

# The Armory Project

## A Suicide Prevention Program Designed for Veterans

*The Armory Project (TAP)* works with Federal Firearm License (FFL) retail businesses to provide **VOLUNTARY & TEMPORARY** out-of-home weapon storage for Veterans and civilians going through a mental health or suicide crisis.

### Background:

- ❖ [TAP](#) started in Louisiana (LA) in 2019 with 3 Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). As of 2025, there are 27 TAP FFLs and we have trained 90+ staff in suicide prevention.
- ❖ TAP in Arkansas (AR) began in 2024 with 3 FFLs and we trained 15 staff in suicide prevention:



- ❖ 4-month pilot results:



"Everyone we talked to was really impressed with the idea"

"I was surprised how little I had to talk about it. People just seeing the posters and the pamphlets inspired a lot of people just to start asking questions. We usually don't get that kind of feedback from visual displays."

- ❖ Addressing the biggest concern: Civil Liability
  - In 2022, LA passed legislation ([LA Act 453](#)) stating FFLs cannot be held liable should a customer harm themselves or someone else after returning a firearm held by the FFL.
  - In February 2025, AR passed the same type of legislation ([AR Act 106](#)).

## Current:

- ❖ We now have 6 Partners in Arkansas providing **VOLUNTARY & TEMPORARY** weapon storage for Veterans (and civilians).

## What We Do & How We Do It:

- ❖ We contact FFLs, explain the program, and ask if they want to partner with us. We provide a small one-time compensation package. We provide training, approximately 1-2 hours, resources and materials, and support.

## Future & What we are asking from you:

- ❖ Please Partner With Us!
- ❖ We are currently expanding TAP across Arkansas through partnering with community stakeholders, Veteran Service Organizations, and coalitions such as this one.
- ❖ Share it with your communities
- ❖ Let me know if you need any resources

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Free, Confidential Support 24/7/365 with chat and text options available to:

- ❖ Veterans (press 1 for Veterans)
- ❖ Service members
- ❖ Family members
- ❖ Friends
- ❖ If you are helping someone else who is in crisis, you can also call them for support