



Attn: Tupelo City Council

Dear Tupelo City Council Members

Easterseals Mississippi Children's Advocacy Center (ESMS CAC) is a non-profit organization located in Tupelo, MS. ESMS CAC provides services in the Northeast MS area to children with allegations of abuse.

ESMS CAC provides a trauma informed, multidisciplinary response to child abuse allegations and promotes healing and prevention through collaborative services and education for children in Northeast MS. Multidisciplinary partners include Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, District Attorney's office, Mental Health Therapist, Youth Court, and Medical Professionals to help provide a comprehensive multidisciplinary team response to children as well as vulnerable adults, with allegation of sexual and/or physical abuse, neglect, witness to violent crimes, as well as human trafficking.

ESMS CAC staff have provided forensic interviews, forensic medical exam referrals, mental health referrals, family/victim advocacy, court preparation and other crisis intervention services to children and their families, in Lee, Pontotoc, Alcorn, Itawamba, Prentiss, Union, Tippah and Tishomingo counties. ESMS CAC also provides services for the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security.

ESMS CAC is requesting \$7,500 for the upcoming 2027 budget. With your continued support, ESMS CAC will be able to continue providing high quality services, hope, healing, and justice for the children and their families in Lee County.

Thank you

Juli Palmer

Manager

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