

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: Hot Springs School District

ARORP #: 23-185

Project Title: Hot Springs School District Prevention Recovery Program

Date of Audit: January 7, 2026

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: Anthony Tidwell, Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence

Counties Served: Garland

Total Funding Amount: \$237,793.60

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: *ARORP updated the milestones during the meeting with the permission of Hot Springs School District to indicate that the evaluation meeting was completed.*

Summary of Process Data:**Training**

Total number of training participants: 129

Total number of trainings held: 180

Training types:

Q4 2024: 27 sessions of Safety First Comprehensive, Harm-Reduction Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum and DIMENSIONS: Well Body Program is an evidence-based program intended to provide administrators, healthcare providers, and peer specialists the necessary knowledge and skills to promote physical health and well-being.

Q1 2025: 30 sessions of Safety First an Comprehensive, Harm-Reduction Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum and DIMENSIONS: Well Body Program is an evidence-based program intended to provide administrators, healthcare providers, and peer specialists the necessary knowledge and skills to promote physical health and well-being.

Q2 2025: 36 sessions of Safety First an Comprehensive, Harm-Reduction Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum and DIMENSIONS: Well Body Program is an evidence-based program intended to provide administrators, healthcare providers, and peer specialists the necessary knowledge and skills to promote physical health and well-being.

Q3 2025: 48 sessions of Safety First a Comprehensive, Harm-Reduction Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum and DIMENSIONS: Well Body Program is an evidence-based program intended to provide administrators, healthcare providers, and peer specialists the necessary knowledge and skills to promote physical health and well-being.

Q4 2025: 39 sessions of Safety First a Comprehensive, Harm-Reduction Based, Drug Intervention Curriculum and DIMENSIONS: Well Body Program is an evidence-based program intended to provide administrators, healthcare providers, and peer specialists the necessary knowledge and skills to promote physical health and well-being.

Notes: Sessions may take 1-3 times. Everyone receives at least two days of trainings, and there are small groups.

Prevention Recovery Coordinator

Interventions

Number of students to receive targeted interventions:

Q4 2024: 24

Q1 2025: 25

Q2 2025: 31

Q3 2025: 40

Q4 2025: 15

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy AFTER receiving interventions this quarter:

Q4 2024: 5

Q1 2025: 5

Q2 2025: 4

Q3 2025: 10

Q4 2025: 0

Number of one-on-one *meetings* the Prevention Recovery Coordinator (PRC) held with students this year: 24

Number of *students* who attended a one-on-one meeting with the Prevention Recovery Coordinator (PRC): 24

Number of support group *meetings* held with students this year: 3

Number of unique *students* who attended support group meetings: 28

Q4 2024: 0

Q1 2025: 25

Q2 2025: 3

Q3 2025: 0

Q4 2025: 0

The number of referrals to substance misuse treatment this quarter: 0

Number of those referred who received substance misuse treatment: 0

The number of referrals to recovery this quarter: 0

Number of those referred who received recovery services this quarter: 0

The number of referrals to a licensed mental health provider this quarter: 0

Number of those referred who received services from a licensed mental health provider this quarter: 0

Substance Misuse

Total number of students who violated the substance misuse policy this year: (Total 135)

Q4 2024: 24

Q1 2025: 25

Q2 2025: 31

Q3 2025: 40

Q4 2025: 15

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with methamphetamines: 0

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with opioids: 0

*Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with vape (nicotine): 132

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with benzodiazepines: 0

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with marijuana: 3

Number of students who violated the substance misuse policy with other substances (not listed above): 0

Prevention Activities

How many active, school-based coalitions are in your district? 1-2

How many campuses are in your district/university? 6

How many coalition members do you have in total?

Q4 2024: 15

Q1 2025: 20

Q2 2025: 40

Q3 2025: 40

Q4 2025: 40

How many coalition meetings did you have this year? 13

Number of prevention-focused events held outside of coalition meetings: 17

From the question above, please briefly describe the events held.

Q4 2024: Prevention Assemblies, Reading Anti Drug Books for Trojan Reading time

Q1 2025: Prevention Assembly Region 8 Build a Better Youth Conference Discovery 2025

Q2 2025: Prevention Assemblies, conferences, Advocacy Days

Q3 2025: Stop Overdose Summit, Youth Awards, Red Ribbon Week, Care Packages for Adults in Long term Recovery

Q4 2025: Advocated at the State Capitol about Gaming, & Gambling and how its tied to substance use. Prevention Day planning at High School

Services provided by the School Resource Officer

How many SRO searches occurred this year? 1

How many TruNarc tests were administered this quarter? 0

How many times were opioids found through TruNarc testing: 0

Notes:

- *There will be a slight difference between the data here and in the milestones due to an adjustment in the dates when data was turned in. Hot Springs School District verified in the meeting that there was not duplication; this is due to differences in dates that the Prevention Recovery Coordinator submitted the data to Redcap and the end of the quarter; the PRC submitted before the quarter ended based on the milestones initially provided by ARORP.*
- *Hot Springs School District is not able to test the substance in a vape device. Everything is labeled as a "vape" device. **This could include any substance.** ARORP will expand reporting questions into this topic in future projects.*
- *Sometimes devices like vapes are collected by administration rather than the SRO, and does not necessitate a search.*
- *Hot Springs reviewed and updated data for accuracy following the meeting, including number of coalition meetings and coalitions, number of SRO searches, and verification of students who reoffended after receiving interventions.*

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: N/A

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: **N/A**

Note: *The amount of funds to be returned was \$795.06, which is below the threshold amount of \$1,000 that would require funds to be returned to the Qualified Settlement Fund. Funds are to be used for Hot Springs School District's coalitions.*

Project Compliance

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

Notes: *Review data discrepancies listed below, and update for accuracy if applicable.*

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

Date program regained compliance: **January 14, 2026**

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:

- There are two coalitions now related to the Hot Springs School District.
- A member of the coalition won the outstanding youth award.
- The majority of students who receive services do not reoffend.
- The culture of the district is changing in a positive way. There is a constant presence of prevention on campus.
- This program has added support for the student body.
- In the past, before the program existed, the district suspended students or gave them in-school suspension without substance misuse education. This program provides a teachable moment, an alternative to suspension.

Challenges:

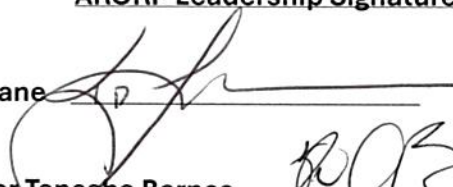
- Changing the cultural norm.
- There is now a year-round schedule in the district, which increased student stress levels. There are more days in the school year. There is also a no cell-phone policy, which spiked students' anxiety and added more pressure.
- There are over a thousand students on the two campuses, and there are six campuses total. It is difficult to serve all students, and there is a range of ages that would need to be served. The PRC has been called to some middle school campuses, which is a lower learning level. More than one PRC is needed to serve this district.
- Getting buy-in for prevention can be a challenge. On the school campus, some professionals do not understand the science of prevention. Buy-in is important.
- The position could potentially be lonely for PRCs who are on campus alone.

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

- ARORP has provided autonomy for the program, provided resources for the program, which has been great. There has been great support and belief in the profession of prevention, which makes the process easier.

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 5-6-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 5/11/26