

Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

Bringing *hope* to children in crisis.



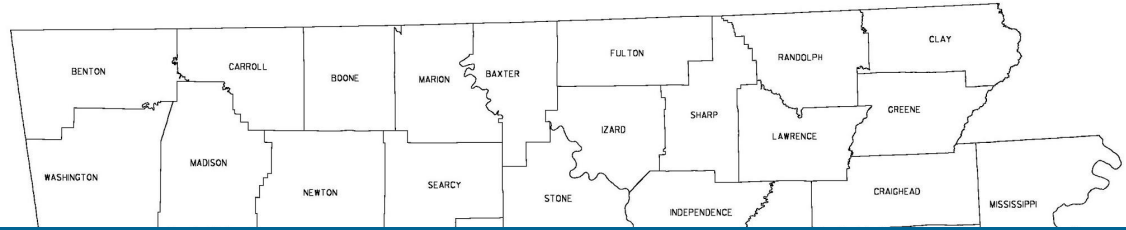
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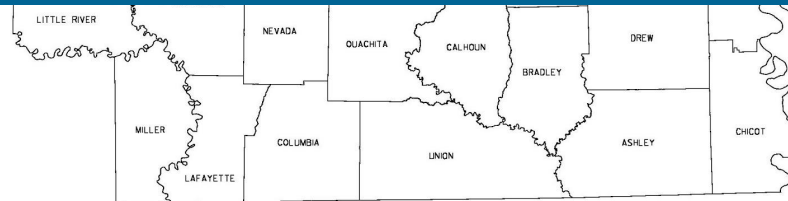
The mission of the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter is to provide a safe haven, high-quality care and hope for the future to children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected.



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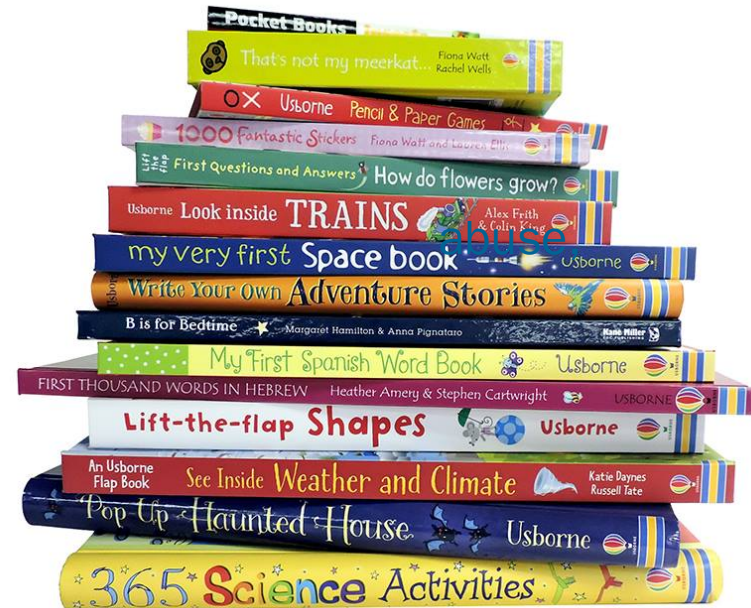
- The Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter has provided a safe haven and loving care to more than 11,000 children
- We have provided hope to children from throughout Arkansas for 26 years
- Our on-site school has been operating since 1998 in partnership with Bentonville Public Schools
- Demonstrated K-12 student success through trauma-informed education
- We have developed and maintained strong financial support from individual donors, corporate sponsors and foundations



Why Hope Academy?

To expand our trauma-informed educational services to children in grades K-6 throughout the Northwest Arkansas community who have experienced:

- Physical, sexual or emotional abuse
- Physical, emotional or educational neglect
- Abandonment
- Time in foster care
- Exposure to domestic violence, substance parental incarceration, homelessness
- Other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) that have led to significant setbacks in their education.



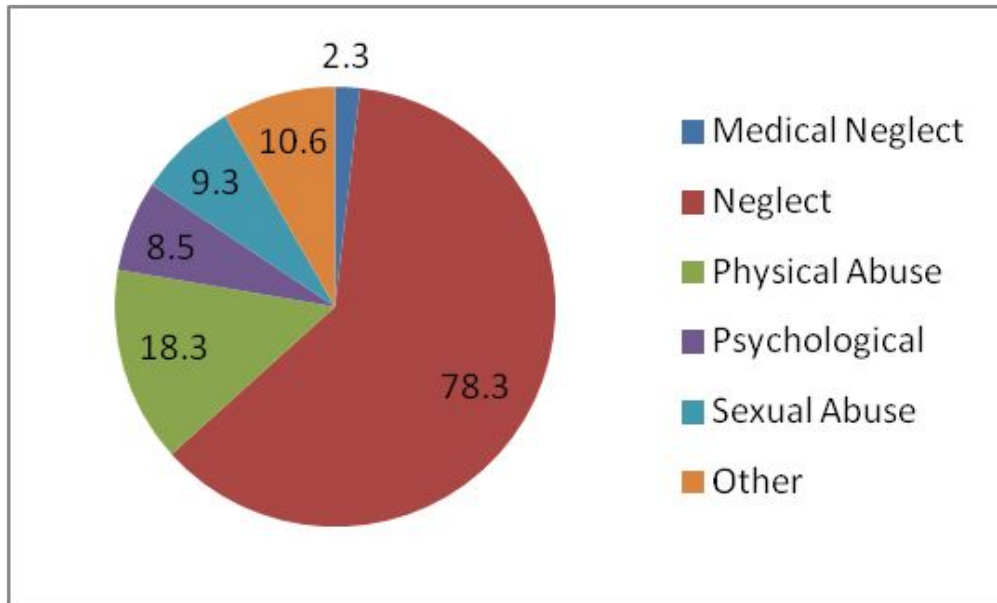
Why is Hope Academy needed in NWA?

In 2018, Arkansas accepted 29,012 child maltreatment reports for investigation.

More than 5,500 reports originated from Area 1, which includes Benton, Washington, Madison and Carroll counties.

For the past 5 years, Benton and Washington have consistently ranked in the Top 3 counties in Arkansas for substantiated cases of child abuse.

Many children who have experienced trauma benefit from a smaller, individualized, therapeutic classroom setting.





Mission of Hope Academy

The mission of the Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas is to provide students with a safe, positive, trauma-informed academic environment that will nurture their love for learning and confidence in life.

What is our trauma-informed education model?

- To build on our 20+ years of education excellence best practices serving children who have experienced trauma
- To provide a team-based approach to foster student success by understanding and meeting physiological, social, and emotional needs of students
- To utilize small class sizes, small groups and 1:1 time
- To create an environment where students feel safe as they learn to cope and manage behavior
- To emphasize self-reflection and self-care for staff



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Academics

- 1 teacher and 2 paraprofessionals per classroom
- Principles of Understanding by Design
- Principles of Project Based Learning
- Evidence based models of behavior modification
 - Conscious Discipline, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) and Managing Aggressive Behaviors (MAB)
- Mastery of Arkansas State Standards
 - English Language Arts - Wilson Foundations
 - Mathematics - Engage New York/Eureka Math
 - Fine Arts, Health and Safety Education, Physical Education
 - Scheduled into the day for each grade level

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Positive Action Curriculum

- Addresses social/emotional needs of children who have experienced trauma
- Meets ESSA and RTI requirements
- Evidence-based model supported by three randomized studies
- Development of the whole child
- Lessons promote growth in classroom, school, family and community
- Curriculum is scoped, sequenced and spirals



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Student Support Services

- Guidance program for social/emotional development
- All required media available to each student
- Health plans according to the individual needs of each student provided by a licensed nurse
- Full continuum of special education services as required by IDEA
- Gifted and Talented and Alternative Education provided through individualized instruction
- Faculty with ELL certification
- Partnership with Bentonville Public Schools to provide training for dyslexia awareness and services
- A plan for providing these services will be written and posted to the website by August 1, 2020

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District Operations and Fiscal Governance

- Nutrition services, including hot meals and snacks, provided by the sponsoring entity, Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter
- All fiscal operations managed by the director of finance and administration with a separate accounting system for charter school funds
- Campus maintenance provided by sponsoring entity

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Human Capital

- All team members of the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter and Hope Academy have full background checks completed prior to employment
- A full-time principal will serve as lead administrator for Hope Academy and will be held accountable by the executive director/superintendent of the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter as well as the school board
- Professional development will be provided through the Arkansas Public School Resource Center.
- Bentonville Public Schools will partner with us on professional development

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Stakeholder and Family Engagement

- In-home visits to each family before the school year begins
- Family needs assessments
- Continued relationships with community partners to ensure families are aware of and receiving needed services
- Two parent teacher conferences per year
- Partnership with local universities to conduct longitudinal research studies

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Facilities and Transportation

- Existing ADA compliant school facilities
- Two buses will run routes morning and afternoon routes for transportation to and from the Hope Academy campus
- School safety policies will be developed in compliance with state laws

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By the numbers

- Facility and fixed costs related to the facility (eg., maintenance, utilities, etc.) are covered by the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter and are not incremental as a result of the addition of Hope Academy
- \$700,000 in contributions received to date for Hope Academy
- \$900,000 in commitments from foundations and individuals pending charter approval
- Will apply for additional grant funds from corporate and private foundations upon charter approval
- Fundraising events planned upon charter approval
- Will continue to seek individual donor contributions
- NWACS Board has authorized use of \$4.3 million program fund for the open enrollment charter application, if needed

Our Campus



80 acre campus



65,000 sq ft building space

Recreation & Learning Space



Two playgrounds, full-size gym, library and outdoor sports fields.

Classroom Space



Cafeteria & Commercial Kitchen



Thank You!

