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Municipal Learning Opportunity: Centering Lived Experience in Opioid Abatement Decisions

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Hi Brad,

I am reaching out because your municipality is actively working to respond to the opioid crisis, and we want to make sure you have access to a timely learning opportunity that may help strengthen and inform that work.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Mosaic Municipal Training & Technical Assistance program is hosting a webinar on “**Centering People with Lived and Living Experience in Opioid Abatement Decision-Making.**” The session will focus on practical, real-world strategies for ensuring that people with lived and living experience are not only included, but actively helping guide how opioid abatement resources are allocated. You can click [this link](#) to register today.

This webinar may be especially helpful for municipal leaders, public safety partners, public health staff, and others involved in opioid abatement planning. Speakers will include municipal and community partners who are successfully putting this approach into practice, including **Sergeant David E. Burns from the Town of Palmer**, who will share a law enforcement perspective on how this work can be implemented at the local level.

The session will cover how engaging people with lived and living experience can lead to more effective use of opioid settlement funds, how to reduce barriers to participation, and how community partnerships can strengthen outreach and program design.

Webinar Details:

Centering People with Lived and Living Experience in Opioid Abatement Decision-Making

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 2:00–3:30 p.m.

[\[Click here to register\]](#)

We hope you or a member of your team will join us for this important conversation. Thank you for your continued work to address the opioid crisis in your community.

Sincerely,

Julie Burns

President & CEO

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***If you have any questions**, please contact Liz Whynott, Senior Program Officer of the Mosaic Municipal Training & Technical Assistance program at liz.whynott@rizema.org.*

Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership (Mosaic), funded by the MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, and powered by RIZE Massachusetts Foundation (RIZE), is a unique, public-private collaboration designed to fund initiatives that are addressing the opioid overdose crisis in communities and populations that have been historically underserved and have experienced a high rate of opioid-related overdose deaths.

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Signing up for this.

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