



# VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY

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## 2025 ABATEMENT ACADEMY SCHEDULE

The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority's (OAA) "[Abatement Academy](#)" webinars are free and highlight examples of programs and strategies currently operating in Virginia that align with nationally recognized principles for the use of funds from opioid litigation. The intended audience includes local government representatives, state agency professionals, and groups or individuals who provide services or support to people suffering from opioid use disorders. Registration links and/or recordings and related information are listed below for each session.

### 2025 Abatement Academy Schedule

- February 13 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Operation STOP! (by invitation only)**  
Tony McDowell, OAA Executive Director
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- March 5 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**State Agency Portal Training**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- March 12 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for Cities and Counties**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- March 13 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**OAA's Performance Measurement Standards**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- March 21 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for Cities and Counties**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- March 26 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for Cities and Counties**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- March 27 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Henrico County's kinship navigator program**  
Gretchen Brown, Henrico Dept of Social Services
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)



- April 10 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Collegiate recovery programs in Virginia**  
Thomas Bannard, VCU Rams in Recovery
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- April 16 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for State Agencies**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- April 24 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Addressing Stigma in the Community: An Overview of the New River Valley's Stigma Awareness and Education Efforts**  
Anna Champion (Project Manager), Kinsey Weaver (Community Accountability Coordinator), Meredith Lane (VT Student Intern)[Video](#)
- [Presentation](#)
- May 14 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for State Agencies**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- May 21 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
**Open Q&A / Support Training for State Agencies**  
Charlie Lintecum and Sharekka Bridges, OAA
- [Video](#)
- May 22 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Standing up Mobile Treatment - a "How-To" guide**  
Speakers – Pending
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- June 12 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Separating myth from reality – liability questions around the administration of naloxone**  
Tiana Vazques, REVIVE! Health Education Specialist, DBHDS  
Tim Spencer, Roanoke City Attorney
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- June 26 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**After the overdose: peer-based follow-up services**  
Speakers – Pending  
Postponed to a date TBD



- July 10 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Update on Virginia legislative efforts (and funding) that relate to opioid and SUD abatement**  
Adam Rosatelli, OAA
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- July 17 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**OAA Public Dashboard Overview**  
Matt Terrill, OAA
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- July 23 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Carryforward True-Up Reporting for Cities and Counties**  
OAA Staff
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- July 24 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Substance use education and prevention for kids: New efforts for Virginia’s youth**  
Department of Education  
Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth  
Virginia Extension Service  
Office of the Attorney General
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- August 14 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**The University of Virginia (UVA) Health System’s “SmART Clinic” - Street medicine, Access, Reduction, and Treatment project**  
Tracie Kostelac, UVA
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- August 28 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Establishing naloxone and harm reduction vending machines within at-risk communities**  
Mike Fatula, City of Richmond
- [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- September 3 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Annual Reports for Cities and Counties**  
OAA Staff
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  - [Presentation](#)



- September 11 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Back to School Part 1: The Expansion of Recovery High Schools in Virginia**  
Karen Grabowski, DBHDS  
Other speakers pending (Chesterfield, Virginia Beach, Loudoun)
  - [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- September 24 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Carryforward True-Up Reporting for State Agencies**  
OAA Staff
  - [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- September 25 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Better Every Day: OAA Application Lessons & Smart Fixes for Cities and Counties**  
OAA Staff
  - [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- October 8 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Q&A / Technical Support**  
OAA Staff
  - [Video](#)
- October 9 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**How Isaiah 117 Houses Help Reduce Trauma and Provides Support for Kids in the Foster Care System**  
Speakers – Rhonda Paulson, Founder and Executive Director of Isaiah 117 House and Acacia Nunley, Isaiah 117 House Location Leader, Russell County, VA
  - [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- October 23 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Annual Reports for State Agencies**  
OAA Staff
  - [Video](#)
- October 23 11:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Emergency room bridge programs and hospital naloxone take-home**  
Jason Lowe, DMAS  
Dr. Brandon Wills, VCU  
Dr. Cheri Hartman, Carilion Clinic
  - [Video](#)
  - [Presentation](#)



November 13 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

***Back to School Part 2: Defining a role for law enforcement in school-based prevention programs***

Jim Thornton, Clinical Services Administrator, DHS Child and Youth Behavioral Health; Lieutenant Kevin Lokey, Commanding Officer, VBPD Youth Services Unit

- [Video](#)
- [Presentation](#)

December 11 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

***Re-entry to Recovery (R2R) efforts at Dept of Corrections***

Allen Stewart, Statewide SUD Manager, VADOC; Kristen McKeon, Statewide MAT Coordinator, VADOC

- [Video](#)