

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: Sharp County Sheriff's Office

ARORP #: 23-132

Project Title: Sharp County Sheriff's Office Overdose Response Team

Date of Audit: February 17, 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: Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence, Willie Baker, Kevin Simpson, Shane Russell

Counties Served: Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp

Total Funding Amount: \$341,390.32

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: *Updated the milestones in the meeting to indicate that the meeting has been completed.*

Summary of Process Data:**Training**

Number of people trained: 65

Number of trainings your organization hosted: 5

Types of training held:

- ORT Overview at area hospitals
- Overdose update for law enforcement officers in Sharp County
- Law Enforcement Response to Opioid Overdose
- Overdose Response to Patrol Officers

Partner organizations: White River Hospital Services, Sharp County Sheriff's Office

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

Overdose Response Team

Counties where overdoses occurred: Sharp

Number of fatal overdoses: 9

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 24

Number of fatal and nonfatal *opioid* overdoses: 7

Naloxone saves by the ORT: 0

*Number of people served by the peer: 402

Number of referrals to treatment: 146

Number of people who received treatment after receiving a referral: 26

Number of mental health referrals: 69

*Number of people who received mental health services after receiving a referral: 22

Number of people referred to recovery: 20

*Number of people who were referred to recovery who received services: 11

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with overdose victims: 12

*Number of overdose **victims** who met with the peer one-on-one: 10

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with families: 10

*Number of **families** who met with the peer one-on-one: 10

Number of cases opened: 25

Number of arrests: 8

*Number of arrests related to opioids: 0

Number of cases closed: 20

*Number of closed cases related to opioids: 2

Why closed?

Q1 2025: Two cases were closed by drug arrest (non-opiate related) Two cases were closed due to suicidal ideations and those people being admitted for mental health services **Overdose response team responded to 16 overdoses in the quarter 4 opioid related, 6 marijuana related, 3 alcohol related, and 3 methamphetamine related

Q2 2025: All 3 cases that were closed were overdose investigations related to the use of methamphetamine

Q3 2025: Cases were closed when victims were referred to and received mental health treatment. 6 arrest were made for introducing a controlled substance into another person 3 adult males and 3 adult females

Q4 2025: Both of these investigations were unintentional overdoses and were closed as accidental

Notes:

- ARORP requested Sharp County review the opioid overdoses and review the counties forms to make sure they are consistent with the "Overdose Response Team" forms.
- Sharp County noted that they stopped receiving notifications from other counties beyond Sharp.
- The peer was a great planner and worked to get into the court system to provide additional services. She targeted people not eligible for drug court. When this ran out, she had 28 or 29 in a recovery hospital. Sharp County said they "hit the jackpot" with their peer.
- They were able to meet with the hospital (White River) and were receptive to the process.
- The 8 arrests were having difficulty with aggravated delivery. There were some children in DHS custody, and they would test positive for methamphetamine or another substance. They were able to use the aggravated delivery legislation to charge.

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: \$19,596.25

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: **April 17, 2026**

Project Compliance

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

Notes: *Returned unused or misspent funds.*

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

Date program regained compliance: **April 17, 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:

- When the project ended and Sharp County could no longer fund, there were 27 or 28 people in recovery through the program.
- The opioid investigator's numbers could speak for themselves. That is the success of the program. Giving people opportunities other than jail was the biggest success, and that was not available before.

Challenges:

- Sharp County was able to sustain the opioid investigator, but were not able to sustain the peer.

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

- Sharp County sends quarterly reports and assumed that ARORP was approving the budget each time. ARORP reviews and approves budgets annually, and all budget adjustments must receive written approval.
- The organization writing the grants need guidelines to know if the county will do the matching. If they are not working with the finance people, they will not know what they needed to ask for.

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 08-10-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 7.10.26