

ARKANSAS OPIOID RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP (ARORP)

QUARTERLY BRIEF, OCT – DEC. 2025

This quarterly brief details activities and people served by the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) during the quarter covering October through December 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 variety of geographic regions, economic



FIGURE 1 ARORP
PARTNERS AT THE
2025 ARORP
PARTNER'S
MEETING.

sectors, and demographics. The ARORP board provides leadership, addresses important issues, and makes funding recommendations.

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 5 new projects funded between October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025:

- Smith Drug and Compounding, Inc. Hero
- City of Crossett Overdose Response Team
- Goldfinch Health: Billion Pill Pledge
- Sebastian County Prevention Program
- 2026 Website & Communications: mhp.si

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

**ARORP FUNDED APPROXIMATELY
\$1,786,939.00 FOR TWO PILOT PROJECTS,
GOLDFINCH HEALTH AND SEBASTIAN
COUNTY PREVENTION PROGRAM, TO
TARGET OVERPREScribing IN ARKANSAS.**

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

| Status | Number of Projects | Total Funding |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Approved | | \$35,901,267.60 |
| Pending | | \$0.00 |
| Need Information | | \$4,147,197.86 |
| Denied | | \$351,533,718.04 |
| Withdrawn | | \$37,522,084.09 |
| Total Submissions | | \$435,840,436.89 |



FIGURE 2 [FROM LEFT] AMBER GOVAN, RUSTI HOLWICK, AND DORI HADDOCK DISCUSS SUSTAINABILITY AT THE 2025 ARORP PARTNER'S MEETING.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY TYPE
(OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025)

| Award Type | Number of Projects | Total Funding |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Directed | 1 | \$849,500.00 |
| General | 2 | \$1,786,939.00 |
| HERO | 1 | \$15,360.00 |
| ORT | 1 | \$293,684.22 |
| COPE | NA | NA |
| LCS | NA | NA |
| Sentinel | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Total | | \$2,930,123.22 |

¹ The \$15,360.00 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 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 | 204 |
| The number of new intakes who are in recovery for opioid misuse | 101 |
| Number of people who received respite housing in ARORP-funded beds | 14 |
| The number of people receiving respite housing who are in recovery for opioid misuse | 3 |

TABLE 4. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH RECOVERY PROJECTS

| Recovery | People Served |
|---|---------------|
| Number of unduplicated individuals who received recovery services for opioid misuse | 548 |
| Number of new people who began receiving services this quarter | 553 |
| Number of new people receiving recovery services for opioid misuse | 252 |
| Number of people who found a job | 173 |
| Number of educational classes (for example parenting classes) | 1,175 |
| Number of one-on-one peer support meetings | 1,917 |
| Number of people who attended peer meetings | 805 |

² This data is provisional and subject to change.

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH ORT

| ORT | People Served |
|--|---------------|
| Number of fatal overdoses | 15 |
| Number of non-fatal overdoses | 29 |
| Number of people saved by Narcan | 3 |
| Number of opened cases | 43 |
| Number of closed cases | 34 |
| Number of opioid-related arrests | 2 |
| Number of people referred to treatment | 17 |
| Number of people referred to recovery | 15 |
| Number of mental health referrals | 3 |



FIGURE 3 ARORP ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER JOHN KIRTLEY PRESENTS AT THE 2025 ARORP PARTNER'S MEETING.

TABLE 6. NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH TREATMENT

| Treatment | People Served |
|--|---------------|
| People who received treatment services for opioid misuse | 180 |
| Number of new admissions for opioid misuse | 115 |
| Number of people who successfully completed treatment | 129 |
| Number of people who discontinued treatment | 68 |
| Number of people who received MAT services | 86 |

Table 7. Number of People Served through Training

| Training | People Served |
|--|---------------|
| Number of people who attended training this quarter | 1,940 |
| Number of trainings held this quarter | 135 |
| Number of unique types of trainings | 7 |
| 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 | 429 |
| ⁴ Number of people who attended group substance misuse recovery meetings | 5,932 |
| Number of times court advocacy was provided | 565 |
| Number of naloxone kits distributed to community organizations and members ⁵ | 1,075 |
| Number of naloxone kits distributed to law enforcement and emergency services | 41 |

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

⁴ Individuals are counted each time they attend a meeting and may be duplicated.



180 PATIENTS WHO
HAVE MISUSED
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QUARTER AS A
RESULT OF OPIOID
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⁵ Hope Movement Hero (ARORP25-488) was the largest distributor of naloxone to community members (345 kits).