



TOGETHERARKANSAS

Opioid Response Initiative

Together, we can create a healthier, drug-free workforce

The Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and AFMC have joined forces to provide Arkansas employers with a toolkit of resources to use—free of charge—to help them prepare, prevent, and respond to the opioid crisis.

The online course consists of five modules (13–16 min per module) to cover:

- Legal and operational issues
- Best practices for drug-testing
- Developing policies and procedures
- How to respond to an employee's misuse of harmful drugs
- Where to refer an employee who needs help
- Providing options for an employee to return to work

\$8,255 - \$14,000
PER EMPLOYEE

THE ANNUAL COST OF AN
UNTREATED SUBSTANCE
USE DISORDER (SUD)¹



THE US PRESCRIPTION
RATE PER 100 IS 43.3
ARKANSAS'S RATE IS

86.3

----- THAT'S THE -----
2ND HIGHEST RATE
IN THE NATION⁴

\$1.02 TRILLION

ESTIMATED ECONOMIC COST
FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER
AND FATAL OPIOID OVERDOSE³



547 OVERDOSE DEATHS
IN ARKANSAS IN 2020⁵

86%

OF EMPLOYERS WERE CONCERNED THAT
PRESCRIPTION OPIOID USE WAS HAVING A
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR WORKPLACE²



Visit our website and social media to learn about the prominence of opioid use in our state, and watch our online course to learn how to prevent and manage the problem.

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¹National Safety Council survey, ²National Safety Council survey, ³Science Direct survey, ⁴Arkansas Drug Director, ⁵Arkansas Drug Director

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