

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: Miller County Sheriff's Department

ARORP #: 24-300

Project Title: Miller County Sheriff's Department ORT

Date of Audit: November 11, 2025

How many years has this project been active: 1

How many years remain: 1

Is this the project's final audit? NO

Attendees Present at Audit: Tenesha Barnes, Joy Spence, Tamara Spicer, Paul Nall, Investigator
(Name Redacted)

Counties Served: Bradley, Garland, Lafayette, Miller

Total Funding Amount: \$359,409.11

Note: *The original amount presented to the board for this project (\$475,387.42) included year 2 funds twice, which was an error. The correct amount of \$359,409.11 was provided upfront in year 1 to ARORP24-300 to cover the entirety of the two-year project. Because of this, ARORP24-300 did not receive an additional year 2 check as this would have been duplication. This error has been updated on this project's Notice of Award as well as the ARORP website.*

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: *Milestones were updated in the meeting to indicate that the evaluation was attended.*

Summary of Process Data:

For this project, the annual evaluation was held in between reporting cycles. For that reason, only 9 months of data will be reported in this evaluation. In addition, questions with an asterisk were required starting April 1, 2025 and may not include data before this time.

Training

Number of people trained: 40

Number of trainings your organization hosted: 4

Types of training held:

- Relapse prevention - 4 sessions
- Fentanyl Awareness/Dangers - 1 session
- Narcan training - 1 session

Partner organizations: Chain Breakers, Lifehouse Outreach

*Number of people trained in a language other than English: N/A

Overdose Response Team

Counties where overdoses occurred:

- Miller – 4 fatal
- Lafayette – 2 non-fatal, 3 fatal

Number of fatal overdoses: 7

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 2

Number of fatal and nonfatal *opioid* overdoses: 6

Naloxone saves by the ORT: 0

*Number of people served by the peer: 15

Number of referrals to treatment: 12

Number of people who received treatment after receiving a referral: 4

Number of mental health referrals: 4

*Number of people who received mental health services after receiving a referral: 1

Number of people referred to recovery: 14

*Number of people who were referred to recovery who received services: 5

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with overdose victims: 0

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

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with families: 6

*Number of **families** who met with the peer one-on-one: 6

Number of cases opened: 9

Number of arrests: 0

*Number of arrests related to opioids: 0

Number of cases closed: 2

*Number of closed cases related to opioids: 1

Why closed?

Q1 2025:

Q2 2025: Victim survived and refused to cooperate with investigator.

Q3 2025: No cooperation from family member.

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- *ARORP noted that numbers served by the peer were low. Peers were hired and withdrew from the program twice, so they are on the third peer for this program. This has been a major barrier to the program.*
- *Some data was corrected for accuracy following the evaluation, including the number of overdoses by county and the number of meetings held with families.*
- *This program is working with HEARD to provide enhanced services for the people seeking recovery as well as to provide guidance to the peer recovery specialist.*
- *There may have been overdoses missed. The patrol officers at each agencies may not grasp that they need to call the ORT for suspected overdoses. This may be a training issue. Sheriff has reviewed call notes and realized that some medical emergencies may have been overdoses. This may also be an issue with dispatch.*
- *There are two ambulance services in the jurisdiction, and if they are dispatched as medical, they could miss these. They may need to provide training.*

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: \$36,370.36

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: January 13, 2026

Project Compliance

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

Notes: ARORP24-300 must return funds to the Qualified Settlement Fund and review any data inaccuracies.

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

Date program regained compliance: **January 13, 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 program was able to get an ORT investigator, which is an asset to the program. They have been able to get a strong peer in place.

Challenges: It has been a challenge to get a peer to training. Several peers were hired and resigned from trainings.

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

- It would be helpful to understand what was needed. One example was the budget form. Is it possible to get the desired sample budget?

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 8-3-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 8-3-26