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The Human Development Centers (HDCs), which are Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF), are operated by the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. They are licensed by the Office of Long-Term care on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), subject to continuous monitoring and surveying, and fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

As of March 30, 2026, we had a total of 819 residents across all five HDCs. As you can see from our current statistics, this population of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities is highly complex, requiring varying levels of supervision and medical care and interventions from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals including physicians, APRNs, psychologists, PT/OT/SP, and other specialists.

- 363 or 44% of our residents are functioning at a Profound level of deficits in adaptive functioning.
- 308 or 38% of our residents are classified as having a fragile health condition.
- 561 or 68% of our residents have to have a modified diet, meaning it is dependent on staff to puree or chop all the residents' food to minimize choking risks and consistently monitor food intake to ensure proper nutritional needs are being met.
- 661 or 81% of our residents have a mental/behavioral health diagnosis along with their IDD.
- 439 or 54% of our residents have complex behaviors that lead to aggressive/destructive and/or self-injurious behaviors.
- 368 or 45% of our residents are completely non-verbal, meaning staff have to rely on behavioral queues and some special communication devices to interpret the needs of those residents.
- 406 or 50% of residents have a history of or currently active seizure disorder.
- 318 or 38% of residents have vision impairment or blindness.

Current staffing for the Human Development Centers as of 4/24/26:

Functional Capacity	HDC	Direct		Non-Direct		All Positions	All Positions	Grand Total
		Filled	Unfilled	Filled	Unfilled	Total Filled	Total Unfilled	
518	Conway HDC	590	30	302	11	892	41	933
110	Arkadelphia HDC	104	16	74	2	178	18	186
101	Jonesboro HDC	144	28	76	3	210	31	251
128	Booneville HDC	119	45	82	2	201	47	248
96	Southeast Arkansas HDC	136	58	53	5	189	63	252
	Totals	1,093	177	587	23	1,680	200	1,880

Below are the deaths that have occurred in all five (5) facilities over the past 10 years. Note that **CHDCs** number are larger due to:

- Having the largest population of residents – almost three times greater than the other HDCs
- Has the only 24/7 infirmary certified by the AR Dept of Health. All of our sickest residents and residents that require enhanced medical care are placed here.
- Admits the most medically complex residents which allows us to meet residents with IDD needs in lieu of sending them to a nursing home.

HDC	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			2021		
	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate
BOONEVILLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	131	0	0.000%	133	1	0.752%	132	2	1.515%	132	0	0.000%	126	1	0.794%	127	1	0.787%
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	98	0	0.000%	103	2	1.942%	97	0	0.000%	95	1	1.053%	94	3	3.191%	94	1	1.064%
JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	128	1	0.781%	119	0	0.000%	117	2	1.709%	111	4	3.604%	110	1	0.909%	106	2	1.887%
ARKADELPHIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	121	0	0.000%	119	1	0.840%	122	0	0.000%	119	0	0.000%	114	1	0.877%	108	1	0.926%
CONWAY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	493	13	2.637%	487	13	2.669%	492	18	3.659%	497	8	1.610%	474	14	2.954%	470	17	3.617%
	971	14	1.442%	961	17	1.769%	960	22	2.292%	954	13	1.363%	918	20	2.179%	905	22	2.431%

HDC	2022			2023			2024			2025			2026 - as of March	
	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceas	Mortality Rate	Total M	Deceased
BOONEVILLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	128	2	1.563%	129	1	0.775%	123	0	0.000%	123	1	0.813%	113	0
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	100	0	0.000%	100	0	0.000%	99	1	1.010%	103	1	0.971%	74	1
JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	109	1	0.917%	112	0	0.000%	110	1	0.909%	114	2	1.754%	103	0
ARKADELPHIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	106	1	0.943%	104	1	0.962%	104	0	0.000%	108	0	0.000%	107	0
CONWAY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	459	22	4.793%	459	18	3.922%	446	12	2.691%	451	13	2.882%	422	4
	902	26	2.882%	904	20	2.212%	882	14	1.587%	899	17	1.891%	819	5

100% of all deaths are investigated by our trained HDC staff, as well as reported to the Office of Long-Term Care and the attorney general’s office via our incident reporting system and email.

Additionally, all deaths are reviewed by the HDC Mortality Review Committee to specifically (1) ensure that current HDC practice standards are maintained (2) prevent deviations from care practices at the HDCs to the extent possible (3) evaluate current HDC care processes for effectiveness and (4) present

any issues to the DDS Quality Improvement Committee. This committee reports to the quarterly Quality Assurance Committee as required by Ark. Code Ann. 20-10-2201 through 2204.

Members of the Mortality Review Committee include representation from the DDS Director's office, DDS Quality Improvement committee (which is comprised of medical professionals – MDs and or APRNs not connected with the resident's care), HDC Superintendent, and an HDC Registered Nurse. The required medical records are reviewed by a medical professional not involved in the resident's care and a conclusion is made that quality of care was followed or that quality of care was not followed and recommendations are made to the specific HDC, or if applicable to all five HDCs during the quarterly Quality Committee.

Note:

AR Code § 20-10-2201: (b) The General Assembly finds that:(1) Confidentiality of committee proceedings and records is key to improving the quality of care in long-term care facilities by promoting thorough and candid discussions for a full review and analysis of care processes; and

AR Code § 20-10-2204: (2) (A) The proceedings of and records that are created by or for the quality assurance committee of a long-term care facility are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil action against a provider of professional health services arising out of the matters that are subject to evaluation and review by the quality assurance committee.