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Members of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee:

This letter is issued in response to a legislative request, approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee (LJAC), for Arkansas Legislative Audit (ALA) to obtain from the Department of Health, answers to the following questions regarding the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) funds obtained through federal Title V grants.

### 1. Funding and Allocation

- **Where are the SRAE funds that the State accepted from the federal government currently being held?**

*The funds are available in a payment management system. Access to the funds is through a reimbursement process in which we expense and then request reimbursement.*

- **What portion of the funds has been allocated, spent, or remains unused?**

*FFY26 funds are being awarded in three separate allocations based on federal funding availability. The initial allocation awarded to the ADH SRAE program was \$245,755. The total anticipated award is \$735,353, but to date, ADH has only received the initial allocation amount.*

Commitment Item	FFY26 Budget	Expensed as of 1/31/2026	Remaining Balance
Salary	\$140,000.00	\$23,526.35	\$116,473.65
Fringe	\$39,620.00	\$11,115.41	\$28,504.59
Maintenance & Operations	\$545,733.00	\$6,727.01	\$539,005.99
Grant-Mandated Conference Travel	\$10,000.00	\$0	\$10,000.00

*Note: M & O covers in-state travel of staff to schools for classes, kit materials that must be replaced after each class, student journals and supplies, and general office supplies for staff. Student journals and supplies will be ordered at a later date in FFY26 once additional allocations have been received. Grant-mandated conference will occur late spring 2026.*

- **If funds have not reached local community partners as intended, what is the reason for the delay?**

*It was not the intent of the agency to provide funds to local community partners.*

## **2. Local Implementation**

- **Which local health units are responsible for SRAE activities, and in which counties are these units operating?**

*SRAE activities are coordinated through the Community and School Health Branch, Community Outreach Section through the ADH Main Office. Local health units are not responsible for SRAE activities. SRAE activities have been conducted in locations based upon requests. SRAE associated staff have the ability to provide services statewide.*

- **Who are the designated facilitators delivering the SRAE curriculum in each county?**

*The Community Outreach Section is composed of five (5) Health Program Specialists, 14 Registered Nurses, and two (2) Registered Nurse Supervisors that are all trained facilitators of the approved SRAE curriculum. A single staff person will cover multiple counties, making SRAE curriculum available statewide.*

- **What training or qualifications do these facilitators hold?**

*Training from The Dibble Institute, creators of the Love Notes curriculum, has been completed by each staff member of the Community Outreach Section. Each module is reviewed and discussed for content, training techniques, and supplemental materials needed to conduct the lesson. Facilitators of the curriculum are trained on how to maintain curriculum fidelity, how to use the student journals, and how to report numbers accurately. Each staff member received an Instructor's Manual and a supplemental materials kit.*

## **3. Youth Reach and School Engagement**

- **What schools, community centers, or youth-serving organizations are currently part of the SRAE program?**

*As of 2/19/2026:*

*Stuttgart High School—1 completed  
Stuttgart Middle School—1 in progress  
Norfolk High School—1 completed  
Guy Berry High School—1 completed  
Guy Berry Middle School—1 completed  
Rogers High School—1 in progress, 3 completed  
Valley Springs High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
Bergman High School—1 in progress  
Green Forest High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
Concord High School—1 in progress  
Rison High School—1 in progress  
Douglas Macarthur Junior High—1 in progress, 2 completed*

*Drew Central High School—1 completed, 1 scheduled  
Monticello Middle School—1 in progress  
Hope High School—1 in progress  
Cossatot River High School—1 in progress  
Calico Rock High School—1 completed  
Pine Bluff Focus ALE High School—1 in progress  
Pine Bluff Focus ALE Middle School—1 in progress  
Walnut Ridge High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
Magazine High School—1 completed  
Marvel Elaine High School—1 completed  
Marked Tree High School—1 completed  
Sylvan Hills High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
Maynard High School—1 completed  
Southside-Fort Smith High School—2 in progress, 2 completed  
Highland High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
Mountain View High School—1 completed, 1 scheduled  
Farmington High School—1 completed, 1 scheduled  
Bald Knob High School—1 in progress, 1 completed  
McCrary Middle School—1 completed*

- **If schools are being served, where are they located? If not, why?**

*As of 2/19/2026:*

*Arkansas County—Stuttgart  
Baxter County—Norfolk, Mountain Home  
Benton County—Rogers  
Boone County—Valley Springs, Harrison  
Carroll County—Green Forest  
Cleburne County—Concord  
Cleveland County—Rison  
Craighead County—Jonesboro  
Drew County—Monticello  
Hempstead County—Hope  
Howard County—Wickes  
Izard County—Calico Rock  
Jefferson County—Pine Bluff  
Lawrence County—Walnut Ridge  
Logan County—Magazine  
Phillips County—Marvel Elaine  
Poinsett County—Marked Tree  
Pulaski County—Sherwood  
Randolph County—Maynard  
Sebastian County—Fort Smith  
Sharp County—Highland  
Stone County—Mountain View  
Washington County—Farmington  
White County—Bald Knob  
Woodruff County—McCrary*

*Schools are being served based upon request and staff availability. As of 2/19/2026, for FFY26, 23 counties have been served compared to 13 counties in FFY24 by previous subgrantee.*

- **How many youths aged 10 – 19 have been served to date, and how does this compare to projected goals?**

*Grant objectives were to serve 10,000 students for FFY26. As of 2/19/2026 for FFY26 (10/1/2025-2/19/2026), 15,544 students have been served. As of 2/19/2026 for the 2025-2026 school year (8/1/2025-2/19/2026), 19,973 students have been served.*

	FFY24*	FFY25**	FFY26***
Number of youth served	10,711	4,429	15,544
Number of counties served	13	9	23
Number of schools served	28	9	28

*\*FFY24 services were provided by previous contractor.*

*\*\*ADH started providing SRAE services in FFY25. Services for FFY25 were only provided for from 8/1/25 – 9/30/25.*

*\*\*\*FFY26 is the current year, numbers are only reported from 10/1/25 – 2/19/2026.*

#### 4. Program Oversight

- **Who is the assigned Federal Project Officer overseeing the SRAE grant?**

*Tecia Sellers, Program Specialist, Family Youth Services Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S Department of health & Human Services*

- **What communication has occurred between the Federal Project Office and the State or local health units regarding program expectations or concerns?**

*Communication from the Federal Project Officer and the ADH SRAE program was limited at the start of FFY26 due to the government shutdown. Communication resumed on 12/23/2025. All communication regarding FFY26 has been standard communication regarding performance measures, letters of intent, notice of awards, estimated allocations, and pending upcoming calls/meetings.*

#### 5. Evidence and Data

- **What evidence-based curriculum or model is being used, and what prior data were submitted to justify the grant proposal?**

*Love Notes SRA 4.1 Federal Version-Abstinence Only*

*This curriculum aligns with all federal Executive Orders and conforms with the Title V grant announcement to teach youth to refrain from non-marital sexual activity and other risky behaviors.*

*The proposed number of 10,000 youth served used in the SRAE grant proposal was based on historical data.*

- **What monitoring or evaluation data is being collected now to demonstrate program outcomes?**

*Data collected for program progress and evaluation include number of youth served, sex of youth served, race/ethnicity of youth served, and ages of youth served. In addition to this data, youth can voluntarily complete surveys to help assess program impact.*

- **Have any progress reports, performance measures, or corrective actions been submitted, and can those be provided?**

*The progress report that is submitted to capture data and performance from 10/1/2025 – 03/31/2026 will not be due till April 2026.*

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cc: Renee Mallory, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Health

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