Natchez Children's Services
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

December 2020

MEET THE DIRECTOR
Catherine McPhate, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, BC-TMH
Executive Director

Catherine McPhate leads by example, always doing her best and encouraging others to do the same. She takes a vision and makes it a reality by listening and engaging. McPhate aims to meet her potential and take on new challenges. Under her leadership, Natchez Children's Services is able operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic and serve children in the community suffering from the influx of physical and sexual abuse.

McPhate was named and welcomed as the Executive Director of Natchez Children's Services, a non-profit Children's Advocacy Center, on October 1, 2020. She joined Natchez Children's Services in 2019 as the Clinical Director and Trauma Therapist. McPhate received her undergraduate in Psychology with a concentration in Counseling from Mississippi State University and received her Masters in Counselor Education from the University of Mississippi. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in both Mississippi and Louisiana.

McPhate is a Natchez Native, National Guard wife, avid baker and football enthusiast, while family and friends occupy her spare time. Her passion for Mental Health Awareness began at a young age which lead her to where she is today. Her commitment as an advocate for Mental Health Awareness will continue as she leads Natchez Children's Services in providing justice, hope and healing to families in the community who have been victims of abuse.

"Here at Natchez Children's Services Children's Advocacy Center we have staff members who are Family Advocates, Forensic Interviewers, Community Outreach Specialist, Multi-Disciplinary Team Facilitators and Trauma Therapists. Our team members all have specialized training and participate often in continuing education so they may continue to provide exceptional service to children and families in our area."

The **Children's Advocacy Center** is financed through private donations and by grants under the Victims of Crime Act. Our program is not funded by tax dollars or Medicaid. Without your donations and support, we would not be able to operate.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Last year, Natchez Children's Services served 288 children of abuse- ages 3-17. Each time a child receives care at our CAC they are given a toy and snack.

Here is how YOU can be a apart of of that:

- **Donate monetarily by visiting natchezcac.com**
- **Shop locally for a child (ages 3-17) and deliver a gift to Natchez Children's Services CAC**
- **Donate snacks and drinks**

Cash/check donations can be mailed to P.O.Box 2028 Natchez, MS 39121

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