



# FACT SHEET: ARKANSAS

## SICK KIDS



### HOW MANY

More than 13,600 children in AR have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

Cost = ~\$82,000/yr/child

### HOSPICE FOR KIDS

AR has 60 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



### IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Little Rock (CD 2) = 13

Western AR (CD 3) = 16

Southern AR (CD 4) = 16

Eastern AR (CD 1) = 15

### PEDIATRIC HOSPICE ROCKS

- Pain & symptom management
- Medical care concurrent with hospice (ACA, section 2302)
- Care continuity
- Family support



### .... BUT



- Care starts at 6 months to live
- Coordinating hospice and medical care is complicated
- 16 out of 57 AR hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

### IMPROVING POLICY



> 13,600 AR families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



2/28/23

created by:

