

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Academy at Sisters AKA J Bar J Boys Ranch AKA J Bar J Youth Services in OR  
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church> ) Dated: 12/15/21

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 8 separate complaints from individuals and families alleging coercive thought reform, one extended family member reported to the HEAL Mission via e-mail "my little niece has been shipped off to this school. she is being brainwashed. she is a good kid. i cant control any of it, her mom ( my sister ) is a psychopath. so there is really nothing i can do. but i have decided to try and research this school. so hope my info helps", traumatizing experiences resulting in traumatic stress, physical abuse, mental abuse, inappropriate/excessive use of psychotropic drugs/children drugged, one survivor reported to the HEAL Mission via e-mail "I was sent to sisters academy without my mothers knowledge by my grandparents who didn't have custody of me. While my five week stay there I was physically abused, mentally abused and drugged to cope with the anxiety I had. They denied my mom communication with me and refused to send any of my letters out. While there three girls tried to commit suicide. To my knowledge the parents never Were never told. They didn't let me see my regular doctor I had to see the doctors that worked for the school. I Was told by staff that girls that has ran away got picked up bye people and rapped another story about a girl that ran away barefoot and Had toes removed from frost bite. Despite my Fear of getting raped or getting frost bite I decided the only way to escape from the horrible place was to run away. My grandparents were being brainwashed to believe I was happy safe and getting the help I needed", forced labor, work injuries including burns, held incommunicado/communications censored/restricted/monitored, and one survivor reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I attended the academy at sisters for over 5 months. In my time being there i had my rights violated. They read all of our incomeing and out going mail. We wernt aloud to talk to our own parents more than once a week if we had been there less than a month and once you were over a month it depended on what leval you were on. Whatever leval you were on based how ofted you saw your parents if you could leave with them and how long you could talk to them" at Academy at Sisters AKA J Bar J Boys Ranch AKA J Bar J Youth Services (Sisters). Some of these complaints are referenced online and others remain confidential and on file with the church. With the intention of providing an opportunity for closure, clarification, and potentially peace, on 12/7/21 Rev. Angela Smith invited Academy at Sisters victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

"Dear Academy at Sisters Survivors and Families,

Academy at Sisters is on the HEAL Mission watch-list (of fraudulent and abusive programs) and enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program based on your reports to the HEAL Mission alleging fraud, abuse, and/or other violations. You can learn more or refresh your memory at <https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm> and/or <https://www.heal-online.org/sister.htm> .

The HEAL Mission and COPE Conversion Program (for Conversion Programs) has

updated our protocols to provide entities populating the watch-list and/or enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program three ways off the watch-list or out of the program. Death and/or closure remains one way after which they will be buried at <http://www.beyondbusiness.net/youarenext.htm> with the others who didn't make it off the list or reform in time. Programs enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program/placed on the watch-list are also eligible for graduation if they meet the minimum Honesty In Marketing Standards described and/or provided via hypertext link at <https://www.cope.church/standards.htm> . The third option is merciful release. Merciful releases are determined by date of last directly reported to the HEAL Mission complaint (date of incident(s) of abuse), whether those incidents occurred prior to when by custom or law the requirement to retain such records has expired, and whether Sponsors (you) are actively participating or maintaining interest in holding your program accountable.

The most recent complaint the mission received on Academy at Sisters was in 2012 (if you were abused later than that then you did not include the dates of your enrollment when you contacted the HEAL Mission). The custom is to retain such records for 10 years in Oregon. So, the requirements for merciful release have not been met yet. This is an invitation for you to provide a guest sermon no later than Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 at 8pm Pacific unless you prefer a progress report be delivered at that time. For sermons (including guest sermons), see <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> and for progress reports see <https://www.heal-online.org> . Here's how to participate:

1. In the body of an e-mail message write out your complete sermon and include answers to the following questions:

Did you report fraud or other unlawful actions to the proper authorities? If not, why? If so, what happened with the reports? (So, 2 part question)

Why do you believe Academy at Sisters should remain enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program?

2. Send that guest sermon to me at [rev@cope.church](mailto:rev@cope.church) with your first and last name (full) and notify me if you wish for your contact information to be included or for all feedback to be handled by the mission and/or church. Your full first and last name will be shared along with your sermon as written and provided by you. It will be posted as a Guest Sermon at <https://www.heal-online.org> , <https://www.heal-online.org/sister.htm> , and <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> .

If no one provides a guest sermon and there are no new complaints received by the HEAL Mission of COPE by April 30th, 2022, Academy at Sisters will be mercifully released.

Thank you in advance for participating. And, please learn more about how to value your contributions at <https://www.cope.church/givetoday.pdf>.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Smith  
HEAL Mission National Coordinator/Founding Mother of COPE"

Now, there was a vote on whether Academy at Sisters should remain on the watch-list initiated on April 6th, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. They voted against merciful release or the equivalent at that time. HEAL Mission and the COPE Conversion Program recognize participation in the vote in April as recent enough participation even if Sponsors prefer more time to consider, write, and/or provide any guest sermon. While we understand this may be disappointing for Academy at Sisters, it is the hope that this progress report helps explain the reasons for the continued enrollment/placement in the COPE Conversion Program. Additional or continued participation by Sponsors, including providing guest sermons or participating in future votes will impact whether or not the program qualifies for merciful release or remains enrolled. Lack of participation by Sponsors where all other criteria for merciful release are met, will result in merciful release of the program.

Similar invitations will be going out to all survivor/victim/whistleblower e-mail lists and their respective programs placed on the watch-list. It may take some time to get through the entire list especially if enrollments pick up. But, we are working on it and everyone can submit Feedback at <https://www.cope.church/feedback.htm> at any time regardless of position regarding program placement or enrollment.

To close, I remind everyone that there are remedies at law. Labor trafficking, rape, fraud (misleading marketing/false advertising), false imprisonment, kidnapping, battery, assault, and any crime or tort you could name are actionable at law. The HEAL Mission of COPE is prepared to assist all victims by providing reporting resources and information for the sake of justice and we appreciate all Sponsors who selflessly contribute content for the sake of informing the public to help those exercising due diligence avoid becoming a victim. Reporting Guide Available at: <https://www.heal-online.org/report.htm> and <https://www.heal-online.org/sister.htm> \.