



*Sally Kate Winters Family Services*



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**EMERGENCY  
SHELTER  
PROGRAM**

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Imagine a child who has never celebrated a birthday. Can you imagine a child who is so excited to have a birthday cake that he didn't want to cut it for two days? Who just wanted to look at it because he had never had one before? It's heartbreaking to think that some children never get to partake of such small joys in life. But at age sixteen, such was the experience of one young resident in the emergency shelter program.

### SHELTER SERVICES OFFERED:

- Shelter room and board with 24-hour supervision
- Crisis Counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Medical and dental services, as needed
- Psychological services, as needed
- School enrollment and education support
- Supervised visits with family members
- Personal hygiene supplies and clothing
- School supplies
- Art activities and special projects
- Recreational outings such as bowling, skating, swimming, & movies
- Positive memories of activities that promote self-worth: learning to ride a bike, playing kickball, learning to skate, carving pumpkins, decorating a Christmas tree



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

**OUR MISSION**



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Sally Kate Winters Family Services Emergency Shelter Program provides shelter and crisis intervention services for abused, neglected, and homeless children. The emergency shelter program seeks to bring humanity, love, and respect into the lives of children during their time of crisis. Serving up to twelve children at any one time representing the ages of birth through seventeen, the emergency shelter program provides a wholesome, homelike environment for an up to 45-day placement.

Located in West Point, identified as North Central Mississippi, the emergency shelter program is available for children located in the thirteen county service area. Referrals for services represent the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Youth Courts, and Law Enforcement Officials. Emergency shelter services are also extended outside the targeted geographic area as a means of eliminating gaps in service for children within the state foster care system.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services Emergency Shelter Program is open twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to children in need. It is the goal of the staff and board of directors to provide not only shelter for these children, but also opportunities for social, emotional, and educational growth.

*Community leaders seeking to address the needs of children traumatized by child abuse, neglect, and family violence established Sally Kate Winters Family Services Emergency Shelter Program, formerly Sally Kate Winters Memorial Children's Home, in the spring of 1990.*

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