

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: 13th Drug Task Force

ARORP #: 23-172

Project Title: 13th Drug Task Force Overdose Response Team

Date of Audit: February 23, 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, Mary Dempster, Drew Reynolds, John Voss, Austin McCuistion, Jonathan Messer

Counties Served: Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union

Total Funding Amount: \$389,261.07

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: N/A

Summary of Process Data:**Training**

Number of people trained: 472

Number of trainings your organization hosted: 56

Types of training held: Life Skills – 32, Naloxone - 24

Partner organizations: n/a

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

Notes: Trainings from the peer.

Overdose Response Team

Counties where overdoses occurred: n/a

Number of fatal overdoses: 0

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 0

Number of fatal and nonfatal *opioid* overdoses: 0

Naloxone saves by the ORT: 0

*Number of people served by the peer: 1170

Number of referrals to treatment: 14

Number of people who received treatment after receiving a referral: 14

Number of mental health referrals: 27

*Number of people who received mental health services after receiving a referral: 17

Number of people referred to recovery: 1102

*Number of people who were referred to recovery who received services: n/a

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

*Number of overdose **victims** who met with the peer one-on-one: 0

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with families: 0

*Number of **families** who met with the peer one-on-one: 0

Number of cases opened: 4

Number of arrests: 1

*Number of arrests related to opioids: 1

Number of cases closed: 4

*Number of closed cases related to opioids: 4

Why closed?

- Fatal OD – no arrest
- Arrest made – case filed with Prosecutor
- Non-fatal – no arrest

Notes:

- *No overdoses were responded to this year, which is concerning to the ARORP team.*
- *ARORP recommended 13th review data about work completed by the investigator as well as about referrals, which has some illogical data. 13th West was given the opportunity to update the data following the evaluation.*

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: \$3,764.12

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: **April 2, 2026**

Project Compliance

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

Notes:

- *Review Redcap data, and submit additional receipts.*

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

Note: *13th West was given the opportunity to update data, though there were still some illogical data at the program's completion.*

Date program regained compliance: **April 2, 2026**

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

Additional notes on this project:

Note: *13th West was given the opportunity to update data, though there were still some illogical data at the program's completion. While work was completed by both the peer and investigator, 13th West did not report that they responded to overdoses this year based on data submitted. This is concerning for the program's fidelity.*

Partnership

What were some successes and challenges with your project?

Successes:

- The successes came from the peers. 13th say a big change when the peers came to the overdose scene—they usually already had or built rapport with the families, and the families would respond well to the peer. They would be more likely to give evidence like cell phones, etc. when the peer was present and work with the team.

Challenges:

- Other departments sometimes did not report overdoses. For example, if one police department had an overdose, half of the shifts would report overdoses and half wouldn't. They might respond a day to two later because they weren't notified. They went and spoke with the hospital numerous times. They were instructed to call one of the six of the team. Even the coroners' offices—some would respond quickly, and some would not.
- Initially, the team didn't think they would have as much success as they did with the peers. Now, the peers still support the team.
- The program did not sustain. 13th is looking into different options to sustain.

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

- Fund the program for two more years. 13th has now lost the two peers.

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 08-10-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 8.10.26