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Casey is a person in long term recovery since 2017 and spent his first year in recovery volunteering at multiple organizations in Central Arkansas. Once clean from drugs and alcohol, he met and married his beautiful wife, Megan. Their daughter Adilynn was born in 2020. Casey continues to put God first in everything he does and gives God all the glory. He continually strives to stay focused on his recovery by working a program. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with family and friends. He loves exercising and spending time outdoors.

A founding member of One Life Community Church of Little Rock, both Casey and his wife serve as ministry leaders for the Celebrate Recovery program. Casey also serves as a deacon in their church.

Casey Copeland is one of the ten original Peer Supervisors in the state of Arkansas. He now supervises multiple PITs, APR's and SIT's across the State of Arkansas. He is the first PRSS in the state to hold a position in a jail setting helping develop and implement the PACT Program at the Lonoke County Sheriffs Office. He is also a trainer of trainers for the Arkansas Model and Via Hope Re-Entry Program.



Learning Objectives

- Understand what a Peer Recovery Specialist is
- Pathways to becoming a Peer Recovery Specialist
- Arkansas law concerning Peer Recovery Specialist
- Innovative Peer Recovery programs in Arkansas





What is a Peer Specialist?

Lived Experience + Training



**Gives you to
ability to
identify**



A passion



**Ethical
guidelines**



**Professional
development**



**Continued
training**



**Instant
rapport**



An ARMY of PEERS

The DHS Recovery Unit

1) Advance the Division's commitment to, and support of, recovery for Arkansas.

2) Serve as a dedicated team employed by DHS with a deep understanding of recovery to provide insight on policies, programs, and services to those in or seeking recovery.

3) Manage the state's recovery projects, develop, evaluate, implement, and improve DHS recovery programs.



All Peer Trainings

THREE LEVELS, AND ADDITIONAL

Peer Recovery Support Services

The Arkansas Model

Peer in Training (PIT)



Arkansas Peer Recovery Specialist (PR)

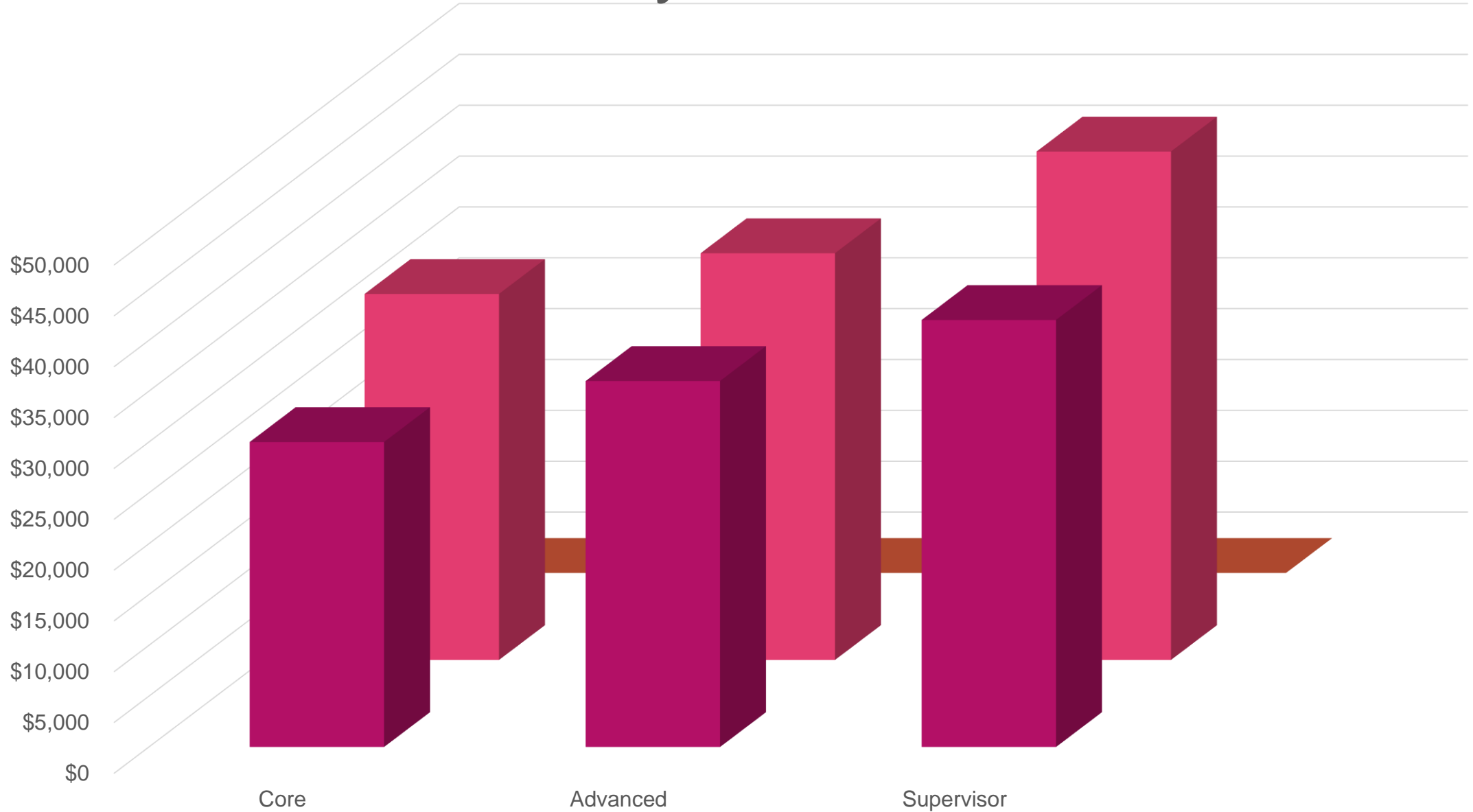


Arkansas Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist (APR)



Arkansas Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor (PRPS)

Pay Ladder



ALL RECOVERY MONIES

SBG

ARPA

**COVID
RELIEF
FUNDS**

STR

SOR1

SOR2

SOR3



ALL STATE CONTRACTS

Current Arkansas Jail Peer Programs

1. Lonoke County
2. Lawrence County
3. Garland County
4. Sabastian County
5. Saline County
6. Division of Youth Services
7. Pulaski County



Overdose Response Teams

- Lonoke County
- Hot Springs PD
- Johnson County
- Izard County DTF
- 6th Central DTF
- Jefferson County

OVERDOSE RESPONSE TEAMS

**Total Contacts-
12,622**

Overdose 202

Follow Ups- 200

**Narcan
Trainings- 28**

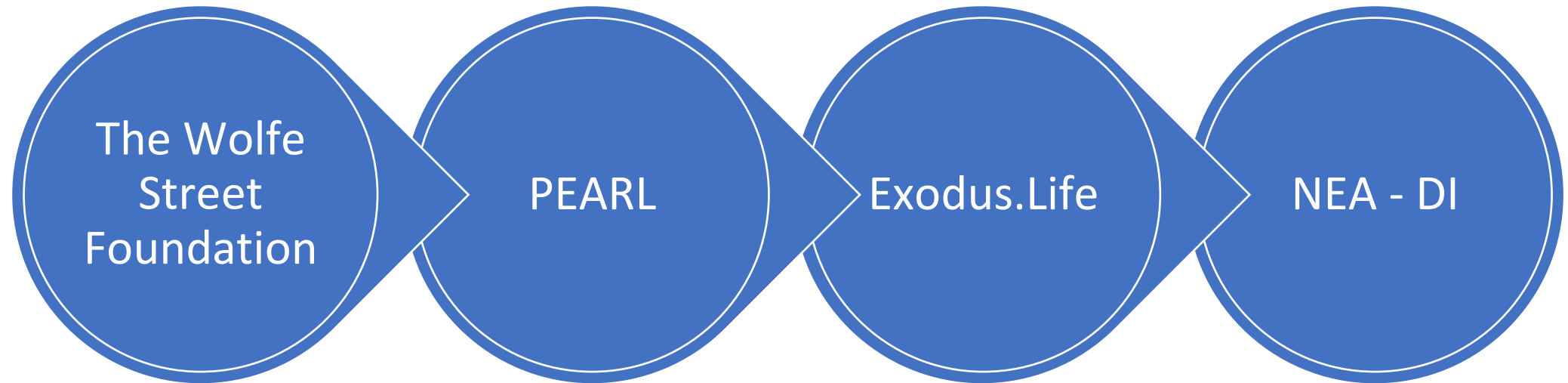
**Persons
Referred to
Treatment – 407**



Hospital ED Peers

- Bradley County Medical Center
- Saline County
- UAMS
- Jefferson County
- Unity Health
- River Valley Primary Care
- Mobile Unit

Recovery Community Organizations RCOs



Faith Based Recovery

- Hoover
- SOZO
- Arm 180
- DOTS
- Safe Haven Women





INSIDE OUT





ReEntry Centers

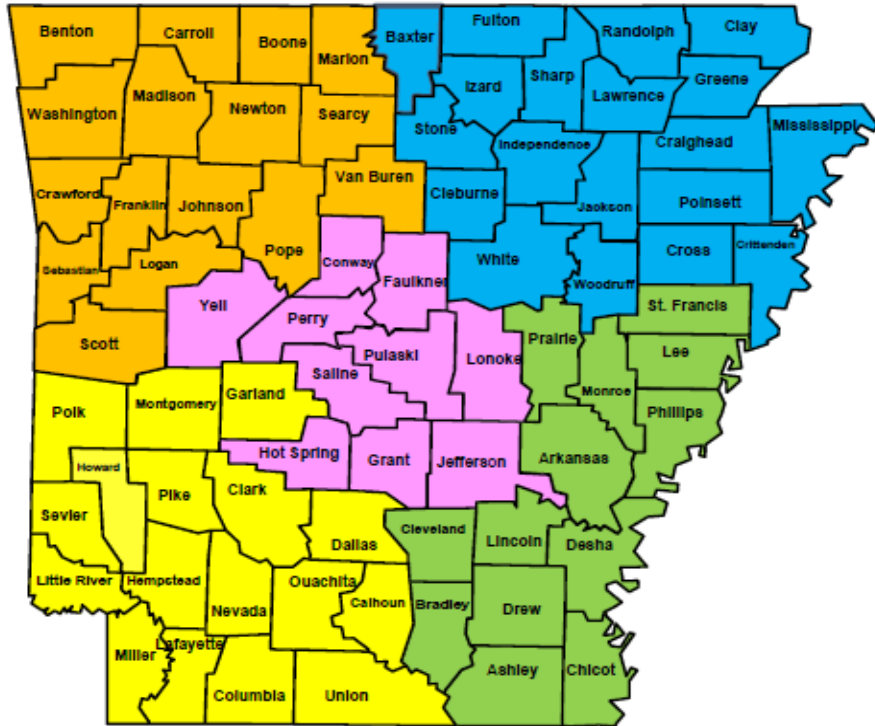
The Arkansas Peer Advisory Committee (APAC)

- 15 community stakeholders as members.
- Certified PRSs with extensive knowledge and experience regarding roles of peer specialists and the work they do.
- APAC's primary responsibility is to advise the DHS Recovery Unit on best peer recovery practices.
- Offer guidance to strengthen the peer recovery workforce across the state.



III. Arkansas Peer Recovery Regions

Arkansas has five (5) recovery regions, shown in the map below.



Region numbers and names of counties included in each peer recovery region are shown in the table below:

Region	Included Counties (Total Number & Names)
Region 1	16 Counties (Benton, Carroll, Boone, Marion, Washington, Madison, Newton, Searcy, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Van Buren, Logan, Scott, Sebastian)
Region 2	19 Counties (Baxter, Fulton, Randolph, Clay, IZard, Sharp, Lawrence, Greene, Stone, Independence, Jackson, Craighead, Mississippi, Cleburne, White, Woodruff, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden)
Region 3	10 Counties (Pulaski, Saline, Yell, Hot Spring, Grant, Jefferson, Lonoke, Conway, Perry, Faulkner)
Region 4	17 Counties (Union, Columbia, Miller, Sevier, Lafayette, Calhoun, Ouachita, Nevada, Hempstead, Little River, Dallas, Clark, Pike, Howard, Polk, Montgomery, Garland)
Region 5	13 Counties (St. Francis, Lee, Monroe, Prairie, Arkansas, Phillips, Cleveland, Lincoln, Desha, Drew, Bradley, Ashley, Chicot)

Participatory process

Nothing About us without Us

Arkansas Peers Achieving Recovery Together

Mission:

To expand recovery services for substance use throughout the State of Arkansas. To develop, implement, and evaluate statewide efforts to broaden recovery and awareness.



Arkansas Peers Achieving Recovery Together

- Formed in 2019 as an Arkansas recovery coalition.
- Before Covid APART had 60 members, they are now down to 10 members but are looking to expand again.
- 5 Work Groups
 - Education
 - Recovery Services
 - Outreach
 - Communication & Marketing
 - Youth
- These 5 work groups began assessing the needs of Hot Springs County

Arkansas Peers Achieving Recovery Together

- In 2021 a partnership was developed with ABHIN
- This partnership helped target vulnerable populations and the gaps in barriers for people with SUD.
- APART was able to expand to serve 10 counties:

• Boone	• Carroll
• Cleburne	• Newton
• Marrion	• Searcy
• Sevier	• Stone
• Van Buren	• Madison

Arkansas Peers Achieving Recovery Together

- APART signed a contract with ABHIN, leading them to develop an Outreach Specialist position.
- The Outreach Specialist was developed to work with people in the community with Substance Use Disorder.
- They were able to work with local food pantries to share information.
- They will also soon be implementing Naloxone Drop Boxes

Arkansas Peers Achieving Recovery Together

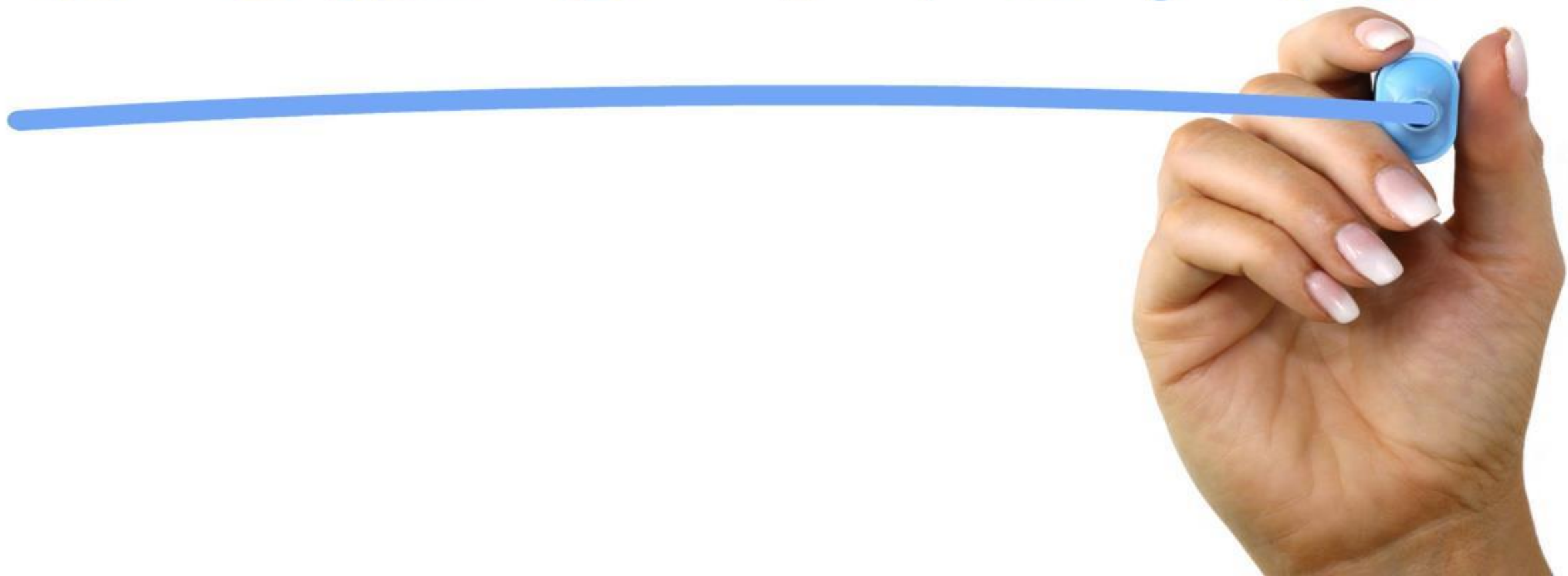
APART also partnered with CRDC in order to implement the Stop the Stigma Campaign that will be establishing billboards in 28 counties

**I AM *NOT* WHO
YOU SAY *I AM***

800-662-HELP
WORDS MATTER - *STOP STIGMA*

QUESTIONS



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