

ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ARORP)

QUARTERLY BRIEF, JULY - SEPTEMBER. 2025

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarter covering July through September 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 11 new projects funded between July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025.

Examples include:

- The Harbor Men's Housing
- Maumelle Police Department Hero
- CASA of Clark and Pike Counties Prevention Program
- Union Rescue Mission Treatment Program

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 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

THROUGH THE NALOXONE HERO PROJECT, 1,308 COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVED NALOXONE THIS QUARTER.

¹ The \$74,352.00 for HERO awards is from the AR Naloxone Bank; these funds were expended in previous quarters. The \$33,300.85 for Sentinel

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

Status	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Approved	208	\$33,087,112.69
Pending	0	\$0.00
Need Information	14	\$16,419,570.09
Denied	241	\$324,771,180.45
Withdrawn	41	\$31,514,122.54
Total Submissions	504	\$412,751,178.65



FIGURE 2 UNION RESCUE MISSION ACCEPTS FUNDING TO CREATE AN INPATIENT TREATMENT CENTER IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY TYPE (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025)

Award Type	Number of Projects	Total Funding
Directed	2	\$784,600.00
General	4	\$1,398,669.70
HERO	4	\$74,352.00
ORT	0	\$0.00
COPE	NA	NA
LCS	NA	NA
Sentinel	1	\$33,300.85
Total		\$2,183,269.70

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 new intakes who began to stay in long-term, ARORP-funded recovery beds	245
The number of new intakes who are in recovery for opioid misuse	107
Number of people who received respite housing in ARORP-funded beds	41
The number of people receiving respite housing who are in recovery for opioid misuse	7

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH RECOVERY PROJECTS

Recovery	People Served
Number of unduplicated individuals who received recovery services for opioid misuse	1,369
Number of new people who began receiving services this quarter	629
Number of new people receiving recovery services for opioid misuse	269
Number of people who found a job	242
Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes)	1,471
Number of one-on-one peer support meetings	1,984
Number of people who attended peer meetings	856

² This data is provisional and subject to change.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH ORT

ORT	People Served
Number of fatal overdoses	17
Number of non-fatal overdoses	33
Number of people saved by Narcan	3
Number of opened cases	53
Number of closed cases	39
Number of opioid-related arrests	5
Number of people referred to treatment	156
Number of people referred to recovery	416
Number of mental health referrals	64



FIGURE 3 ARM180 HELD THE GRAND OPENING FOR THEIR ARORP-FUNDED HOUSING EXPANSION, WHICH PROVIDED 14 ADDITIONAL BEDS FOR MEN IN ARKANSAS COUNTY.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH TREATMENT

Treatment	People Served
People who received treatment services for opioid misuse	191
Number of new admissions for opioid misuse	110
Number of people who successfully completed treatment	115
Number of people who discontinued treatment	45
Number of people who received MAT services	152

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training

Training	People Served
Number of people who attended training this quarter	1,864
Number of trainings held this quarter	93
Number of unique types of trainings	9
Number of unique organizations partnered with ³	10
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 third quarter of 2025.

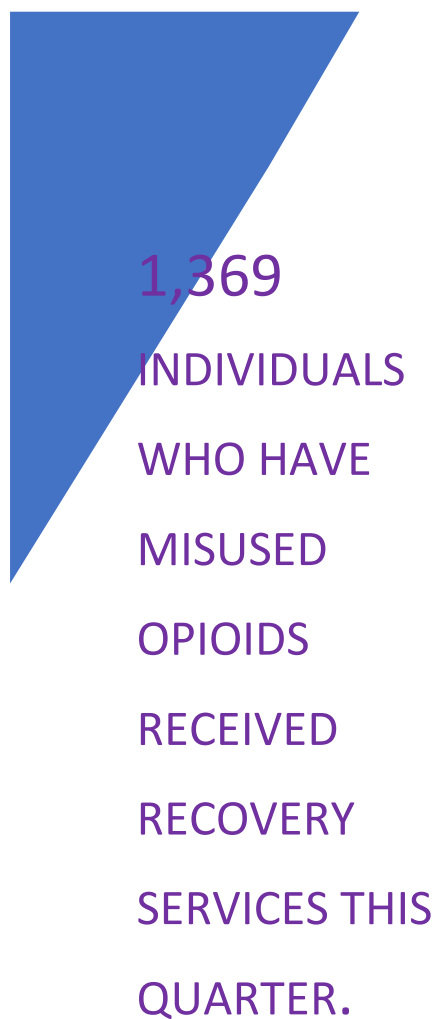
TABLE 8. ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACROSS THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Accomplishment	Number
Number of group substance misuse recovery meetings	590
Number of people who attended group substance misuse recovery meetings ⁴	2,338
Number of times court advocacy was provided	631
Number of naloxone kits distributed to community organizations and members ⁵	1,308
Number of naloxone kits distributed to law enforcement and emergency services	3

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

⁴ Due to the anonymous nature of group recovery meetings, participants were counted each time they attended a meeting.

⁵ Smith Drug and Compounding (ARORP24-327) was the largest distributor of naloxone to community members.



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