



## WORKING TOGETHER FOR A DRUG-FREE WORKFORCE

The opioid epidemic is affecting Arkansas businesses of every kind. But it's doing more than that — it's touching the lives of employees, their families, and communities. Each of those lives is a mother, father, child, or friend. Learn about the prominence of opioid use in our state, and watch our online course at [togetherarkansas.com](https://togetherarkansas.com) to learn how your business can help.

**1 LIFE**  
EVERY DAY

**388 PREDICTED  
OVERDOSE DEATHS  
IN ARKANSAS IN 2024<sup>1</sup>**

**86%** OF ALL OVERDOSES  
OCCUR IN WORKING  
AGED ADULTS 25-64<sup>2</sup>

**TODAY, AMERICANS ARE MORE LIKELY  
TO DIE OF OPIOID OVERDOSE  
THAN A CAR CRASH<sup>3</sup>**

**HIGHEST  
RATE  
IN THE  
COUNTRY<sup>4</sup>**

**71.5**

prescriptions  
per 100 people

**37.5**

prescriptions  
per 100 people

The human cost of the opioid crisis is significant on our communities, workplaces, and families. Together Arkansas pairs the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership to provide employers with a toolkit of resources, free of charge, to help them prepare, prevent, and respond.

Visit [togetherarkansas.com](https://togetherarkansas.com).

**TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A HEALTHIER, DRUG-FREE WORKFORCE.**

(1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics' Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts (2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics' Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States, 2003-2023 (3) National Safety Council's Injury Facts (4) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Opioid Dispensing Rate Map

