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**Stronger Counties. Stronger America.**





# Core Activities

1. **Equip:** Best practice tools
2. **Convene:** National learning series
3. **Elevate:** National Leadership Network



## Page County board approves opioid abatement fund

Ethan Hewett Aug 16, 2022

“We can track it like  
our ARPA funds.”

-Supervisors Chair  
Alan Armstrong



Page County Courthouse

# RESOURCES

## Planning Principles Toolkit

- A toolkit with guidance on planning, allocating and managing opioid litigation funds

# The Palm Beach Post

## Sheriff agrees to allow PBSO deputies to carry Narcan; cost expected to be \$200,000

**Mike Diamond** Palm Beach Post

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“In view of the current national opioid overdose epidemic and the large importations of Fentanyl, we have decided to allow our deputies to carry Narcan.”


**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF RIC BRADSHAW**



# RESOURCES

## Strategy Briefs

- Key information about 25 approved uses of the settlement funds



**Medication-Assisted Treatment ("MAT") For Opioid Use Disorder**  
A NACo Opioid Solutions Strategy Brief: CORE STRATEGY

**What is medication-assisted treatment ("MAT") for opioid use disorder?**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved three medications that safely and effectively treat opioid use disorder (OUD) to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with OUD. MAT is defined by on-going, long-term treatment with one of these three medications.


**How does MAT with medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) work?**

OUD is characterized by continued opioid use—or feeling incapable of controlling one's opioid use—despite negative consequences such as injury, illness, fractured relationships, arrest or incarceration.

Opioid cravings can pose challenges to people who want to stop or reduce their opioid use. When they do stop, people with OUD may experience withdrawal symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhea, fever, muscle aches, tremors, insomnia, anxiety or depression. Fear and avoidance are normal responses to withdrawal experiences and can be an obstacle for people who want to use less or stop using entirely. The FDA has approved three medications for treating OUD: **methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone**. Methadone and buprenorphine work by reducing cravings and preventing withdrawal. Naltrexone works by blocking the effects of opioids in the body.

**"Medication-assisted treatment works. The evidence on this is voluminous and ever growing... [F]ailing to offer MAT is like trying to treat an infection without antibiotics."**  
— Alex Azar II,  
Secretary of the U.S.  
Department of Health and  
Human Services, 2018-2021 \*

MOUD can help people living with OUD prevent overdose, achieve abstinence and "feel normal" again. Scan the QR code to hear Chase's story.



[www.naco.org/opioid](http://www.naco.org/opioid)

# RESOURCES

## Technical Assistance

- Portal to free, localized education and training



**Opioid  
Response  
Network**  
STR-TA/SOR-TA

# CONVENE

## National Learning Series

- Series of virtual convenings to learn from counties and national experts



**The Opioid Response Network:  
A Free & Localized Resource to  
Enhance County-Led Efforts**

Wednesday, August 31

3:00-4:00 PM ET



# ELEVATE

## Opioid Solutions Leadership Network

- Launching early 2023



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