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FACT SHEET

Canopy Children's Solutions (Canopy) 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 6,400 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 17 locations
- ◆ Canopy Children's Solution's mission is to help children thrive and families overcome extraordinary challenges by providing a continuum of behavioral health, educational, and social service solutions.
- ◆ In 2018, Canopy opened the Canopy Center of Excellence located in Jackson. The Center of Excellence is home to Canopy's Jackson-based Behavioral Health Clinic and Early Intervention Autism Clinic
- ◆ Canopy's in-CIRCLE is a comprehensive home and community-based family preservation, reunification and support solution for children and families. Since 2017, Canopy has safely diverted more than 5,100 children from entering into the foster care system.
- ◆ At least 91% of children and families served by Canopy are low-to-middle income.

Behavioral Health Statistics

- ◆ 1 in 5 children between the ages of 3-17—131,000 children in Mississippi—are 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 54 children; the rate of autism diagnosis has increased by 10 percent over the previous two 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

- ◆ 5,403 evidenced cases of child abuse and neglect were identified in the state in 2018 (*Kids Count Data Center*)