

*The purpose of this annual audit is to ensure compliance with ARORP requirements; to confirm appropriate progress in the opioid abatement project approved by ARORP, city and county officials, the ARORP Advisory Board, administrators of the Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF), the Association of Arkansas Counties, and the Arkansas Municipal League; and to verify proper stewardship of opioid settlement dollars.*

*Please produce all receipts requested. If you are not able to produce requested receipts, ARORP will request the funding returned within three business days of the audit or as otherwise specified. If you can produce the receipt or invoice within one business day of the ARORP audit, the request for returned funding may be waived.*

**General Information:**

Organization: Craighead County Sheriff's Department

ARORP #: 23-021

Project Title: Craighead County Sheriff's Department ORT

Date of Audit: May 7 and June 3, 2025

**Note:** *The evaluation for ARORP23-021 was held in two parts due to time constraints.*

How many years has this project been active: 2

How many years remain: 0

Is this the project's final audit? YES

Attendees Present at Audit: Chad Henson, Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence

Counties Served: Craighead, Clay, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett

Total Funding Amount: \$339,426.20

**Annual Evaluation**

**Milestones**

Were all ARORP-issued milestones completed this year? **YES**

**Notes:** NA

**Summary of Process Data:**

*\*Questions that are marked with an asterisk were not required throughout the entirety of the project.*

Training

Number of people trained: 496

Number of trainings held: 26

Types of training held: Opioid Awareness (6), Life Skills (25)

Partner organizations: NEA Divine Intervention, Craighead County Sheriff's Office Detention Center, KFIN Radio Group

Overdose Response Team

Counties where overdoses occurred: Craighead

Number of fatal overdoses: 37

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 24

Number of fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses: 47

Number of referrals to treatment: 125

Number of people who received treatment based on the referral: 22

Number of mental health referrals: 6

\*Number of people who received mental health services based on the referral: 1

Number of people referred to recovery: 125

\*Number of people who received recovery services based on the referral: 22

Number of naloxone saves by the overdose response team: 0

Number of cases opened: 30

Number of cases closed: 3

\*Number of cases closed due to opioids: 3

Reason for case closed: Closed by arrest

Number of one-on-one peer meetings with families: 9

\*Number of families who attended one-on-one peer meetings: 9

Number of one-on-one peer meetings with overdose victims: 160

\*Number of people who attended one-on-one peer meetings: 4

Number of arrests: 3

**Notes:** At the time of the evaluation, reporting was needed for quarters 1, 2, and 3. ARORP23-021 completed all required reporting following the annual evaluation within the specified time frame, bringing the project into compliance.

Questions that are marked with an asterisk were not required throughout the entirety of the project.

**Financial Audit**

Which receipts were requested? **ALL RECIEPTS**

Were requested receipts presented within the requested time frame? **YES**

How much unused or misspent funding must be returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund?

**Amount: \$19,456.79**

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: June 10, 2025

**Project Compliance**

Following the annual evaluation, what was needed for this project to gain compliance ARORP requirements?

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Were all items listed above completed? **YES**

Date program regained compliance: June 10, 2025

Is this project currently in compliance? **YES**

Additional notes on this project:

**Notes:** *23-021 Craighead ORT was able to sustain the program through an alternative funding source after completion of their project with ARORP, which is a success.*

**Partnership**

What were some successes and challenges with your project?

**Successes:**

- The peer makes this program successful. The goal of the program was to stop recidivism, and the peer has three meetings every day inside of the jail. Recidivism has been reduced. The peer did lots of helpful transportation and follow-up with individuals. The peer served as a life coach.
- Moving forward, Craighead will help out with West Memphis, Paragould, Blytheville, and other agencies. They will assist other agencies. They will also allow the peer to travel and train.

**Challenges:**

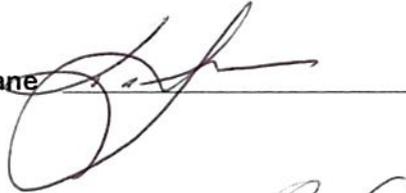
- There is stigma in law enforcement; they can't get out of their own way.
- The volume of the area.

Is there anything ARORP could do differently to make your partnership more successful?

- To prove that recidivism is going to be effectively reduced would take three years. Craighead was able to find sustainability to continue the program.
- When the funds are received, the program must be ready to start. If this program does not start, then funds must be returned. If the program stalls, then they must return funding. Maybe ask the program what their start date should be in case they have to go before a council.

**ARORP Leadership Signature**

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 10-2-25

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 10/1/25