

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: Benton Police Department

ARORP #: 23-097

Project Title: Benton Police Department Overdose Response Team

Date of Audit: 7/30/25

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: Seth Hopkins, Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence

Counties Served: Saline

Total Funding Amount: \$401,308.95

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: *The Peer Recovery Specialist took a new position with an end date of 4/25/2025, which prohibited Benton PD from implementing the program for the last month of the program. However, the program ran for the first two months of the quarter; all milestones were completed.*

Summary of Process Data:**Training**

Number of people trained: 0

Number of trainings your organization hosted: 0

Types of training held: 0

Partner organizations: 0

Number of people trained in a language other than English: 0

Counties impacted: 0

Overdose Response Team

Number of fatal overdoses: 9

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 13

Number of fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses: 11

*Number of people served by the peer: 86

Number of referrals to treatment: 80

Number of people referred who attended treatment: 13

Number of mental health referrals: 0

*Number of people referred who attended mental health services: 0

Number of people referred to recovery: 52

*Number of people referred who attended recovery services: 0

Number of naloxone saves: 1

Number of cases opened: 14

Number of cases closed: 13

*Number of closed cases that were related to opioids: 8

Why were cases closed:

- Victim refused assistance. Resources were provided.
- Victims refused assistance.
- Subject overdosed. Narcan provided by EMS and refused further treatment. Had no fentanyl left.

Number of one-on-one peer meetings with families: 2

*Number of families who attended one-on-one meetings: 1

Number of one-on-one peer meetings with overdose victims: 9

*Number of people who attended a one-on-one meeting: 7

Number of arrests: 0

*Number of arrests related to opioids: 0

Notes:

- *Questions with asterisks were only asked in the last three to six months of the program.*
- *Based on conversation in the annual evaluation, the peer held weekly peer recovery groups for women at the Saline County Jail.*

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: \$13,815.44

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: **August 26, 2025**

Project Compliance

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

Notes:

- *Make simple adjustments to Redcap over the amount of arrests related to opioids.*
- *Return unused or misspent funds.*

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

Date program regained compliance: **August 26, 2025**

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

Additional notes on this project: **N/A**

Partnership

What were some successes and challenges with your project?

Successes:

- The biggest advantage is families and officers seeing a peer every day. This helps reduce stigma and the environment in the department.
- Overdoses are down in the area. In the past three months, there were much fewer. Once the fire department had naloxone, there were fewer deaths in the community.

Challenges:

- This project was not able to sustain. When looking at the numbers, they were not able to justify. There was a suggestion for part-time.
- There were still silos and stigma.
- Another challenge is finding places to send people. If there is no insurance, sometimes the free programs are not a good fit for everyone.

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

- The breakouts in fringe, etc. was a challenge. Some categories could have been combined when designing the original budget.

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 5-6-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 5/11/24