



TOGETHER ARKANSAS

Opioid Response Initiative

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A DRUG-FREE WORKFORCE

Opioid-use disorder is impacting Arkansas employers of every kind — from small operations to large corporations. It is creating daily challenges for employers because it affects their greatest asset: their employees. Learn about the prominence of opioid use in our state, and watch our online course at togetherarkansas.com to learn how to prevent and manage the problem.

43,400
WORKERS

TAKEN OUT OF ARKANSAS'S
LABOR FORCE (1999-2015)¹



2 BILLION WORK HOURS LOST
HOURS DUE TO OPIOID MISUSE IN 2021²



79% OF EMPLOYERS HAVE HAD AN ISSUE
WITH OPIOIDS IN THE WORKPLACE³



\$33,500,000,000

REAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT
IN LOST PRODUCTIVITY
FOR ARKANSAS ECONOMY (1999-2015)⁴



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THREE-QUARTERS OF EMPLOYERS REPORT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
AFFECTED BY THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC⁵, INCLUDING:

- ABSENTEEISM
- DECREASED PRODUCTIVITY
- SAFETY



ARKANSAS IS TIED FOR THE STATE ECONOMY
MOST DAMAGED BY THE OPIOID CRISIS.⁶

The opioid epidemic is one of the biggest threats to the foundation of business and our economy today. Together Arkansas pairs the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the 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.

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

¹American Action Forum, ²American Action Forum, ³NSC Employer Survey, ⁴American Action Forum, ⁵NSC Employer Survey, ⁶American Action Forum

