

ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ARORP)

QUARTERLY BRIEF, APRIL - JUNE. 2025

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarter covering April through June 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 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 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 10 new projects funded between April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025. Examples include:

- Ouachita Baptist University
Department of Nursing and
Graduate Counseling Hero
- Grant County Sheriff's Office Hero
- I BEAT That Empowerment
Movement COPE Project

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 TREATMENT SERVICES
FOR 223 PEOPLE IN RECOVERY FOR PAST
OR CURRENT OPIOID MISUSE.**

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

Status	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Approved	197	\$30,903,842.99
Pending	0	\$0.00
Need Information	16	\$6,279,089.39
Denied	229	\$316,570,460.45
Withdrawn	38	\$28,238,433.66
Total Submissions	480	\$389,321,419.07



FIGURE 2 ARORP, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD, AND THE ARKANSAS STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELAUNCHED TOGETHER ARKANSAS, AN INITIATIVE TO REDUCE OPIOID MISUSE IN THE WORKFORCE.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY TYPE
(APRIL TO JUNE 2025)

Award Type	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Directed	0	\$0.00
General	0	\$0.00
HERO	4	\$35,964.00
ORT	0	\$0.00
COPE	6	\$150,000.00
LCS	0	NA
Sentinel	0	\$0.00
Total		\$150,000.00

¹ The \$35,964.00 for HERO awards is from the AR Naloxone Bank; these funds were expended in previous quarters.

PEOPLE SERVED

Table 3 through 7 report the number of people served during the second 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	171
The number of new intakes who are in recovery for opioid misuse	81
Number of people who received respite housing in ARORP-funded beds	27
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	576
Number of new people who began receiving services this quarter	456
Number of new people receiving recovery services for opioid misuse	216
Number of people who found a job	222
Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes)	1,338
Number of one-on-one peer support meetings	1,650
Number of people who attended peer meetings	718

² This data is provisional and subject to change.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH ORT

ORT	People Served
Number of fatal overdoses	13
Number of non-fatal overdoses	29
Number of people saved by Narcan	5
Number of opened cases	37
Number of closed cases	40
Number of opioid-related arrests	11
Number of people referred to treatment	167
Number of people referred to recovery	548
Number of mental health referrals	35



FIGURE 3 CADCA PRESENTS THE ARKANSAS OPIOID ACADEMY TO THE SECOND COHORT OF COPE AWARDEES.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH TREATMENT

Treatment	People Served
People who received treatment services for opioid misuse	223
Number of new admissions for opioid misuse	137
Number of people who successfully completed treatment	140
Number of people who discontinued treatment	67
Number of people who received MAT services	69

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training

Training	People Served
Number of people who attended training this quarter	2,336
Number of trainings held this quarter	184
Number of unique types of trainings	23
Number of unique organizations partnered with ³	11
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 second quarter of 2025.

TABLE 8. ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACROSS THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Accomplishment	Number
Number of group substance misuse recovery meetings	354
Number of people who attended group substance misuse recovery meetings	1,354
Number of times court advocacy was provided	566
Number of naloxone kits distributed to community organizations and members ⁴	1,965
Number of naloxone kits distributed to law enforcement and emergency services	132

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

⁴ New Beginnings was the largest distributor of naloxone to community members.



BECAUSE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT DOLLARS, 576 PEOPLE RECEIVED RECOVERY SERVICES FOR OPIOID MISUSE THIS QUARTER. SERVICES INCLUDE ONE-ON-ONE PEER SUPPORT, GROUP RECOVERY MEETINGS, COURT ADVOCACY, JOB TRAINING, AND MORE.