Restore Hope Arkansas, Inc. is a non-profit enterprise created to bridge the recognized gap between government services and communities struggling to reduce the rate of incarceration, facilitate a successful re-entry from incarceration to freedom and to reduce the number of children entering our state’s foster care system.

Successfully addressing the needs of these seemingly unrelated groups of individuals is one of the most complex socio-economic challenges facing Arkansas today. And yet, every key indicator creates the realization that the core challenges faced by these groups of individuals is the same and must be addressed at the local community level.

Governor Hutchinson has directed Restore Hope Arkansas to attack these dual challenges aggressively and with urgency and has pledged the full support and resources of his office and the state in support of these efforts.

“"I have no desire to convene this Restore Hope Summit and to leave here only with hope. We need to follow that with action, commitment, measuring sticks, determine how we’ve done, how we’re growing, how many more are joining the effort, what progress we’re making. I’m asking today for the steering committee that has convened and helped set the stage for this summit to reconvene, to follow up, to see, how can we measure our progress? How can we get together in smaller groups to make sure we’re following up, to make sure we’re having the success that we desire?"”

- Governor Asa Hutchinson
FASTEST GROWING PRISON POPULATION IN THE US

(NET GROWTH OF 45 INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED EACH MONTH)

COST TO THE STATE

$25K PER YEAR PER INDIVIDUAL

ONLY 50% OF PAROLEES HAVE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

33,683 REPORTS OR 73/1000 AR CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORTS

(NATIONAL AVERAGE 47/1000)

MORE INCARCERATION OF ADULTS MEANS MORE CHILDREN ENTER FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

1 OUT OF 2 RETURN TO PRISON

4,900 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

(650 WAITING FOR ADOPTION)

1,500 FOSTER HOMES
Arkansas is incarcerating individuals at an unprecedented rate of growth and the number is growing by 45 more individuals incarcerated each month, compared to the previous month. Compounding this issue is the state’s rate of recidivism (50 percent) which is forecasted to continue rising. One of the key factors in the high rate of recidivism is that only 50 percent of inmates are employed in full-time work upon their release. Coordinated job training for available jobs in the communities to which these individuals will return is a critical element to the success of this initiative.

The average time spent in prison by each individual is 4.3 years at an annual estimated cost of $25,000 per year, per individual. Our limited state budget cannot keep up with these escalating costs of incarceration while meeting other vital needs of the state.

At the same time, the number of children in our foster care system continues to rise. Children from homes broken by drug addiction, violence and incarceration make up the preponderance of the cases. Today more than 7,000 children are in Arkansas’s foster system. However there are only 4,000 foster homes. Although extraordinary efforts have been undertaken to increase the number of approved foster homes in the state, the number of children waiting to be placed far outnumbers the number of homes available.

These seemingly unrelated failures within our society are the manifestation of true cause and effect. The more adults that are incarcerated the more children that enter foster care. In both cases, their lives are changed forever and rarely for the good. In neither case, has anyone ever realized the impact one societal challenge has on the other.
Restore Hope Arkansas implements a Collective Impact methodology that provides a set of management systems for leaders and a Collaborative Case Management tool for service providers. This approach and these systems make real change possible.

**Collective Impact Methodology**
The Collective Impact approach helps communities tackle the complex social issues surrounding foster care and prison re-entry. It is an innovative and structured approach to making collaboration work across government, business, philanthropy, non-profit organizations and citizens to achieve significant and lasting social change. This approach calls for multiple organizations or entities from different sectors to integrate their agenda into an inclusive, common agenda, shared measurement and alignment of effort.

**Management Systems**
It is difficult to gain situational awareness throughout the criminal justice system much less to attempt changes across the multiple sectors. Restore Hope provides a set of systems that enable a community’s leaders to co-create plans, manage the execution, and track outcomes that involve all the stakeholders.

**ISOLATED IMPACT VS. COLLECTIVE IMPACT**

**Isolated Impact**
- Funders select individual grantees that offer the most promising solutions.
- Nonprofits work separately and compete to produce the greatest impact.
- Evaluation attempts to isolate a particular organization’s impact.
- Large scale change is assumed to depend on scaling a single organization.
- Corporate and government sectors are often disconnected from the efforts of foundations and nonprofits.

**Collective Impact**
- Funders and implementers understand that social problems, and their solutions, arise from the interaction of many organizations within a larger system.
- Progress depends on working toward the same goal and measuring the same things.
- Large scale impact depends on increasing cross-sector alignment and learning among many organizations.
- Corporate and government sectors are essential partners.
- Organizations actively coordinate their action and share lessons learned.
COLLABORATIVE CASE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- Employment tools including resume builder and open job matching
- Overlapping case management system for service providers to align activities
- Realtime service provider
- Learning management system for delivery of online training and education
- Volunteering system pairing individuals with volunteer

THE GOODGRID CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Restore Hope Arkansas provides a Collaborative Case Management tool called GoodGrid. The GoodGrid tool connects all participating service providers in a community giving them the ability to manage and measure the collective impact of their efforts on a case-by-case basis.

When fully implemented, GoodGrid will accelerate the speed at which services can be delivered and provide a system of accountability for providers and the Restore Hope organization.

To participate, each service provider will complete a profile of the services their organization provides and any limitations or prerequisites for access.

As each individual seeking care is served by any of the participating GoodGrid service participants, a case file is placed into GoodGrid system. The case file will identify the entire scope of the individual’s needs and alert other service providers within the network. Each time the individual accesses a service, the case file will be updated and the information shared within the system.

The GoodGrid case file will be initiated long before reentry to a community allowing both the individual and the community to prepare for a successful reentry.

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