North Central Mississippi, respite services are available for children from the surrounding area (primarily North Central MS).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Sally Kate Winters Family Services requires a verbal request and completed application to qualify for respite services. All applications must be submitted a minimum of three days prior to the date overnight respite services are needed. Program staff determines approval for respite services after review of the respite application.

Overnight respite services were added to Sally Kate Winters Family Services comprehensive array of services in January 2007. This program is:

Approved by the Mississippi Department of Human Services

Licensed by the Mississippi Department of Human Services through emergency shelter program

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