

ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ARORP) QUARTERLY BRIEF, OCT - DEC. 2024

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarters covering October through December 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 ARORP Director and Deputy 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.



FIGURE 1 ARORP PARTNERS AT THE 2024 PARTNER'S MEETING.

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.

NEW PROJECTS

There were 25 new projects funded between October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Examples include:

- Changes Behavioral Health, LLC
- Riverview Hope Campus
- Miller County Overdose Response Team
- Paragould 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

**ARORP FUNDED APPROXIMATELY
10,000 DOSES OF NALOXONE TO
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS).**

¹ The \$187,187.65 for HERO awards is from the AR Naloxone Bank; these funds were expended in previous quarters. The \$484,813.60 for Sentinel awards was used to purchase TruNarc devices. These funds were expended in previous quarters.

TABLE 1. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE
(NOVEMBER 2022 TO DECEMBER 2024)

Status	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Approved		\$28,709,240.94
Pending		\$0.00
Need Information		\$10,045,937.58
Denied		\$293,585,523.42
Withdrawn		\$20,681,819.66
Total Submissions		\$360,306,894.64



FIGURE 2 (FROM LEFT) ARORP DEPUTY DIRECTOR TENESHA BARNES, ARKANSAS STATE DRUG DIRECTOR TOM FISHER, AND ARORP DIRECTOR KIRK LANE HOLD NALOXONE DISTRIBUTED TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY TYPE
(OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024)

Award Type	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Directed ²	3	\$1,023,035.00
General	2	\$722,716.72
HERO	2	\$187,187.65
ORT	2	\$987,413.48
COPE	NA	NA
LCS	NA	NA
Sentinel	16	\$484,813.60
Total		\$2,733,165.20

² One of the directed projects allocated naloxone from the Arkansas Naloxone Bank. The amount of naloxone allocated is counted in the “naloxone” column.

PEOPLE SERVED

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

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH HOUSING PROJECTS

Housing	People Served
Number of people in ARORP beds per quarter	305
Number of operational ARORP-funded beds	354
Number of people with an opioid nexus in ARORP beds per quarter	204
Number of families reunited	241

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH RECOVERY PROJECTS

Recovery	People Served
Number of people in recovery with an opioid nexus	737
Number of people who found a job	329
Number of people who received official documentation	160
Number of people who received health insurance	381
Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes)	1,049
Number of one-on-one meetings	2,365
Number of group meetings	724

³ This data is provisional and subject to change.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH ORT

ORT	People Served
Number of fatal overdoses	22
Number of non-fatal overdoses	55
Number of people saved by Narcan	5
Number of opened cases	277
Number of closed cases	207
Number of arrests	180
Number of people referred to treatment	370
Number of people referred to recovery	617
Number of mental health referrals	77



FIGURE 3 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HELPS DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AT THE FALL 2024 ARKANSAS DRUG TAKE BACK DAY.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH TREATMENT

Treatment	People Served
People who received treatment services	338
Number of times Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) was provided	324
Number of times people met with a mental health professional	1,552
Number of times group counseling was provided	658
Number of times cases management was provided	421

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training⁴

Training	People Served
Number of people who received naloxone training	5,133
Number of unique counties where naloxone training took place	38
Number of people who received other training	5,139
Number of organizations partnered with ⁵	19
Number of unique counties impacted through other training (excluding state-wide projects)	28

SPECIAL DETAILS

Funded communities submit many types of process data 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 fourth 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	394
Number of times medical detox was provided	5
Number of times court advocacy was provided	392
Number of naloxone kits distributed to community organizations and members ⁶	5,182
Number of naloxone kits distributed to law enforcement and emergency services	4,920

⁴ Both questions involving counties where training took place are incomplete lists, where missing data and duplicate entries were excluded.

⁵ Several of these organizations are also ARORP-funded projects.

⁶ The largest distributor of naloxone to community members was the Wolfe Street Foundation.



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