

*The purpose of this annual audit is to ensure compliance with ARORP requirements; to confirm appropriate progress in the opioid abatement project approved by ARORP, city and county officials, the ARORP Advisory Board, administrators of the Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF), the Association of Arkansas Counties, and the Arkansas Municipal League; and to verify proper stewardship of opioid settlement dollars.*

*Please produce all receipts requested. If you are not able to produce requested receipts, ARORP will request the funding returned within three business days of the audit or as otherwise specified. If you can produce the receipt or invoice within one business day of the ARORP audit, the request for returned funding may be waived.*

**General Information:**

Organization: Hope Movement Coalition

ARORP #: 22-012

Project Title: You are Not Alone

Date of Audit: February 10, 2025

How many years has this project been active: 2

How many years remain: 0

Is this the project's final audit? YES

Attendees Present at Audit: Staci James, Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence

Counties Served: All counties

Total Funding Amount: \$1,011,030.00

**Annual Evaluation****Milestones**

Were all ARORP-issued milestones completed this year? **NO** (*Funding was returned for unmet milestones, specified below, which brings the project into compliance.*)

**Notes:**

- Grief courses were rescheduled to be completed in Spring of 2025 due to demand/availability of trainer.
- Small children animal therapy sessions were rescheduled to be completed in Spring of 2025 due to weather/demand.
- All funding for uncompleted milestones was returned. All other milestones were completed, bringing the project into compliance.

**Summary of Process Data:**

Number of people who attended grief support meetings by quarter: Q1: 7, Q2: 58, Q3: 151, Q4: 36

Number of referrals to mental health professionals: 27

Number of times funeral assistance was provided: 21

Number of times PTO assistance was provided: 23

Number of times referrals to legal services was provided: 12

Number of people who attended grief retreats this year: 20

Number of people who were connected to peer support: 19

Number of open cases: Q1: 31, Q2: 39, Q3: 34, Q4: 12

Number of closed cases: 40

How many angels (people who died by overdose) are represented in your active case load

(\*Question only shows 6 months of data): Q3: 35, Q4: 13

How many people are represented in your active case load (\*Question only shows 6 months of

data): Q3: 124, Q4: 41

**Notes:**

- A "case" is a household. There may be multiple households who seek services over the one individual's death. Referrals have ebbed and flowed throughout the year.
- For the text connect platform, there were 88 texts received in year 2. There were 2704 texts sent in year 2.
- 650 people attended Bridge the Gap event in 2024.
- 6,000 brochures were distributed to 74 counties. They were distributed among funeral homes, police departments, and event attendees. Distribution includes but is not limited to: NASW conference, Washington County coroners office, Washington County sheriff's office, 100 Families and various partners through asset mapping in Sebastian, Johnson, Yell, and Union counties, Marion county coroner's office, ABHIN, Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Adult Education, DHS, Riverview Hope Campus, Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, etc.

**Financial Audit**

Which receipts were requested? **ALL RECIEPTS**

Were requested receipts presented within the requested time frame? **YES**

How much unused or misspent funding must be returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund?

**Amount: \$39,017.73**

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: February 27, 2025

### **Project Compliance**

Following the annual evaluation, what was needed for this project to gain compliance for ARORP requirements? **NA**

Were all items listed above completed? **NA**

Date program regained compliance: February 27, 2025

Is this project currently in compliance? **YES**

Additional notes on this project:

**Notes: NA**

### **Partnership**

What were some successes and challenges with your project?

#### **Successes:**

- The number of families Hope Movement was able to help. Families who received financial support stayed for You Are Not Alone.
- There have been six arrests and two convictions in the last 18 months.
- More families have been comfortable going to law enforcement.
- Nominated for a community impact award.

#### **Challenges:**

- Facing stigma.
- Organizations were reluctant to fund due to ARORP funding.
- Personnel was challenging. They hired quickly and had some challenges with the remote environment.

Is there anything ARORP could do differently to make your partnership more successful?

- The partnership was a success. Lots of support.



ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane

Date

4/17/25

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes

Date

4/14/25