

UPSOAR

Arkansas has the second-highest rate of opioid prescriptions in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This trend has severely affected the health of entire communities, with counties like Stone, Sharp, Baxter, Fulton and Izard being among the most affected by opioid and substance abuse related death in the state.

As a result, funded by USDA, Winrock International, with Ozarka College and UAMS will implement the UPSOAR project to deliver opioid and substance abuse training, education and awareness to Stone, Sharp, Izard, Fulton, and Baxter counties in Arkansas.

UPSOAR will deliver free, interactive trainings to adults and youth and will provide ready-made tools that will be available online for further education. These will include:



Live, in-person trainings for adults



Risk-free simulation trainings to help participants identify signs of and respond to an overdose.



Youth-specific, in-person trainings in local schools.



Educational videos on opioid and substance abuse.



Interactive, educational modules to be used by educators, employers or general public.



Referrals services to participants who may need treatment or counseling for opioid or substance abuse problems.

TRAININGS AND TOOLS ARE GEARED TOWARDS:

- increasing knowledge about substance abuse and addiction
- reducing stigma associated with opioid use disorder and substance abuse
- increasing confidence in identifying and reacting to opioid and substance abuse overdose, and
- providing practical resources for those struggling and their support network.

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There are several ways to do so:

Host a training

Attend a training

Use online resources

Share information with others