



About Care Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) contracted JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) to launch **Care Massachusetts: The Opioid Abatement Partnership** to serve as the state-sponsored training and technical assistance (T/TA) provider for municipal opioid abatement.

Care Mass is responsible for coordinating a statewide network composed of state, regional and local partners, who together, offer a wide range of skills and support aimed at building capacity at the local level to effectively oversee opioid abatement activities. As the backbone of the network, Care Mass facilitates cross-sector collaboration by providing leadership and infrastructure that supports the development and delivery of T/TA in a manner that strengthens the impact of the overall program and prevents duplication of efforts.

Municipal Support

Care Mass's goal is to ensure municipalities are equipped with knowledge, skills, and resources they need to meet the terms of the State Subdivision Agreement. We work closely with cities and towns to define their T/TA needs and develop a plan of action for addressing them. We're here to help municipalities get the information they need and guide them through the planning and implementation processes of spending opioid settlement funds on approved strategies. The State Subdivision Agreement sets forth the following approved strategies for municipal use for opioid settlement funds:

- Enhance opioid use disorder treatment
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Facilitate connections to care
- Promote harm reduction
- Address the needs of justice-involved persons
- Support pregnant individuals and families, including those with neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Prevent misuse of opioids and implement prevention education

Municipal Reporting & Dashboard

The State Subdivision Agreement requires municipalities that receive \$35,000 or more, either pooled across multiple cities/towns or individually to submit an annual report, and strongly encourages those receiving less than \$35,000 to do so as well. Reports are submitted in September for the previous fiscal year (i.e., July 1st – June 30th). Data from the reports is shared on the municipal expenditure dashboard, which is an interactive site that allows the public to review information reported by municipalities on the planning process they've undertaken, the strategies they've selected to implement, and the total funds they've expended.

There are two types of updates that occur on the dashboard: planned and unplanned. Planned updates take place once per year when data is extracted from the annual reports to the dashboard, and unplanned updates ensue when amendments have been made by municipalities to previously submitted reports.

Get In Touch with Care Mass

- Get to know us better by visiting our website (www.CareMass.org)
- Get answers to your questions by emailing (abate@jsi.com) or calling us 617-385-3655
- Get started with T/TA by submitting the Request Help form (<https://caremass.my.site.com/s/get-help>)