

Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) Quarterly Brief, July-Sept. 2024

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarters covering July through September 2024.

About ARORP

ARORP, an initiative of the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC) and the Arkansas Municipal League (AML), represents a network of organizations committed to providing support for Arkansans in recovery, neighbors suffering from a substance-misuse disorder, and families who have experienced loss due to the opioid epidemic. We work to abate the devastating loss caused by opioids. When Arkansas counties and cities band together behind a cause, change happens. Our message is simple: be bold, stand together, and commit to abating opioid misuse and addiction in Arkansas.

Advisory Board

The Counties and the Cities and Towns, by agreement of the AAC Director and AML Director, have convened an advisory board with an equal number of members appointed by each director to study proposals and make recommendations to the AAC Director, the AML Director, and the Partnership Director regarding programs and strategies to abate the Arkansas opioid epidemic in a manner consistent with approved purposes, any settlement agreements, and any orders approving

settlements. Board members were intentionally selected to represent people with lived experience and a diversity of geographic regions, economic sectors, and demographics. The ARORP board provides leadership, addresses important issues, and makes funding recommendations.

Data Collection

The Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) partnered with ARORP to create a REDCap database. Quarterly, all ARORP projects submit a report to ARORP and WYSAC with data detailing their project's impact.



Figure 1 ARORP partners at the 2023 Partner's Meeting.

New Projects

There were 18 new projects funded between July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. Examples include:

- Dallas County Sheriff's Department Sentinel
- Sheridan Family Pharmacy Hero
- Magnolia Recovery Hero
- Springdale Police Department Sentinel

Funding

ARORP funds several types of applications. These include Direct, General, Naloxone HERO, Overdose Response Team (ORT), Coalition Partnership Empowerment (COPE), and Life Care Specialist (LCS). Table 1 below details the total number of applications submitted to ARORP since its opening in November of 2022. Table 2 provides funding amounts for each type of project that has been approved in the past quarter.¹

Table 1. Applications Submitted to Date (November 2022 to September 2024)

| Status | Number of Projects | Total Funding |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Approved | 143 | \$26,337,551.14 |
| Pending | 6 | \$1,748,165.20 |
| Need Information | 14 | \$11,892,772.23 |
| Denied | 167 | \$258,134,468.38 |
| Withdrawn | 31 | \$17,500,476.78 |
| Total Submissions | 361 | \$322,536,331.37 |

9 SENTINEL PROJECTS WERE FUNDED THIS QUARTER ALLOCATING 9 TRUNARC DEVICES ACROSS THE STATE.

Table 2. Number of Projects Funded by Type (July to September 2024)

| Award Type | Number of Projects | Total Funding |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Directed | 0 | \$0.00 |
| General | 0 | \$0.00 |
| HERO | 9 | \$124,476.00 |
| ORT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| COPE | NA | NA |
| LCS | NA | NA |
| Sentinel | 9 | \$272,707.65 |
| Total | 18 | \$0.00 |



Figure 2 Director Kirk Lane holds the TruNarc substance identifying device.



Figure 3 COPE awardees celebrate the seven coalitions who received a Drug Free Communities grant.

¹ The \$124,476.00 for HERO awards is from the AR Naloxone Bank; these funds were expended in previous quarters. The \$272,707.65 for Sentinel

awards was used to purchase TruNarc devices. These funds were expended in previous quarters.

People Served

Table 3 through 7 report the number of people served during the third quarter by project type and related categories.²

Table 3. Number of People Served through Housing Projects

| Housing | People Served |
|---|---------------|
| Number of people in ARORP beds per quarter | 277 |
| Number of operational ARORP-funded beds | 273 |
| Number of people with an opioid nexus in ARORP beds per quarter | 135 |
| Number of families reunited | 86 |

Table 4. Number of People Served through Recovery Projects

| Recovery | People Served |
|---|---------------|
| Number of people in recovery with an opioid nexus | 515 |
| Number of people who found a job | 99 |
| Number of people who received official documentation | 82 |
| Number of people who received health insurance | 173 |
| Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes) | 233 |
| Number of one-on-one meetings | 1,356 |
| Number of group meetings | 664 |

Table 5. Number of People Served through ORT

| ORT | People Served |
|--|---------------|
| Number of fatal overdoses | 10 |
| Number of non-fatal overdoses | 26 |
| Number of people saved by Narcan | 8 |
| Number of opened cases | 150 |
| Number of closed cases | 113 |
| Number of arrests | 127 |
| Number of people referred to treatment | 147 |
| Number of people referred to recovery | 231 |
| Number of mental health referrals | 75 |

Table 6. Number of People Served through Treatment

| Treatment | People Served |
|---|---------------|
| People who received treatment services | 140 |
| Number of times Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) was provided | 81 |
| Number of times people met with a mental health professional | 593 |
| Number of times group counseling was provided | 281 |
| Number of times cases management was provided | 61 |

² Tables 3, 4, and 6 are conservative estimates to avoid double counting. One observation each from two records (22-06 and 23-103) were excluded.

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training


| Training | People Served |
|---|---------------|
| People who received naloxone training | 1,099 |
| Number of indicated counties where naloxone training took place | 11 |
| People who received other training | 532 |
| Number of organizations partnered with | 19 |
| Number of individual counties represented (excluding state-wide projects) | 21 |

Special Details

Funded communities submit many types of process data and answer numerous questions about services. Some of these are at the center of ARORP’s mission to abate the opioid crisis and help the people of Arkansas. Table 8 details important accomplishments from the third quarter of 2024.

Table 8. Accomplishments Across the State of Arkansas

| Accomplishment | Number |
|---|--------|
| Number of people connected with supportive services such as SNAP, TANF, WIC, HEAP, Head Start | 39 |
| Number of people to receive health insurance | 173 |
| Number of times medical detox was provided | 32 |
| Number of times court advocacy was provided | 173 |
| Number of naloxone kits distributed | 1,174 |



LASTLY, THE LIFE CARE SPECIALISTS PROGRAM INVOLVES OPIOID EDUCATION IN CLINICAL SETTINGS ACROSS ARKANSAS. LIFE CARE SPECIALISTS WILL PROVIDE TARGETED INTERVENTIONS TO PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SURGERY, RESOURCES TO FAMILY, AND SUPPORT TO PROVIDERS.