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## FACT SHEET

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

- ◆ Established in 1912 as Mississippi Children's Home Society
- ◆ Canopy serves approximately 5,000 kids and families each year
- ◆ One of the largest 501(c)3 organizations in the state—97 percent of all donations directly support programs that support children and families (*Mississippi Secretary of State*)
- ◆ Serves children in all 82 counties of the state through a network of 19 locations, including a crisis shelter, two schools, one psychiatric residential treatment center, two Applied Behavior Analysis autism therapy clinics, and numerous regional and satellite offices

### Behavioral Health Statistics

- ◆ 1 in 5 children between the ages of 3-17—131,000 children in Mississippi—struggle 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 second 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, 2017*)
- ◆ 1.3 million American youth struggle with drug or alcohol dependency (*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*)
- ◆ Mood disorders, such as depression, was the most common principal diagnosis among children ages 1-17. (*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*)
- ◆ Autism affects 1 in 59 children; the rate of autism diagnosis has increased by 15 percent over the previous four years (*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

- ◆ 6,865 evidenced cases of child abuse and neglect were identified in the state in 2016 (*Kids Count Data Center*)
- ◆ There are nearly 5,000 children in the Mississippi child welfare system; more than 500 are adoption eligible (*Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services*)