According to Jonathan Thompson, CEO and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs’ Association:

“Historically, it has not been the responsibility of the sheriffs and jail administrators to be primary providers of substance use disorder treatments. But with thousands of Americans dying every week from drug overdoses and those recently released from jail among the most defenseless, the situation have changed — sheriffs have taken on the challenge.”

Join us to learn more!

This webinar series is available to participants at no cost. Question and answer sessions will follow each module. All modules will be recorded and available for viewing post presentation.

Module 1: Risk Aversion: Facility-Based MAT with USDOJ Attorneys and MAHEC Addiction Medicine Expert
Wednesday, 8/17/22, 10:00-11:30 AM
Representatives from the United States Attorneys’ Offices for each of the three North Carolina districts will discuss the U.S. Department of Justice’s (USDOJ) recent guidance on protections for people with opioid use disorder under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including access to medication-assisted treatment, along with information about USDOJ settlements in other jurisdictions specific to the criminal justice and corrections context. Also, MAHEC Board Certified Addiction Medicine Specialist will provide an overview of opioid use disorder and evidence-based treatment.

Module 2: Medical Basics: Working with Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) with NC SOTA Representatives
Wednesday, 8/24/22, 10:00-11:30 AM
In this module, the NC State Opioid Treatment Authority (NC SOTA) will explain the usefulness of methadone, as well as the function of OTPs in the continuum of care for opioid use disorder. This webinar will highlight experiences of an OTP medical director and will discuss both the benefits and the practical steps of partnering with a local OTP to provide this lifesaving form of treatment to incarcerated patients.

Module 3: Operational Basics: Facility Implementation with Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office MAT Program
Wednesday, 8/31/22, 10:00-11:30 AM
This module is designed to address operational questions and provide examples of treatment and programming structure. Multiple NC detention facilities will be showcased to provide operational examples of how to facilitate treatment that is responsive to your community’s needs and interests. Join to learn structural basics and operational details which undergird treatment implementation in NC secure facilities.