

# Application FAQs: 2025-26 Opioid Settlement Academy



## **What are the team requirements?**

Each application must have a team of 4-6 local government staff and partners. These members must be identified before the application is submitted. If you need assistance in identifying potential partners, reach out to the Academy planning team by emailing [opioidsettlementacademy@unc.edu](mailto:opioidsettlementacademy@unc.edu)

## **Does each team member have to attend all Academy Sessions?**

Yes, each team member will need to attend 5 in-person training days (two 2-day sessions and one half-day session) plus two virtual coaching sessions between training days. The required dates are listed below:

Session 1:

October 27-28, Quorum Center, Raleigh

Session 2:

January 26-27, Quorum Center, Raleigh

Session 3:

Half-day OPDACC meeting in March 2026 (date TBD)

McKimmon Conference & Training Center, Raleigh

## **What is the cost?**

There is no cost for registration, tuition or materials. There is no cost for breakfast or lunch offered during the session times.

Teams will be responsible for their own travel costs (e.g., lodging, dinner, transportation).

## **If a county has attended a NCACC training or event in the past can they still**

## **apply?**

Yes, if a team or team members have attended an NCACC-sponsored training in the past, they are still eligible to apply for the 2025-2026 Opioid Settlement Academy

## **Who are ideal team members?**

Each team lead must be a local government employee. Additionally, people who will be responsible for implementing a pre-selected Option A strategy should be represented on the teams, including community partners & organizations that will be involved. For example, if Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons is the selected strategy, a representative from the detention center would be an ideal team member.

## **Do teams need to select a strategy before the academy?**

Yes, the application requires teams to select a justice system-related strategy within Option A of the MOA. These strategies are:

- Strategy 10, Criminal justice diversion programs;
- Strategy 11, Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons; or,
- Strategy 12, Reentry programs

## **Do teams need to be at a certain planning or implementation stage to attend?**

No, teams can be at any level of planning or implementation of their selected strategy.

## **Can teams pick more than one strategy?**

Teams should select **one Option A justice system intervention** strategy to focus on in order to get tailored support and guidance throughout the Opioid Settlement Academy. However, many of the tools and frameworks you will learn about during your time at the academy will be transferable to various strategies.

## **What makes an application competitive?**

Here are a few things that are important to consider when submitting the application:

- Identify a team lead who is a local government employee
- Select 4-6 people for each team
- Include cross-sector partners as team members
- Be ready to implement one of the three justice system intervention strategies from Option A

## **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

If you need assistance or have questions about the Opioid Settlement Academy please reach out to us at [opiodsettlementacademy@unc.edu](mailto:opiodsettlementacademy@unc.edu)