



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 the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership 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 OPIOID DISPENSING
RATE PER 100 IS 37.5
ARKANSAS'S RATE IS**

71.5

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HIGHEST RATE
IN THE NATION³

388

**PREDICTED OVERDOSE DEATHS
IN ARKANSAS IN 2024⁴**



79%

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



**Arkansas
Opioid
Recovery
Partnership**



**Arkansas
BlueCross BlueShield**



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¹National Safety Council survey, ²National Safety Council survey, ³Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Opioid Dispensing Rate Maps, ⁴Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts

