

ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ARORP)

QUARTERLY BRIEF, JAN - MAR. 2025

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarters covering January through March 2025.

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 substance-misuse disorders, 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 STAFF
MEMBER
KAYLA DENNIS
TRAINS A
COMMUNITY
MEMBER TO
ADMINISTER
NALOXONE.

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 18 new projects funded between January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025.

Examples include:

- Jeremiah Recovery House
- CADCA Coalition Partnership Empowerment Project Training
- West Memphis Police Department Overdose Response Team

FUNDING

ARORP funds several types of applications. These include Direct, General, Naloxone HERO, Overdose Response Team (ORT), Coalition Partnership Empowerment (COPE), Life Care Specialist (LCS), and Sentinel. 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

**202 PEOPLE RECEIVED
TREATMENT SERVICES THIS
QUARTER.**

¹ The \$86,820.00 for HERO awards is from the AR Naloxone Bank; these funds were expended in previous quarters. The \$212,105.95 for Sentinel awards was used to purchase TruNarc devices. These

TABLE 1. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE
(NOVEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2025)

Status	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Approved		\$30,753,842.99
Pending		\$150,000.00
Need Information		\$9,575,326.26
Denied		\$298,988,250.15
Withdrawn		\$20,681,819.66
Total Submissions		\$367,494,001.62



FIGURE 2 JEREMIAH RECOVERY HOUSE ACCEPTS FUNDING BY SIGNING THEIR NOTICE OF AWARD.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY TYPE
(JANUARY TO MARCH 2025)

Award Type	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Directed	2	\$308,513.00
General	1	\$1,375,674.29
HERO	7	\$86,820.00
ORT	2	\$360,414.76
COPE	NA	NA
LCS	NA	NA
Sentinel	7	\$212,105.95
Total		\$2,044,602.05

funds were expended in previous quarters, and thus not included in the total amount expended this quarter.

PEOPLE SERVED

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

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH HOUSING PROJECTS

Housing	People Served
Number of new intakes who began to stay in long-term, ARORP-funded recovery beds	192
The number of new intakes who are in recovery for opioid misuse	80
Number of people who received respite housing in ARORP-funded beds	54
The number of people receiving respite housing who are in recovery for opioid misuse	13

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH RECOVERY PROJECTS

Recovery	People Served
Number of unduplicated individuals who received recovery services for opioid misuse	705
Number of new people who began receiving services this quarter	547
Number of new people receiving recovery services for opioid misuse	236
Number of people who found a job	324
Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes)	1,160
Number of one-on-one peer support meetings	2,161
Number of people who attended peer meetings	1,068

² This data is provisional and subject to change.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH ORT

ORT	People Served
Number of fatal overdoses	20
Number of non-fatal overdoses	69
Number of people saved by naloxone	5
Number of opened cases	70
Number of closed cases	48
Number of opioid-related arrests	3
Number of people referred to treatment	135
Number of people referred to recovery	552
Number of mental health referrals	79



FIGURE 3 LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO REDUCE OVERDOSE DEATHS.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH TREATMENT

Treatment	People Served
People who received treatment services for opioid misuse	202
Number of new admissions for opioid misuse	85
Number of people who successfully completed treatment	57
Number of people who discontinued treatment	75
Number of people who received MAT services	49

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training

Training	People Served
Number of people who attended training this quarter	1,842
Number of trainings held this quarter	81
Number of unique types of trainings	14
Number of organizations partnered with ³	26
Number of times a training was provided in a language other than English	0

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 first quarter of 2025.

TABLE 8. ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACROSS THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Accomplishment	Number
Number of group substance misuse recovery meetings	673
Number of people who attended group substance misuse recovery meetings	1,701
Number of times court advocacy was provided	544
Number of naloxone kits distributed to community organizations and members ⁴	3,599
Number of naloxone kits distributed to law enforcement and emergency services	0

³ Several of these organizations are also ARORP-funded projects.

⁴ The largest distributor of naloxone to community members was the Touch Coalition.



**3,599 KITS OF
NALOXONE
WERE
PROVIDED TO
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS THIS
QUARTER.**