

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: 18th West Drug Task Force

ARORP #: 24-317

Project Title: 18th West Drug Task Force Overdose Response Team

Date of Audit: November 13, 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, Cari Sharp, Investigator (Name Redacted)

Counties Served: Montgomery, Polk

Total Funding Amount: \$428,918.96

Annual Evaluation**Milestones**

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

Notes: Updated the milestones to indicate that the annual evaluation was completed.

Summary of Process Data:**Training**

Number of people trained: 291

Number of trainings your organization hosted: 152

Types of training held:

- Life Skills
- Opioid Identification-1, Narcan Training-1, Overdose Case Overview-1, Relapse Prevention-15, Recovery and Wellness-15, Anger Management-1, Partner organizations
- Life Skill-4, Relapse Prevention-20, Recovery & Wellness-51, Anger management-10,
- Life Skills, Relapse Prevention, Recovery & Wellness / Coping / Anger Mgmt, First Responder Response to substance abuse and overdoses

Number of people trained in a language other than English:

Partnerships:

- 18th West Judicial Drug Court
- OBU- Presented Opioid Identification, Narcan Training, and Overdose Case Overview in a Criminal Justice Class several times throughout the semester. Arkansas Probation and Parole 18th West Judicial Drug Court
- Drug Court Probation and Parole 18th West DTF
- Probation and Parole 18th West Judicial Drug Court Program Polk County Sheriff's Office Mena Police Department 18th West Prosecuting Attorney's Office 18th West Drug Task Force

Overdose Response Team

**Questions with asterisks were not required until after April 1, 2025, and may not reflect data before that time.*

Counties where overdoses occurred:

Polk:

- Non-fatal: 3 (2 Q3), (1 Q2)
- Fatal: 3 (2 Q4), (1 Q2)

Montgomery:

- Non-fatal: 1 (1 Q2)

Number of fatal overdoses: 3

Number of nonfatal overdoses: 4

Number of fatal and nonfatal *opioid* overdoses: 6

Naloxone saves by the ORT: 0

*Number of people served by the peer: 58

Number of referrals to treatment: 31

Number of people who received treatment after receiving a referral: 27

Number of mental health referrals: 1

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

Number of people referred to recovery: 12

*Number of people who were referred to recovery who received services: 10

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with overdose victims: 3

*Number of overdose **victims** who met with the peer one-on-one: 3

Number of one-on-one peer **meetings** with families: 8

*Number of **families** who met with the peer one-on-one: 3

Number of cases opened: 7

Number of arrests: 7

*Number of arrests related to opioids: 7

Number of cases closed: 5

*Number of closed cases related to opioids: 5

Why closed?

Q4 2024: N/A

Q1 2025: The cases involved prescriptions that had been abused in suicide attempts.

Q2 2025: The cases involved legal prescriptions that were non-fatal.

Q3 2025: N/A

Notes:

- *ARORP requested that the organization verify the counties where overdose occurred and the number of arrests related to opioids as these were inconsistent in the meeting. Following the meeting, the organization was given an opportunity to update for accuracy.*
- *18th West reported a learning curve, and knowing how to reach people has been a challenge for 18th West. Growing partnerships has been a success. The peer has been going to the jails to make direct contact there.*
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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: \$25,536.22

Date funds were returned to the Arkansas Opioids Qualified Settlement Fund: **February 25, 2026**

Project Compliance

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

Notes:

- *Review data and make necessary adjustments in Redcap.*
- *Return unused or misspent funds.*

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

Date program regained compliance: **February 25, 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:

- Met all general goals for the program. 18th West met with agencies, learned how to operate the program, provided additional development for the peer, and increased networking this year.

Challenges:

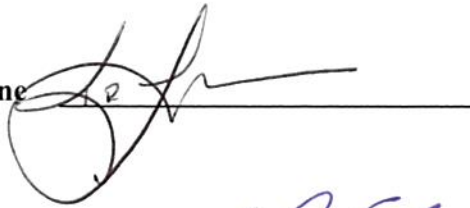
- One challenge has been gaining buy-in with agencies. They have begun additional networking with more agencies.
- One goal for this year will be to increase diversity in the population served through this program.

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

- 18th West noted that in the beginning, it would be helpful to have the annotated budget spreadsheet and a training in how to complete the annotated budget.

ARORP Leadership Signature

Signature of Director Kirk Lane



Date 8-5-26

Signature of Deputy Director Tenesha Barnes



Date 8.4.26