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FACT SHEET

Canopy Children's Solutions is the state's most comprehensive provider of children's behavioral health, educational and social service solutions.

- ◆ Established in 1912 as Mississippi Children's Home Society
- ◆ Canopy's outreach touches an average of 15,000 children and families each year
- ◆ One of the largest 501(c)3 organizations in the state—93 percent of all donations directly fund programs that support children and families
- ◆ Operates an ABA therapy-based Early Intervention Autism Program for children ages 18 months to 8 years old
- ◆ Serves children in all 82 counties of the state through a network of 20 locations, including two crisis shelters, three schools, two psychiatric residential treatment centers, and numerous regional and satellite offices

Behavioral Health Statistics

- ◆ 1 in 5 children between the ages of 3-17—131,000 children in Mississippi—struggles with a treatable behavioral, emotional or mental health challenge (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*)
- ◆ Half of all behavioral health concerns onset before the age of 14 (*National Institute of Mental Health*)
- ◆ Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teens and adolescents—90 percent had an underlying behavioral health crisis at the time of death (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*)
- ◆ 1.3 million American youth struggle with drug or alcohol dependency (*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*)
- ◆ Mood disorders, such as depression, are the most common principal diagnoses among children ages 1-17. (*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*)
- ◆ Autism affects 1 in 68 children; 1 in 42 boys (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*)
- ◆ Fewer than 20 percent of children who face behavioral health challenges ever receive proper treatment (*American Psychological Association*)

Education Statistics

- ◆ Half of all children who suffer from a behavioral health challenge and are served by special education drop out of high school (*U.S. Department of Education*)
- ◆ Two-thirds of state inmates are high school dropouts (*Bureau of Justice*)
- ◆ Many children struggle in the classroom due to undiagnosed or unaddressed behavioral health issues (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*)

Social Services Statistics

- ◆ 8,756 cases of child abuse and/or neglect were identified in the state in 2014 (*Mississippi Department of Human Services*)
- ◆ There are more than 5,500 children in the Mississippi child welfare system; more than 500 are adoption eligible (*Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services*)