Arkansas Families Affected By Opioids

- 426 Lives Lost to Overdose in 2017
- Arkansas ranks 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the US for most Overprescribing Of Opioids
- Arkansas ranks 1\textsuperscript{st} in the US for youth Ages 12-17 Misusing Opioids
- 152+ Lives Saved By Naloxone Since December, 2016

It's Time To SPEAKUP ABOUT DRUGS Arkansas! It's Time Save Lives
Who Was KJ?

Methadone Overdose

Christian Deep Thinker “Old” Soul Comedian Performer
Who Was Parker?

Methadone Overdose

Captivating Dynamic Magnetic and oh so FUNNY
Parker Fenton
April 8, 1997 – October 14, 2015
Who was Stephen?

- Brother to Christina and Lauren
- Son to Steve and Betty
- BHS Graduate (High Honors) - 2009
- University Arkansas Graduate – 2013
- Musician’s Institute – 35th Annual Guitar Scholarship Winner
- Field Service Rep – GE Capital
- Teacher - Arkansas Music Works
- Loving, funny, spiritual, passionate, caring

Died April 3, 2016 from morphine intoxication - drinking poppy seed tea
Dangers of Unwashed Poppy Seeds / Poppy Seed Tea

- Unwashed seeds may be coated with opium latex/morphine/codeine
- Opium latex, morphine and codeine are Schedule II Narcotics
- 2017 Sam Houston State University study found:

Seed coats may be contaminated with opium latex/morphine…extracting therapeutic and lethal doses are possible.
Why we want to share Stephen’s story:

- To save lives
- Poppy seed tea (PST) - under reported part of opioid epidemic
- Unwashed poppy seeds sold online and in stores
- Currently unregulated despite opiate/morphine contamination
- Cocktail of opiates in PST complicates addiction and recovery
- Testing for thebaine in blood can confirm PST use
Stephen P. Hacala, Jr.