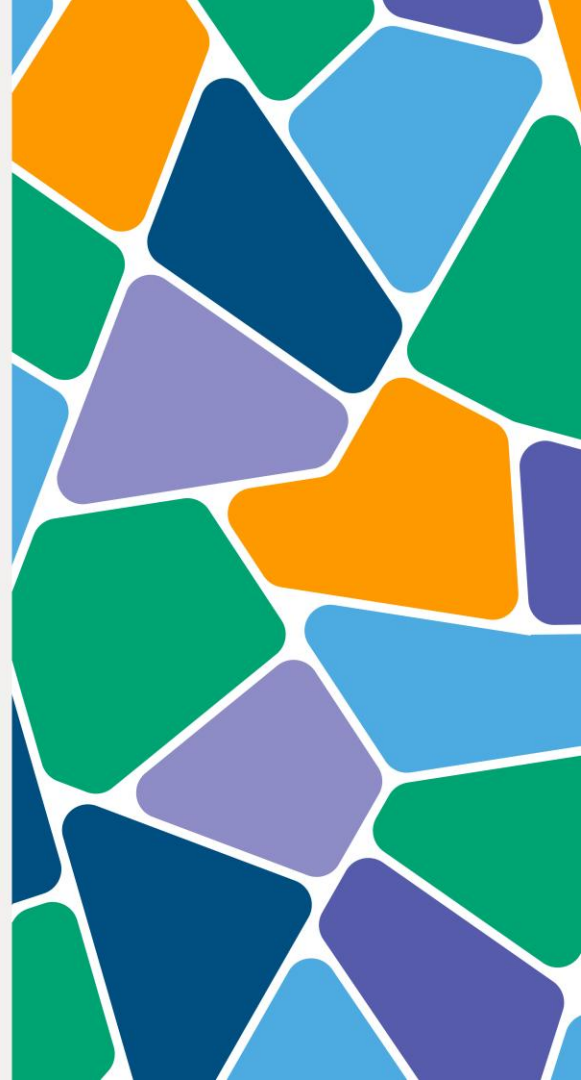




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Making the Most of Your Opioid Settlement Funds: Partnering With Your Technical Assistance Team

December 10, 2025



Welcome

Welcome to Mosaic's learning opportunity webinar!

Today's session will focus on maximizing the resources, guidance, and hands-on assistance available through Mosaic's TTA program.

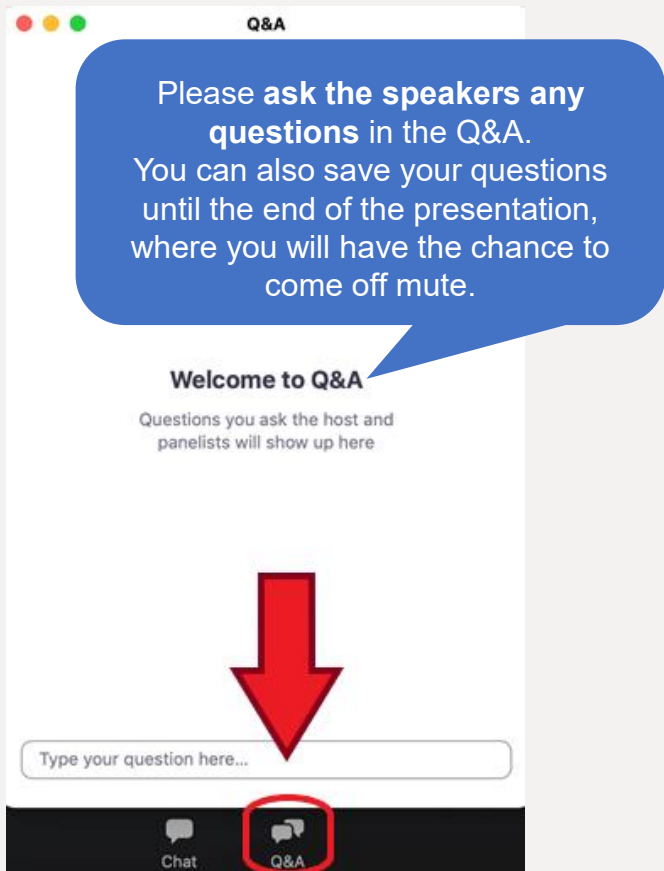
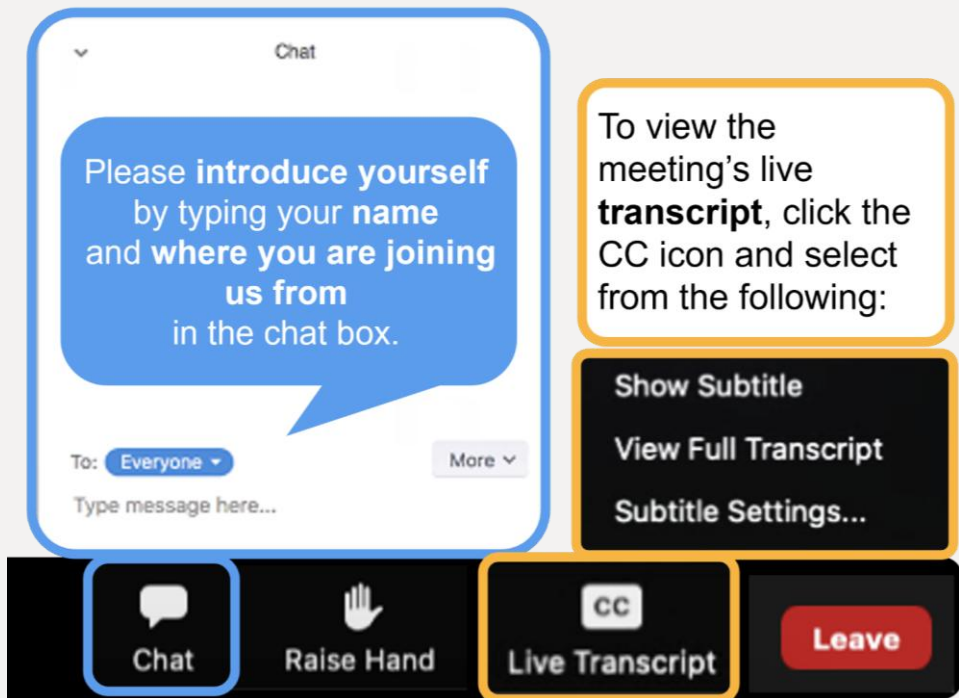
Agenda:

- Welcome and Housekeeping
- Meet Your Regional TTA Team
- What is TTA? How Can It Work for You?
- The TTA Roadmap
- TA in Action: Milton Case Study
- Q&A

Housekeeping

- This session is being recorded and will be available at **mosaic.rizema.org** on the Municipal TTA Events page.
- Please submit questions anytime through **Zoom's Q&A feature**. We will address them during the Q&A portion at the end.
- The Q&A portion of today's meeting will not be recorded.
- At the end of today's session, please fill out the feedback survey.
- We will also share a link to update your municipality's contacts.

Zoom Webinar Housekeeping



Learning Objectives

- **Increase understanding** of the unique purpose, legal requirements, and municipal responsibilities of opioid settlement funds
- **Connect** with Mosaic's regional TTA network to receive tailored guidance for your community's specific needs
- **Identify** the practical tools, resources, and actionable steps Mosaic provides to strengthen your local opioid abatement planning and implementation
- **Learn directly from a municipality** about their firsthand experience in both implementing an opioid settlement fund plan and accessing Mosaic's Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) for support



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CENTER
THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED
EXPERIENCE

The goal of the **Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership** is to create a pathway of access to apply for funds for both municipalities and community-based organizations, particularly those based in communities that are historically underserved and have experienced a disproportionately high rate of opioid-related overdose deaths.



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Guiding Principles

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THE VOICES OF PEOPLE
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EXPERIENCE

ENSURE

EFFORTS ARE INFORMED BY
COMMITMENTS TO EQUITY,
INCLUSION, AND COMPASSION

WORK

TO REDUCE STIGMA

ADVOCATE

FOR APPROACHES THAT SUPPORT
PEOPLE IN UNDERSTANDING AND
ACHIEVING THEIR OWN GOALS
REGARDING HARM REDUCTION,
TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY



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Meet the TTA Team



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The Unique Importance of Opioid Abatement Funds

These funds are **not** general municipal revenue. They come from legal settlements with opioid manufacturers and distributors, providing a unique, time-bound opportunity to directly address the local impacts of the overdose crisis.

Why This Resource is Critical for Our Work



A Legal Mandate for Local Restoration

These settlement funds are designated legal reparations, intended to heal the specific harms that continue to be caused by the opioid crisis.



A Tool for Immediate, Life-Saving Action

Unlike general funds, these dollars are flexible and purpose-driven, allowing municipalities to implement immediate, evidence-based public health measures.



An Investment in Long-Term Municipal Systems

This is a rare chance to invest beyond one-time programs and address underlying gaps. Municipalities can strengthen cross-departmental collaboration and build resilient systems,—opportunities that existing municipal budgets often cannot fully fund.

Our Operational Mandate: Fidelity & Sustainability

We are responsible for upholding the legal intent of the settlements and generating lasting public value.

Core Operating Principle 1: Uphold Fund Intent & Compliance

All expenditures must clearly address the opioid crisis and comply with the State Subdivision Agreement (SSA).

- **"Supplement, Don't Supplant" (Key Fiscal Rule)**
Funds must **expand or enhance** existing SUD services and **may not replace** current local or state budget allocations.
- **Adhere to the "Shared Commitments"**
Planning and spending must incorporate **community input**, prioritize **equity**, use **evidence-based practices**, and prioritize **the most affected populations**, as required by the SSA.

Core Operating Principle 2: Build Sustainable Public Infrastructure

Invest strategically to develop systems that will last beyond the settlement period.

- **Build Internal & External Capacity**
Funds must strengthen provider networks, enhance staff expertise, and train peer specialists to build a more resilient service ecosystem.
- **Leverage Intergovernmental Collaboration**
Form or join an Opioid Abatement Collaborative (OAC) to pool resources, share administrative costs, and increase regional impact through formal agreements.

Mosaic Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)

Municipalities are expected to use opioid abatement funds **strategically, equitably, and transparently**, with a strong emphasis on **community engagement, evidence-based practices**, and **sustainable impact**—and Mosaic TTA is specifically designed to empower municipalities to meet these critical expectations.

How TTA Can Provide Support

Supporting Alignment With Expectations

Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership provides TTA to help municipalities:

- **Understand Compliance:** Navigate SSA requirements, reporting, and fund usage guidelines
- **Develop Strategic Plans:** Assist with community assessments, logic models, implementation plans, and equity-focused engagement
- **Identify Evidence-Based Strategies:** Offer guidance on high-impact, low-cost activities aligned with approved SSA strategies
- **Avoid Common Pitfalls:** Advise against non-recommended investments and supplanting risks

How TTA Can Provide Support

Supporting Municipal Best Practices

- **Capacity Building:** Help municipalities build internal expertise for sustainable abatement efforts
- **Promoting Equity & Inclusion:** Train municipalities on equitable compensation, stigma reduction, and engaging hard to reach and diverse communities
- **Facilitating Collaboration:** Assist in forming OACs and navigating intermunicipal agreements
- **Providing Tools & Resources:** Offer access to planning guides, data tools, and best practice frameworks

How TTA Can Provide Support

Guiding Municipalities from Planning to Evaluation

We provide **guidance and resources** at every stage, from planning through evaluation.

- **Tools include:**
 - Reporting templates
 - Evaluation frameworks
- **Our role:** Help you build and manage your plans.
- **Your role:** Lead implementation in your community.

How Municipalities Can Access and Utilize TTA



Initiate Your Request

Submit a TTA Request form through the Mosaic website
OR contact the team at munitta@rizema.org.



Response Timeline

The TTA team will respond within two business days to either provide written resources or arrange an initial consultation. During the initial meeting, staff will work with you to define your needs, objectives, and the scope of support required.



Tailored Support

After the consultation, you will receive customized written resources and a proposed plan for ongoing technical assistance that aligns with your municipality's current stage and identified priorities.

The TTA Roadmap

How to use this roadmap: This Roadmap offers a **framework** for supporting municipalities at all stages of planning, implementing, and overseeing the expenditure of opioid abatement funds. Each of the five sections reflect key stages of implementation, readiness goals, and common TTA topics that can help municipalities.

- This roadmap is not meant to be linear. Municipalities may find themselves at different stages of this journey in the years ahead.
- Mosaic Municipal TTA providers can refer to this roadmap to understand where municipalities are, where they would like to go, and how best to support their TTA needs.
- Municipalities can consider this as a selected “menu” of TTA topics available to them. The Mosaic Municipal TTA team also welcomes TTA requests that fall outside of these topics.

1 Get Started

Municipalities assess their operational readiness to oversee opioid abatement funds, develop a planning and decision-making structure, and identify plans for community advisory support and ongoing public communications

- Laying the Groundwork: Funding, Funders, & Roadmap
- Learn about Mosaic & Other Training and Technical Assistance Resources
- Identifying Key Players & Mapping Community Resources
- Forming a Planning Team & Decision-making Structures
- Developing a Plan for a Community Advisory Board (Partnering or Creating)
- Developing Strong Communications: The Why & The How
- Partnering with Purpose: Selecting the Right Experts and Vendors

2 Get Informed

Municipalities understand the State Subdivision Agreement, review available data about community needs, and learn about models for municipal collaboration

- Understanding the State Subdivision Agreement
- Learn About Municipal Implementation Models & Examples (Pooling)
- Using Public Data to Inform Local Efforts
- Community Needs Assessments & Survey Methods
- Sources, Collection & Analysis of Qualitative Data
- Applying Public Health Principles to Planning



The TTA Roadmap

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Get Connected, Stay Connected

Municipalities prioritize early and ongoing communication, strategic and recovery-oriented communication, and deep community engagement

- Strategies for Gaining (and Keeping) Buy-In
- Planning for Ongoing, Strategic Communications
- Working with the Media
- Ensuring Communications are Anti-Stigma & Culturally Responsive
- Community Engagement Approaches & Best Practices
- Best Practices for Engaging People with Lived & Living Experience

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Get Focused

Municipalities formalize planning and decision-making teams and processes, and work collaboratively to prioritize needs and address them using evidence-based and best practices

- Casting a Vision for Transformation: Necessary Ingredients for Long-Term Change
- Collaboration to Action to Impact: Tools for Effective Group Processes
- Managing Conflict and Finding Common Ground
- Conducting Brief SWOT/SOAR Analyses
- Partnering & Prioritizing: Working with Community Advisors to Prioritize Ideas & Actions
- What is Evidence-based? Selecting Practices that Work
- Tailoring Strategies to Local Needs

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Get Results

Municipalities create a theory of change (logic model) and have clear roles and responsibilities for implementation and evaluation

- What's your Theory of Change? Tools for Developing Action-Oriented Logic Models
- Building for Impact: Effective Strategies for Action Planning and Budgeting
- Planning for Evaluation & Continuous Quality Improvement
- Applying Public Health Principles to Data, Evaluation, & Reporting
- Using Data to Tell Your Story: Tracking Outcomes, Understanding ROI, Translating Results

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OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS ALLOCATION AND SPENDING

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TIMELINE OF WORK: 2021-2023



- **2021** - Funding announced to begin June 2022 across Massachusetts
- **2022** - Resolutions with Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Teva, and Allergan announced
- **2023** - Participated in State calls and webinars and met regularly with Norfolk County-8 Health Departments to discuss pooling Opioid Abatement funds
- **2023** Technical Assistance sought through CareMass (currently provided by Mosaic)

TIMELINE OF WORK: 2024



- Consultant hired to design and engage the Milton community through inclusive workshops and programs to help guide allocation of the funds
- Ongoing pooling of Opioid Abatement Funds with surrounding shared service health departments to hire a Recovery Coach for Milton (Riverside Community Care)
- Held first Community workshop on October 30, 2024, to listen to residents and community partners - run by consultant
- November, December 2024, conducted focus groups

TIMELINE OF WORK: 2025

- Health Department staff attended a Narcan training
- Coordination of SAM box (NaloxBox unit) with Narcan to be available for residents in the Town Hall
- Narcan procured through the District Attorney's Office for community
- Consultant continued to run focus group conversations and key-informant interviews as part of our community engagement process
- On-going collection of data from Opioid Settlement funds community survey will inform how funds are used to support our community
- Recovery coach has been hired through Norfolk County 8 Coalition
- Data collected from focus groups, key informant interviews, and the Community Survey compiled and analyzed



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Data from community engagement work showed desire for funds to be used for the following:
 - Sober living scholarships
 - Funeral/burial support for families
 - Arts/extracurricular activities for individuals in recovery/impacted
 - Substance misuse related trainings that are trauma informed for first responders and open to community members
 - Grief and other support for children and families impacted
 - College or post high school scholarships for individuals affected



RECOVERY COACH SERVICES

- Recovery Coach services procured through BME Strategies for NC-8 are available for anyone that is in recovery or interested in recovery from substance use and lives within the following communities: Canton, Dedham, **Milton**, Norwood, Walpole, Wellesley and Westwood
 - Services are provided with no out-of-pocket costs, regardless of insurance status
- A Recovery Coach can assist individuals to develop a Recovery Wellness Plan consisting of the goals that they wish to achieve in one or more areas of life, such as:
 - Forming community connections
 - Connecting to peer recovery resources like AA, NA, SMART recovery, and Peer Recovery Support Centers
 - Assist with access to living/financial supports such as SNAP benefits and transitional assistance
 - Connect to health providers and specialists
 - Coordinate with Department of Children and Families and family supports
 - Support with drug court and probation



TIMELINE OF WORK: 2025 CONT...

- Grant application composed and released for \$20,000 awards for not-for-profit organizations that serve Milton residents
- 4 applications received thus far - working on reviewing applications
- Small grant opportunities in the works for scholarships, burial costs, recovery services, etc...
- Reached out to Mosaic Municipal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) program for assistance to review grant application language



Q & A

Important Dates

Date	Activities
February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery Coaching that Works: Best Practices for Municipal Leaders
February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mosaic Municipal Matching Grant Award Announcements

Get in Touch

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OR

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Thank You

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