

*Sandy Middleton,
Executive Director*



Sandy Middleton, Executive Director of The Center for Violence Prevention, is married to Fred Middleton, and together, they have four grown children and their spouses, six beautiful grandchildren, and 3 dogs, two of which are Therapy Dogs for the Center for Violence Prevention. Sandy received her B.A. in English Language and Literature from Millsaps College and her Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University. Her background is political and non-profit development and consulting. Sandy has served as Board Member and Legislative Director for the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Board Member for Mississippians Against Human Trafficking, and she works to pass legislation to improve victim safety and to hold offenders accountable. Middleton has served as Chair and Vice-Chair of Mississippi's Domestic Violence Task Force. Middleton also chaired the Victims Services Committee on Governor Bryant's Human Trafficking Task Force and is a Certified Rapid Response Human Trafficking Advocate through the MS Attorney General's office. She was honored to accept the 2014 FBI Community Service Award for The Center. Middleton was recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal in 2018 as one of the Top 10 in the 50 Top Business Women. A former trainer at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy, Middleton has trained law enforcement and other service providers across the state, while working with her staff and board which she calls "the best of the best." During her 17 years at The Center, the agency's budget, staff and programs have increased significantly to assist victims, including programs for victims of human trafficking, batterer's intervention and a separate forensic clinic. Her motivational Bible verse is: *Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Psalm 82:4