



2024 International Deflection & Pre-Arrest Diversion Summit Agenda



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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration

2nd Floor, Spruce

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Welcome from PTACC Executive Director Jac Charlier

Grand Ballroom

A warm welcome to the 2024 PTACC International Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion Summit Speakers and Attendees

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Opening Plenary Session

No One Pathway to Success: How Collaboration Leads to Evolution and Innovation in the Field

Grand Ballroom

After an overview of the six pathways of deflection and pre-arrest diversion, the panelists, all of whom are deflection practitioners, will engage in a facilitated discussion about how the field of deflection has evolved and identify key collaborative efforts that contributed to this evolution and to innovation in the field. The panel will further highlight how national deflection initiatives, including Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), Quick Response Teams (QRT), and community responder programs, work together to ensure that communities have the necessary resources to implement and operate multiple evidence-based initiatives. A follow-up workshop, "Collaborating Across the Spectrum: Let's Learn from the Field," will take place on Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and will provide attendees with an opportunity to participate in small group discussions and peer to peer knowledge exchange with practitioners from each of the national initiatives.

Moderator:

Karen Maline, Project Manager, IACP

Presenters:

Amy (Smith) Barden, Chief, City of Seattle, Community Assisted Response & Engagement (CARE)

Tiarra Bryant, Deputy Director, Purpose. Dignity. Action. (PDA)

Brittney Garrett, Senior Director of Public Safety Engagement and Strategy, Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)

Diane Goldstein, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)

Daniel Meloy, Director of Operations, O2SL and QRT National

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Break

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

International Report Out

Cedar

This session will focus on international experiences. Dr. Olando will also share what came out of the PTACC Africa Deflection Leaders' Summit on Oct 2-3, 2024. When society doesn't understand why the person needs to be supported within the community and there are no support programs to deflect to, what do we do? Dr. Olando will share her experience with Deflection and ATI at large from Kenya.

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Presenter:

Dr. Yvonne Olando, Director of Public Education and Advocacy, NACADA

Track 2

Successful Youth Benefit Us All!!

Willow A

In this panel session, the officer intervention pathway best known as pre-arrest diversion and civil citation will be discussed. Giving youth this opportunity to be successful and simultaneously held accountable without an arrest record is a best practice for prevention and early intervention and can help to address inequities. Examples of youth who were afforded the opportunity and those who were not will be presented. Examples of data indicating positive outcomes of deflection and pre-arrest diversion will also be shared.

Moderator:

Peria Duncan, Director, Civil Citation Diversion & Deflection Network

Presenters:

Taib Abdulrahman Basheeib, Director, Reachout Centre Trust

Denise Bertin-Epp, CEO, National Association for Children of Addiction (NACoA)

Karen Yost, Technical Expert III, JBS International, Inc.

Track 3:

Evolution and Innovation in Seattle/King County—Bringing it Elsewhere

Grand Ballroom

This workshop will focus on the evolution of LEAD in Seattle since its inception in 2011 and innovative responses to current context as it relates to responding to crime and disorder driven by unmet mental health needs, substance use, and poverty. These practices include overdose response and non-punitive care post-overdose. We will take the opportunity to provide a practical and engaging learning opportunity for sites around the world who are seeking solutions to these issues.

Moderator:

Tiarra Bryant, Deputy Director, Purpose. Dignity. Action. (PDA)

Presenters:

Nichole Alexander, Director of Outreach & Special Initiatives, CoLEAD, Purpose. Dignity. Action. (PDA)

Johnny Bousquet, Participant Support Specialist Supervisor, CoLEAD, Purpose. Dignity. Action. (PDA)

Dominique Davis, Chief Development Officer, We Deliver Care (WDC)

Daniel Nelson, Assistant Chief, Seattle Police Department

Track 4:

Navigating Barriers & Fostering Deflection: Transformative Strategies for Small and Rural Communities

Willow B

This presentation encompasses the theme of the summit by highlighting innovations and years of evolution in deflection response in rural and small communities. Traditional models for justice-involved people often focus on urban settings, where resources and infrastructure are typically more abundant. The panel's innovative approach lies in its specialization; it is specifically designed to address and overcome the unique challenges faced by small and rural communities. Practical solutions and tangible next steps for rural and small communities will be provided to implement programs aimed at supporting persons with

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substance use disorder (SUD).

Moderator:

Brittney Garrett, Senior Director of Public Safety Engagement and Strategy, Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)

Presenters:

Bill Teel, LVMPD (Ret.), Owner/Consultant, GROWLER Consulting LLC

Daniel Meloy, Director of Operations, O2SL and QRT National

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Lunch and Plenary Session**

Launch: PTACC Youth Deflection Campaign

Grand Ballroom

A campaign for Youth Deflection will be launched at this plenary session and will include a distinguished panel of national deflection experts who will delve into innovative strategies for supporting at-risk youth. Youth deflection and pre-arrest diversion initiatives are critical for providing early, “upstream” support to young people who are either displaying behaviors associated with delinquency, are at risk of engagement with the justice system, or already have committed minor offenses. Youth deflection does not wait for an arrest or crisis to intervene, making it a proactive measure in preventing entanglement in the justice system.

Moderator:

Rachel Sottile, President & CEO, Center for Children & Youth Justice

Presenters:

Hector Balderas, President, Northern New Mexico College; CEO, Justice Advisors LLC

Denise Bertin-Epp, CEO, National Association for Children of Addiction (NACoA)

Peria Duncan, Chair, PTACC Youth Deflection Strategy Area & Director, Civil Citation Diversion and Deflection Network (CCDDN)

Thomas Olk, Founder and Executive Director, Civil Citation Diversion and Deflection Network (CCDDN)

Logan Seacrest, Resident Fellow, Criminal Justice & Civil Liberties, R Street Institute

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Peer-to-Peer Group Discussion**

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Practitioners from the fields listed below will meet with their colleagues for a peer-to-peer discussion on their work regarding deflection efforts and their roles in those efforts. The session is designed to encourage and promote cross-site collaboration, provide new knowledge, and support peer-to-peer learning. Colleagues who currently work in the field will facilitate the discussions.

Peer Groups:

- 1) **First Responders:** law enforcement, fire, EMT/EMS, community response
- 2) **Justice System Stakeholders:** prosecutor, public defender, judge, community corrections officer, reentry specialist, other justice professional
- 3) **Behavioral Health and Support Services:** providers of treatment, recovery support, case management, and other services
- 4) **Peer Specialists**
- 5) **Community:** resident of an impacted neighborhood, person with lived experience (justice- involved, recovery community, child or family member of someone with SUDs), member of civic or faith group, business leader or community leader

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- 6) **Program Managers/Administrators:** individuals responsible for the day-to-day management of the program
- 7) **Researchers:** research partners who assist sites with data collection, evaluation, and reporting, or those who are independently evaluating deflection programs
- 8) **Policy Makers/Elected Officials:** elected or appointed municipal and county official who participate in the planning, management, and sustainability of deflection programs

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM **Break**

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM **Peer-to-Peer Group Report Outs: Lessons Learned**

Grand Ballroom

Participants will have the opportunity to listen to highlights of each group's discussion, learn about common challenges, and what their biggest takeaways were.

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM **PTACC & Deflection Jeopardy**

Grand Ballroom

Close out the day with a fun way to see how much you know about deflection and PTACC! Join us for an interactive and informative game format that will be followed by a few remarks to close out the day.

Presenters:

Dianne Beer-Maxwell, Owner, The Blue Shoes Group

Peria Duncan, Chair, PTACC Youth Deflection Strategy Area & Director, Civil Citation Diversion and Deflection Network (CCDDN)

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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Recovery Networking Meeting

Aspen

"Grab your favorite beverage from the *Starbucks* in the lobby and network with peers who are in recovery. Open discussion on topics of interest to the attendees."

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration

2nd Floor, Spruce

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Keynote Address

Grand Ballroom

Lisa Daugaard, Co-Executive Director, Purpose. Dignity. Action

Lisa Daugaard, a 2019 MacArthur Fellow is Co-Executive Director/Policy at Purpose Dignity Action (PDA), formerly the Public Defender Association, based in Seattle. She is celebrated as an architect of the LEAD program, the nation's pioneering deflection initiative. Established in 2011 in King County (home to Seattle), LEAD has provided an alternative approach to traditional law enforcement practices, focusing on improving outcomes for individuals struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness. The initiative has since become a model for jurisdictions across the country seeking to implement compassionate, effective alternatives to arrest and incarceration.

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

CDC's Efforts to Enhance and Expand Public Health and Public Safety Partnerships: National, State and Local

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The impacts of the overdose epidemic can benefit from a comprehensive, multi-sectoral response. Public health and public safety partnerships are critical to prevent overdose and intervene across sectors and geographic regions to reduce substance use and related harms. This interactive panel discussion will provide deflection sites and practitioners with practical, evidence-based frameworks and strategies to further enhance and expand public health and public safety connections.

Moderator:

Mallory O'Brien, PhD, MS, Associate Scientist, Bloomberg School of Public Health
Johns Hopkins University

Presenters:

Sonia Berdahl, MAS, Public Health Advisor Division of Overdose Prevention Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention

Cristina Christensen, Criminal Justice Program Supervisor, Family Resource Center

Track 2

Maximizing Collaboration, Equity, and Positive Outcomes Across CIT, Co-Responder, and Deflection Programs

Willow A

The way communities respond to mental health and substance use is changing. Beyond traditional law enforcement strategies, police and communities have implemented approaches like Crisis Intervention Teams (CITs), co-responder units, and deflection programs that aim to steer people away from the criminal justice system and toward support services. But there's still work to do. While these programs often intersect in their missions,

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they sometimes struggle to effectively collaborate and maximize their potential shared impact. This session dives into these complexities, exploring how CITs, co-responder units, and deflection programs can work together to improve communication, coordination, resource sharing, and equitable outcomes for everyone.

Moderator/Presenter:

Barry Goetz, PhD, Professor of Sociology & Faculty, Program in Criminal Justice Studies, Western Michigan University

Presenters:

Alana Richardson, Project Manager, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

Koren VanderWeele, Senior Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health & Justice

Track 3

Collaborating Across the Spectrum: Let's Learn from the Field

Cedar

This workshop is a follow-up to the opening plenary session on Tuesday morning and will provide an opportunity to learn directly from practitioners in the field of deflection. The panelists in this workshop represent the four national deflection initiatives that have evolved in the U.S. since 2011: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), Quick Response Teams (QRT) and the Community Responder Model. They have hands on experience collaborating with a variety of stakeholders in their communities to plan and implement deflection programs and will, among other things, discuss the critical role collaboration plays in successful initiatives.

Presenters will begin by providing an introduction and overview about how specific deflection initiatives started, and how they evolved, were replicated, and adapted to fit the individual needs of different communities. Workshop attendees will then be divided into smaller breakout groups based on the model of deflection they are interested in and practitioners with hands-on experience in building deflection programs from the ground up will discuss their experiences, answer questions, and guide peer to peer conversations that allow for problem solving for attendees about challenges they may be encountering.

Moderator:

Brendan Cox, Director of Policing Strategies, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) National Support Bureau

Presenters:

Amy (Smith) Barden, Chief, Seattle Community Assisted Response & Engagement (CARE) Department

Brittney Garrett, Senior Director of Public Safety Engagement and Strategy, Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)

Diane Goldstein, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP)

Daniel Meloy, Director of Operations, O2SL and QRT National

Najja Morris-Frazier, Director, LEAD Support Bureau

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Track 4

Unburdening the Badge: Leveraging Community Responder Programs for Non-Emergent Calls for Service

Willow A

Law enforcement agencies nationwide are grappling with staffing shortages and rising call volumes, leading to longer response times for non-emergent situations. This workshop explores how cities are implementing community responder programs, which deploys trained civilians to handle mental health crises, homelessness issues, and other non-violent calls to reduce call volume and response times. Join this workshop to discover how community responder programs are unburdening the badge by acting as a complimentary first response unit to traditional first responders.

Moderator:

Daut'e Martin, Program Specialist, Law Enforcement Action Partnership

Presenters:

Raven Loaiza, Director of Crisis and Wellness, Pinpoint Behavioral Health

Tom Thompson, Chief, Sinclair Community College Public Safety

Track 5

Washington's Recovery Navigator Program: A Peer-led Prebooking Diversion Response to Drug Possession Law Changes

Aspen

A program overview of the Washington State Health Care Authority's experience implementing and operating their Recovery Navigator Program, a statewide response serving individuals who intersect with police due to simple drug possession and/or those who have frequent criminal legal system contact because of unmet behavioral health needs. Active in all of Washington's 39 counties, RNP has had to navigate challenges involved with the rapid implementation and quick scaling-up and deployment of the program across the spectrum of urban and rural communities. This session will also touch on the many systems that need to work together in order to create a successful RNP response and will involve a panel discussion with RNP providers and stakeholders.

Moderator:

Ryan Keith, Recovery Navigator Program Administrator, Washington State Health Care Authority

Presenters:

Jason Bean-Mortinson, Care Coordination Director, Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization

Robin Cozad, Co-Owner, Destination Hope and Recovery

Everett Maroon, MPH, Executive Director, Blue Mountain Heart to Heart

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Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Stewards of Health and Overall Wellness: Emerging Practices to Elevate and Replicate Community-Led Response Nationwide

Cedar

Recognizing that existing and future community responder programs need standard practices to use as a foundation for effective and high-quality programs, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center assembled a first-of-its-kind national commission focused on community response. Commissioners and CSG Justice Center staff organized

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the resulting emerging practices into four pillars, intended to help set a standard for high-quality programming that meets the unique needs of communities: (1) Building and maintaining a professional identity with the community; (2) Integrating community responder programs into existing call centers and first response methods; (3) Scaling community responder programming with funding; and (4) Managing and monitoring a program's quality through data collection and use. Salvation and Social Justice in Trenton, New Jersey is one organization demonstrating these emerging practices, including ongoing and sustained collaboration across organizations and sectors to overcome the disconnected systems that exacerbate the complex needs of vulnerable populations.

Presenters will discuss the process of establishing the commission and discuss the emerging practices under each pillar. Salvation and Social Justice leaders will share their work in New Jersey as an example of these emerging practices and the importance of cross-system collaboration.

Moderator:

Anne Larsen, Deputy Program Director, Council of State Government Justice Center

Presenters:

Gantry Fox, Director of Operations, Salvation and Social Justice

Max Markham, Executive Director, Policing Project, NYU Law School

Melissa McKee, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Government Justice Center

Racquel Romans-Henry, Policy Director, Salvation and Social Justice

Track 2

We are All in this Together: To Improve Public Safety

Willow A

The presentation will explain the importance of coordinating a police and mental health collaborative to regionalize efforts and enact a district approach to deflection and diversion while utilizing LEAD techniques. A key component to the LEAD Program is that anyone can refer individuals, regardless of their current position in the 4-county district criminal justice system to services provided by Volunteers of America (VOA); pre-arrest, while incarcerated at any of the 3 facilities, or post release work through Second Chance Grant, LEAD grant, Connect and Protect Grant and 3 municipal contracts.

Through the outline of program development and implementation the collaborative meets monthly to discuss success and challenges. These meetings have resulted in the development of a sequential intercept model to be rolled out to not only law enforcement but community partners to help better connect those intercepts with the services in the area that may be needed.

Key community partnerships that also participate in the collaborative cover services like pretrial, harm reduction and restorative practices. National collaboration with organizations such as PAARI allows for the collaborative to stay informed on the most up to date practices in diversion around the country.

Presenters:

Robyn Goff, Director of Community Justice, Volunteers of America Northern New England (VOANNE)

Tia Poulin, Diversion & Deflection Program Manager, Volunteers of America Northern New England (VOANNE)

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Track 3

What Does the Fox Say? How to be Crafty in Your Response to Vets with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues. *Grand Ballroom*

What if first responders knew what to say to veterans to get them involved in services with the VA and the community?

Moderator:

Rebecca Maligno, LCSW, Chief, North Florida/South Georgia Veteran Justice Program

Presenters:

Mary McNeloms, LCSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, North Florida/South Georgia Veteran Justice Program

Reva Scippio, LCSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, North Florida/South Georgia Veteran Justice Program

Wendy Snee, LCSW, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, North Florida/South Georgia Veteran Justice Program

Isabelle Vincent Valeus, LCSW, MA, BCD, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, North Florida/South Georgia Veteran Justice Program

Track 4

The Endless Seesaw: Contradicting Roles of Outreach Officers *Willow B*

Deflection and pre-arrest diversion programs have become major strategies in addressing the current overdose crisis across the United States. These programs are especially being utilized in Massachusetts, where in 2019, 44% of Massachusetts municipalities reported having a post-overdose outreach program (Formica et al, 2020). In 86% of these programs, police officers accompany public health personnel on outreach visits (Formica et al, 2020). The expansion of police officers' role to include outreach and discretion to arrest or divert to treatment can place officers in an uncomfortable position of choosing between roles, or duty vs. beliefs.

This session will provide perspectives from both public health and public safety on the role of public safety in deflection/pre-arrest diversion programs from across Massachusetts. Panelists will discuss best practices and provide examples from their own programs on how they balance the responsibilities of being police officers and outreach officers. They will also discuss the role of public health and public safety partnerships, breaking down the culture clash, and ensuring understanding where there may be limitations on what public safety officers are allowed to do. Finally, panelists will discuss how working with people with lived experience is essential for all roles that officers have.

Moderator:

Amanda Consigli, MPH, Massachusetts Public Health Analyst, CDC Foundation

Presenters:

David Burns, Sergeant, Palmer Police Department, Palmer, Massachusetts

Taylor McAndrew, Director of Prevention, Hampshire HOPE Coordinator, City of Northampton Department of Health & Human Services, Northampton, Massachusetts

Michael Sampson, Massachusetts Drug Intelligence Officer, New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NEHIDTA)

Michael Skowrya, Detective Lieutenant, Kingston Police Department, Kingston, Massachusetts

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Track 5

Early Identification of the Behavioral Health Needs of Youth: Opportunities for Diversion

Aspen

Adolescence is a critical developmental period when substance use, risk-taking, and the first signs of mental illness commonly appear. The brain is still developing during this time, making youth particularly vulnerable to the effects of substance use and mental health problems. Combining these co-morbid conditions with heightened risk-taking behaviors common in this age group, places them at high risk for legal involvement in a system that is ill-prepared for these complex behavioral problems.

This presentation uses the 2023 Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) National Data to examine the needs and characteristics of youth entering treatment, the prevalence of major clinical problems, multi-morbidity, the impact of trauma, and the costs associated with these domains for three age groups: adolescents, young adults, and adults. The presenter will discuss implications for program and policy planning including early identification and deflection and diversion activities for youth. Finally, this presentation will provide a brief overview of the GAIN family of cost-effective, evidence-based, reliable, and valid screening and assessments and strategies for their effective use in a wide variety of settings for the early identification of substance use and mental health problems.

Presenter:

Barbara D. Estrada, MS, Director, GAIN Coordinator, Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch and Plenary Address

BJA's Racial Equity in Deflection (RED) Framework

Grand Ballroom

BJA will officially launch the Racial Equity in Deflection (RED) Framework, designed to help deflection initiatives include marginalized communities in planning, implementing, and running deflection efforts.

Created in collaboration with TASC's Center for Health and Justice (CHJ), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and a National Racial Equity in Deflection Advisory Board, this framework provides actionable guidance to help deflection initiatives include racial equity into their practices to best serve their communities. With a focus on key components such as community engagement, team building, training, community-level data collection, and partnerships, the framework aims to drive equitable outcomes in deflection efforts.

This framework highlights critical elements to support more equitable deflection strategies and how these alternatives to arrest can effectively serve communities of color impacted by substance use, overdose, and drug-related arrests.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Integrating Deflection into Rule of Law and SDG Programming for UN Peace Operations

Cedar

Deflection practices are relevant strategies to enhance Rule of Law and advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in United Nations (UN) peace operations. Deflection, which involves redirecting individuals from the criminal justice system to supportive services, addresses the root causes of criminal behavior, alleviates the burden on judicial and prison systems, and fosters community trust. This holistic approach aligns with the UN's goals of sustainable peace and development. The paper also discusses the challenges of implementing deflection programs in countries with sometimes limited

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community resources and ongoing conflicts.

Presenter:

Nixon M. Camilien, PhD, Criminal Justice Consultant, Lecturer at DePaul University, Chicago

Track 2

Deflect and Protect: Community Violence Intervention as a Deflection Strategy

Willow A

Over the past two decades, Community Violence Intervention (CVI) has emerged as an important new strategy to preemptively stop crimes before they occur. Historically, CVI has been more geared toward stopping violence than deflecting individuals from the criminal justice system. However, evidence from a new generation of youth-focused programs suggests CVI can be an important tool for deflection in addition to violence prevention. CVI's focus on early intervention not only helps youth avoid the trauma associated with violence, but also the negative downstream effects of being involved in the criminal justice system. As demand for novel deflection strategies grows, policymakers and criminal justice leaders need to expand their conception of what deflection can be.

This presentation will explore the potential for CVI to be a primary juvenile deflection strategy. This presentation will provide a meta-analysis of the highest quality research on youth CVI programs, highlighting their effectiveness through a free market, limited government lens. Attendees will learn about promising new research on CVI, its implications for deflection policy, and come away with practical recommendations for both policymakers and practitioners.

Moderator:

Anthony Lamorena, Senior Federal Affairs Manager, Federal Government Affairs, R Street Institute

Presenters:

Logan Seacrest, Resident Fellow, Criminal Justice & Civil Liberties, R Street Institute
Jillian Snider, Policy Director, Criminal Justice & Civil Liberties, R Street Institute

Track 3

Engagement without the Expensive Ring: How to Get Officer Buy-In for Your Deflection Program

Grand Ballroom

The success of deflection programs relies on the willingness of first responders to participate in their implementation. Police officers, especially, are in a unique position to refer individuals with SUDs to treatment and services or arrest them, and because of this, obtaining officer support is often instrumental to the implementation and sustainability of deflection programs. How can the leaders of deflection programs secure the buy-in and participation of law enforcement officers in their initiatives?

In this session, which is aimed at deflection program managers and police leaders, presenters will provide information about why officers are sometimes hesitant or opposed to participating in deflection programs. Then, using a new checklist developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, they will share evidence-based strategies for obtaining officer (and in some cases, agency) buy-in.

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Presenter:

Karen Maline, Project Manager, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Alexandria, Virginia

Track 4

Advancing Equity Through Collaboration: Illinois' Pioneering Statewide Deflection Initiative *Willow B*

Illinois is leading a statewide deflection initiative to transform the justice system and enhance community well-being. Spearheaded by collaborative efforts among the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), the Illinois State Police (ISP), Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), and The Center for Health and Justice (CHJ), alongside community-based treatment and service providers, this initiative aims to extend deflection services to all communities in Illinois. This presentation delves into equity within Illinois' comprehensive deflection plan, offering insights into the pivotal roles of each stakeholder in ensuring equitable access. It emphasizes breaking down silos and fostering collaboration and outcomes across diverse communities.

Moderator:

Koren VanderWeele, Senior Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health & Justice

Presenters:

Brandon Grzechowiak, Lieutenant, Illinois State Police

Guy Schingoethe, Director of Deflection Operations, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Nancy Sullivan, Research Fellow, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)

Track 5

The Evolution of Peer Support: A New Vision

Aspen

This session will highlight the importance of having peers in the field of deflection at all levels of work, not just entry-level peer support positions. Having peers with a variety of lived experience allows our team to best relate to and advocate for our participants. In addition to lived experience with substance use, our peers also have experience in navigating complex issues such as homelessness, seeking mental health diagnoses, traumatic experiences, navigating inpatient and outpatient mental health care, navigating the justice system, etc. We are better able to provide support to our participants because of this range of knowledge. We also are better able to collaborate with the police and the court system, as we work from within the public safety department. We'd like to share the value of our case management structure and how our community has benefitted from it.

Presenters:

Annabel Perez, Case Management Coordinator, City of Longmont (Colorado), Department of Public Safety

Kristen Pistel, Peer Case Manager, City of Longmont (Colorado), Department of Public Safety

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

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Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Illinois Deflection: Growing Collaborations into Operations

Cedar

Illinois is investing in the development of a statewide deflection network serving 102 counties; a scope unlike any other deflection effort in the United States. The successes and lessons learned of this effort will not only apply towards other states with similar expansion goals but will also have broader applications for international partners implementing deflection operations on a large scale. This session will take a deep dive into TASC operations within active Deflection sites, plans for continued statewide expansion and how a statewide deflection workforce network is being developed. Participants will learn how local TASC Deflection operations teams are emerging out of community-based action and implementation planning, in urban and rural settings, and positioning themselves as a partner and resource to local community providers and law enforcement.

Moderator:

Guy Schingoethe, Director of Deflection Operations, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Presenters:

Kinese Hunt, Deflection Supervisor, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), Choices South Initiative

Stephanie Nevilles, Deflection Administrator, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Jenny Provo, Deflection Supervisor, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), LEAP & SI-CERT Initiatives

Mariann Wright, Deflection Specialist, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), LEAP & SI-CERT Initiatives

Track 2

Breaking Barriers: Building Better Communities through Harm Reduction-focused Policing Alternatives

Willow A

In Atlanta, Georgia, individuals experiencing poverty, mental health concerns, substance use, and/or housing insecurity often lack access to services that meet their needs. In place of treatment and support, they frequently undergo a cycle of repeated arrests and incarceration. Georgia has one of the highest rates of incarceration among U.S. states, detaining a greater portion of its people than any nation in the world (Prison Policy Initiative, 2021). Likewise, Fulton County, where Atlanta is located, has one of the highest incarceration rates among Georgia counties (Vera Institute, 2023). For individuals engaged by the Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative (PAD), the most common need identified by participants is housing or shelter and, in 2022, one in eight people booked at the Atlanta City Detention Center were experiencing homelessness.

This panel features representatives from PAD and the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, who will highlight innovative strategies in case management that prioritize the safety and well-being of individuals experiencing the adverse effects of substance use and mental health concerns while minimizing the harms linked to punitive measures. The panelists will underscore the importance of the housing first model in addressing the interconnected challenges of homelessness, substance use, mental health concerns, and involvement with the criminal legal system. By prioritizing stable housing as a foundational element, this approach aims to provide individuals with the stability necessary to address their substance use and mental health and engage in

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supportive services effectively.

Moderator:

Kari Mackey, Associate Director, Rule of Law Program, The Carter Center

Presenters:

Eve Byrd, Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center

Afrika Cotton, Program Manager Fulton Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health

Letisha Hemanes McCall, Director of Social Services, Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative

Track 3

Treatment, Care, and Accountability as Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI): How the Work of Deflection Fits into the Global Picture *Grand Ballroom*

We know it is critical to offer treatment, care, and accountability for individuals with substance use disorders who are in contact with the justice system. But what happens when criminal activity necessitates charges being filed with the court?

This session will take a global approach to understanding ATI along the full justice continuum. International panelists will share how deflection, diversion, and reentry initiatives complement one another and together provide a holistic, comprehensive response in alignment with humanitarian drug policy that reduces crime, reduces drug use, and increases employment.

In this session, participants will gain an understanding of ATI best practices and receive practical advice from colleagues around the globe who engage in a full array of complimentary initiatives.

Moderator:

Peria Duncan, Director, Civil Citation Diversion & Deflection Network

Presenters:

Nixon M. Camilien, PhD, Criminal Justice Consultant, Lecturer at DePaul University, Chicago

Tara Hyde, Director, People Advocating Recovery

Iuliia Paskevskia, Adviser, Department of Criminal Punishments of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Expert of Council of Europe, Chairman of the Board of the Association of Specialists of Psychological Support

Hajara Williams, Uganda

Track 4

Deflection as a Reentry Pathway

Willow B

Deflection is not only serving as a means of keeping individuals from ever entering the criminal justice system, but also becoming a pathway to help keep individuals from re-entering the system. This pathway increasingly includes formerly incarcerated individuals and those in community-based reentry programs. For many individuals in reentry, deflection is emerging as a point of access to treatment, services, and long-term recovery - as opposed to rearrest. As the reentry population disproportionately comprises individuals from poor and low socioeconomic backgrounds who already face higher risk of re-offense/ recidivism, deflection's evolving role in reentry helps address a range of inequities. Just as deflection initiatives involve collaboration of justice-system entities (corrections, law enforcement, and community-based organizations, among others) and treatment/services providers, many reentry programs forge partnerships to provide important treatment and

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long-term recovery services. As a result, many formerly incarcerated individuals served by community-based reentry programs are, through formal and informal types of deflection, avoiding a return to the criminal justice system.

This panel is hosted by TASC's Center for Health & Justice (CHJ) and The Fletcher Group, who have extensive expertise in deflection and reentry, and features a community-based organization whose work speaks to the emerging role of deflection as a pathway for many individuals in reentry through the partnerships and intervention of law enforcement in concert with community-based reentry organizations that embodies both the spirit and the action of deflection. The community-based organization is a recipient of a Second Chance Act grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and CHJ and The Fletcher Group provide BJA-funded training and technical assistance to support them. The panel will address how a growing number of community-based reentry programs, including some served by the Second Chance Act Training and Technical Assistance Center (SCA TTAC), are collaborating with law enforcement to advance or incorporate deflection for their clients – helping to reduce recidivism and improve reentry outcomes.

Moderator:

Jon Ross, Director of Research and Evaluation, TASC's Center for Health & Justice

Presenters:

Danny Hampton, Executive Director, Freedom Life Ministries

Tony White, Director of Outreach, Fletcher Group, Inc.

Track 5

“Oh, Won’t Someone Please think of the Yoot” (Youth Deflection in the UK) *Aspen*

Cranstoun have been at the forefront of delivering deflection and pre-arrest drug diversion programs in the UK since 2016. From expertise of having designed, developed and delivered diversion, we will share first-hand what good looks like, the learning that continues to shape the intervention and the impact from having over 12000 people (both adults and young people) who have benefitted from our Cranstoun DIVERT™ programme.

Highlighting our over-arching ethos of delivering “The Right Intervention at the Right Time,” we will provide awareness, learning and context regarding youth diversion in the UK, and how we have developed effective evidence-based deflection and pre-arrest services for young people as part of our DIVERT Programme.

We will bring international examples of best practice in the field of youth deflection to highlight how it can help achieve early intervention, prevention and education to significantly enhance the lives of young people, their families, and the communities they live in, anywhere in the world.

Presenters:

Vicky Branch, Head of Young People Services, Cranstoun, Birmingham, England, United Kingdom

Darren Nicholas, Assistant Director of Services, Cranstoun, London, England, United Kingdom

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Break

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

PTACC Speed Dating aka Open Networking Session

Ballroom

Want to meet others at the Summit but can't find the time or know how to start? This is the

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session for you to do just that in this slightly facilitated and fun way to see who else is here for PTACC Summit 2024. No actual dates will be set-up, but we do hope lots of good relationships are made!

Track 2

Criminal Justice Interventions within the Context of Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) *Aspen*

Unintentional fatal drug overdose is a leading cause of accidental deaths in Hancock County, Ohio. A predominantly rural community, Hancock County has been utilizing a Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) framework to develop and implement policies and programs aimed at reducing drug overdose since 2013. The ROSC framework aims to build a continuum of care for treatment and a recovery system within communities by enabling the person with a substance use disorder to choose the path that will most likely lead to a successful outcome.

This session will: 1) describe the community's multi-pronged approach using a ROSC framework; 2) discuss lessons learned from a leadership perspective across systems about program implementation issues including workforce retention, addressing service gaps (i.e., stabilization services), and stigma (i.e., naloxone dissemination); and 3) identify specific challenges, successes and lessons learned with the criminal justice system.

Moderator:

Meelee Kim, Scientist, Brandeis University

Presenters:

Cristina Christensen, Criminal Justice Program Supervisor, Family Resource Center

Jason Morey, Lieutenant, City of Findlay Police Department

Andrew Welch, Lieutenant, City of Findlay Police Department

Ginny Williams, Chief Culture & Transformation Officer, Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio (FRC)

Track 3

Racial Equity in Deflection: Using Community Level Engagement and Data to Inform Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation *Willow A*

Over the past decade, communities and first responders have successfully worked together to establish sustainable, effective alternatives to arrest, for people with substance use disorder, through the implementation of deflection initiatives. In tandem, the law enforcement community has also acknowledged the high importance of incorporating racial equity practices in order to better serve communities experiencing the highest rates of overdose and drug-related arrests.

One challenge to incorporating racial equity into deflection practices can be gaining a clear understanding of the needs of historically marginalized communities. It is therefore essential to utilize both aggregate and community-level data, alongside direct input from community members, to guide the planning of deflection initiatives. Continuous needs assessments are also vital to ensuring that these efforts meaningfully and effectively support the community. This panel discussion will focus on community engagement, highlighting the use of community-level data collection to inform strategic planning and program evaluation. We will explore the significance of establishing "feedback loops," identify potential obstacles practitioners may face, and discuss strategies to overcome these challenges.

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Moderator:

Mica Williams, Senior Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health and Justice

Presenters:

Allison Dymnicki, PhD, Principal Associate, Social & Economic Policy, Abt Global
LaTricia Tate, President/CEO, Twin Cities Recovery Project, Inc.

Track 4

Building Bridges: Collaborative Strategies in Deflection and Diversion Programs Across Nevada

Willow B

For five years, the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator for the Northern Region of Nevada has convened meetings with researchers, program coordinators, community leaders, and frontline staff to collaborate efforts within and between behavioral health, crisis response, and jail reentry programs in six counties. These meetings have served as important platforms for sharing emerging behavioral health trends, training and funding opportunities, care coordination, and strategies for navigating barriers in program operation and service delivery. In addition to gaining firsthand knowledge of the programs, attending these meetings allows agency staff to promote their resources, and build trust and rapport with program coordinators. Monthly collaboration is incredibly beneficial to the program evaluators and researchers, who can also gain firsthand insights into the daily operations of deflection and diversion programs.

This panel will begin with a discussion of our Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) and Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT) programs, including the similarities and differences in program operations between more urban and rural areas. Panelists will then discuss what they get out of participating in this ongoing collaboration, how the group has navigated challenges in communication and participation, and what keeps such a large and diverse group of stakeholders engaged in these efforts.

Moderator:

Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NRHP)

Presenters:

Heather Benson, Division Manager, Lyon County Human Services
DJ Mills, Director of Mental Health & Deflection Programs, Nye Communities Coalition
JD Powers, Carson City F.A.S.T.T. Coordinator, Partnership Carson City
Katie M. Snider, Owner & Executive Director, Justice Research, LLC

Track 5

VA Services and Veterans Deflection: Community Collaborations to Serve Those Who Served

Cedar

At last year's Rx and Illicit Drug Summit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), Denis McDonough, issued this charge, "First, if you're with law enforcement, let's get together. We want to partner with you to help get Veterans who need care, into care, rather than into jail. Reach out to your local VA medical center, and let's see what we can build, together."

In VA's 2023 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, justice-involved Veterans were identified as a "heavily impacted group." In 2021, the suicide rate among Recent Veteran Health Administration (VHA) Users who received Justice Program services was the highest compared to all other identified subgroups of Veterans (151.0 per 100,000). Additionally, most Veterans who died by suicide in 2021 did not receive VA services in the two years prior. VA and community partners must increase focused efforts to reach justice-

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involved Veterans and provide responsive services, to reduce risk factors not only associated with suicide, but also associated with overdose, homelessness, and criminal justice involvement.

To prepare deflection initiatives for relationship building, this presentation will provide an overview of VHA, the largest integrated health system in the county; describe the robust housing solutions and supports provided by VA's Homeless Programs, and discuss services available through Veterans Justice Programs, to include strategies for Veteran identification. This session aims to connect community law enforcement and deflection initiatives with VA partners in their communities to better serve Veterans and support their communities.

Moderator:

Katharine (Katie) Stewart, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) National Coordinator, Veterans Health Administration Homeless Programs

Presenters:

Christopher DiLeonardo, Special Agent / Lead Law Enforcement Specialist, Special Services Division, Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC)

Katie Nicholas-Malvey, Veteran Integrated Service Network 1, Suicide Prevention Program Manager

Matthew Stimmel, National Training Director, Veterans Justice Programs

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7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration

2nd Floor, Spruce

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Recovery Networking Meeting

Aspen

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8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) Grantee Convening [Invitation only]

Grand Ballroom

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Keynote

"Founders of our Field" aka Comfy Chair

Grand Ballroom

Join this keynote plenary for an interactive session with three key Founders of the Field - Civil Citation, Quick Response Teams (QRT), and LEAD as they share thoughts on why they started their approach to deflection, what innovations they have seen, and what might lie ahead for our field.

Presenters:

Lisa Daugaard, Co-Executive Director, Purpose. Dignity. Action

Shana Merrick, MSW, LSW, CDCA, Behavioral Health Specialist, CareSource

Thomas Olk, Founder and Executive Director, Civil Citation Diversion and Deflection Network (CCDDN)

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Action Planning for Deflection Sites

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Individual site-based teams will meet their table captain to begin working on their Solutions Action Plan. Action planning will take place for the rest of the day but will have breaks and lunch with the rest of the attendees. Teams will have the same table and table captain throughout the remainder of the Summit.

Track 2

Row, Row, Row This Boat! How Relationships, Collaborations, and Community Building are the Secret Sauce to Improve Community Safety and Reduce Harm

Cedar

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) is a public health response to criminal offenses driven by unmet behavioral health needs, extreme poverty or homelessness. LEAD is currently in over 100 jurisdictions in the United States and continues to expand. This panel will be comprised of a diverse, cross-sector group of individuals who have each played an integral role as a key collaborator in their LEAD initiative. They'll share lessons and stories from the field about how they've worked to eliminate their own pre-conceived ideas, gotten outside their silos and built meaningful, sustainable relationships with a variety of stakeholders in order to find solutions to common problems around public safety and individuals in their communities struggling with behavioral health concerns who've been impacted by habitual contact with the criminal legal

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system. Members of the panel will share challenges and successes when it comes to building and maintaining these delicate relationships while also working to push against local and environmental threats to their goals as a unified front.

Moderator:

Najja Morris-Frazier, Director, LEAD Support Bureau

Presenters:

Johnny Bousquet, Participant Support Specialist Supervisor, CoLEAD

Travis Brooks, LEAD Project Director, City of Ithaca

Brendan Cox, Director of Policing Strategies, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) National Support Bureau

Ogema Nadeau, Chief Prosecutor Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake Nation Prosecutors Office

Track 3

State LEaders in Deflection (SLED) Network Meeting

Willow A

Open to all interested in deflection policy with a primary audience of state-level leaders including elected and appointed officials, executive, legislative, and judicial branch policymakers, civic and citizen organizations, and advocates. This will serve as a meet and greet as well as updates on our three current deflection policy topics - Deflection and Medicaid; Deflection and Peers; Deflection Measures of Success.

Moderator:

Jac Charlier, Executive Director, PTACC; Executive Director, TASC's Center for Health Justice (CHJ)

Track 4

Complement Not Compete: Multi-Deflection and Diversion Efforts Playing Well Together

Willow B

With today's increased and varied funding streams for programs aimed at deflecting and diverting individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders, many jurisdictions are finding themselves with multiple programs operating simultaneously and administered by different lead organizations. While this proliferation of initiatives is a positive step, it also presents potential challenges that demand careful coordination and strategic planning. Panelists in this session we will provide information on how they addressed these challenges while implementing a coordinated approach to deflection and diversion programs, and addressing three of the six Pathways: Active Outreach, Officer Referral, and Officer Intervention.

They will then provide participants with recommendations for designing multiple programs to operate simultaneously over the same geographic areas, and lessons learned from the implementation of their three distinctive deflection/diversion programs.

Moderator:

Tracy Swan, Public Safety Reform Strategist, Cumberland County Prosecutors Office

Presenters:

Dwight Lee, EMBHED Resource Coach, Inspira Health

Lauren Nash Mitchell, Manager, LEAD/EMBHED, Inspira Health

Matthew Rudd, Community Justice Coordinator, Cumberland County Prosecutors Office

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Break

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Breakout Sessions

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Track 2

Let's Talk About Guns, Mental Health and Crisis Response Aspen

Forty percent of people in the United States own firearms, and 75% own more than one. Recent data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) reports approximately one in three people in the United States have a mental health condition or substance use disorder. Suicide and overdose rates have been steadily rising. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth, and among the top ten causes for all Americans. More than half of suicide deaths involve firearms. The majority (56%) of gun deaths are suicides.

A necessary step for the evolution of the field of deflection and pre-arrest diversion is examining extant beliefs, culture, and protocols with respect to the presence of firearms. Innovation must be informed by diverse perspectives. This workshop will present data, outline successes, and engage PTACC summit attendees in a candid, participatory conversation. While there are no one-size-fits-all practices or protocols, this workshop seeks to provoke thought and gauge viewpoints as diverse needs are considered. Given the increasing demand for crisis services and the imperative for innovation, we must work together to minimize trauma and maximize safety for all as deflection evolves.

Moderator:

Debbie Plotnick, Executive Vice President State and Federal Advocacy, Mental Health America

Presenters:

Daniel Meloy, Director of Operations, O2SL and QRT National

Michael Sodini, Chairman of the Board, CEO, Walk the Talk America

Track 3

Responding to Behavioral Health Issues and at the Early Justice Intercepts (SIM 0-1)

Willow A

This workshop will focus specifically on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) space 0-1, highlighting some of the work SAMHSA is doing to promote strategic approaches to working with jurisdictions to implement evidence-based practices, identify service gaps, and implement effective strategies to align with evidence-based practices to reduce justice system involvement. This workshop will speak to Deflection, 988, and overdose response.

Presenter:

Greg Crawford, Public Health Advisor, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Co-Steward for ISMICC's Criminal Justice Working Group

Track 4

Beyond the LEAD Pilot Year: Growing Pains and Expansion Successes

Willow B

This panel will provide perspectives from project managers and case managers working in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program.

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Panelists will discuss expansion approaches and policies, navigating project management across unique geographical areas, and meeting diverse stakeholder expectations. Panelists will also discuss current challenges and successes of their LEAD program, addressing some common barriers and how collaboration has helped minimize them throughout Allegheny County. Panelists will discuss the diverse ways that their jurisdiction has focused on LEAD expansion, from geographical expansion to exploring new pathways such as community referrals. Overall, the panel will provide insights and best practices for expanding LEAD programs effectively, fostering collaboration among stakeholders, and managing expectations to achieve positive outcomes for participants and communities.

Moderator:

Kelley Kelley, Director of Public Safety & Wellbeing, CONNECT

Presenters:

Joey Brantle, LEAD Project Manager, CONNECT

Candice Crosgrove, Chief Program Officer, Passages to Recovery

Andrea Moore, LEAD Case Manager Supervisor, Passages to Recovery

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Lunch and Plenary Session**

You are the Keynote - Lunch Plenary Session

Grand Ballroom

Summit attendees will serve as the keynotes for this unique and fun new platform to showcase the work they are doing across our field!

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Breakout Sessions**

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Action Planning for Deflection Sites (continued)

Grand Ballroom

Track 2

Lowcountry Lowdown: Charleston County, South Carolina's Addiction Crisis Task Force

Aspen

Charleston's Addiction Crisis Task Force (ACT Force) comprises representatives from a variety of agencies and organizations, including police, other justice system stakeholders, treatment and service providers, the coroner's office, and community organizations. This session will include the varying perspectives of several ACT Force members as they discuss how they collaborated on deflection, diversity and inclusion, perspectives about substance use disorders, peer support, drug court, harm reduction, and current diversion policies and practices, and importantly, how they've been able to overcome the challenges of collaboration to make their task force work.

Moderator:

Shelby Joffrion, Opioid Prevention Coordinator, City of North Charleston Police Department

Presenters:

D'artagnan Brownlee, Opioid Investigator, Charleston County Coroner's Office

Latosha Jenkins-Fludd, Executive Director of the Hope Center

Christopher Rosier, Captain, Mount Pleasant Police Department

Nanci Steadman Shipman, Founder & Executive Director, WakeUp Carolina

Ann Witherow, Substance Use Disorder Counselor, The Hope Center

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Track 3

Veteran Deflection: Educating First Responders

Willow A

Discussion of the benefits of deflection education with first responders addressing Veteran specific needs, their diagnosis, and the use of VA and community care.

Moderator:

Brandy Sparks, MSW, LCSW-S, Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist, Department of Veteran Affairs-Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Presenters:

Josefina Cavazos, MS, LPMHC, Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist, Navy Veteran , Department of Veteran Affairs-Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Eric Hernandez, Sergeant, VHA Police Officer, Army Veteran, Department of Veteran Affairs-Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Track 4

Enhancing Recovery Housing Through the Peer-Led Social Model: Bridging Gaps in Rural and Urban Communities

Willow B

Recovery housing provides a location for those with a substance use disorder to be deflected to.

Presenter:

Tony White, Director of Outreach, Fletcher Group, Inc.

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Action Planning for Deflection Sites (continued)

Grand Ballroom

Track 2

Kane County Diversion Programs

Aspen

Kane County (Illinois) Collaborative Diversion (KCCD), formerly Prearrest Diversion, is based on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model. This panel will consist of discussions of the different diversion models that are offered within Kane County through the State's Attorney and Sheriff's Offices and the different nonprofit agencies they collaborate with to help the community.

Moderator:

Patrick Keane, Program Manager, Kane County State Attorney's Office

Presenters:

Lovianna Fields, Community Engagement Coordinator, Kane County Sheriff's Office

Michelle Massie, Case Manager, Kane County State Attorney's Office

Track 3

Breaking Cycles of Violence through Survivor Centered Diversion

Cedar

Women are the fastest growing incarcerated population and those charged with a crime are overwhelmingly survivors of gender-based violence. Research also demonstrates that the needs and experiences of women of color, who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking go largely unaddressed in the traditional criminal justice

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approach to victim services.

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), with funds from the DOJ Office for Victims of Crime, is working with two pilot sites to develop Survivor Centered Diversion programs to identify victims of gender-based violence facing criminal charges and develop alternative pathways to address trauma and provide support by connecting survivors with culturally relevant community providers and services.

This workshop will highlight the exciting work of the Seattle based Survivors FIRST program to include information about the genesis of their work, the process that has been developed to identify survivors as they enter the criminal justice system, and the highly collaborative relationship with the YWCA in order to actively reach out to survivors and provide them with culturally meaningful advocacy, resources and support.

Moderator:

Aviva Kurash, Senior Program Manager, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Presenters:

David Martin, Senior Deputy Prosecutor, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO)

Doris O'Neal, Director of Gender Based Violence Specialized Service, YWCA of Seattle/King/Snohomish

Ariana Orford, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Program Lead for Survivors FIRST, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO)

Track 4

Building Virtual Bridges: How Blue Delta and SPROKIT Technology Revolutionizes Deflection and Treatment

Willow B

The growing crisis of crime, untreated mental illness, and drug addiction is overwhelming the criminal legal system and costing taxpayers billions. Yet studies show that more arrests and incarceration actually increase crime. Deflection is being implemented widely as a solution to mitigate the damage. However, officer reticence to deflect and insufficient guidance for officers may keep these programs from reaching the maximum number of clients who could benefit from deflection. While a successful deflection program can achieve great results, its impact will be limited if we do not address these challenges.

BlueDelta and SPROKIT technology help overcome these obstacles to ensure the success of a deflection program. On the BlueDelta and SPROKIT platform, police officers are incentivized to deflect with the BlueDelta app, which determines an individual's eligibility for deflection and automatically makes a referral to the appropriate social service agency. The social service agency then receives an alert with the client's onboarding information. From there, clients use the SPROKIT app to keep them apprised of their deflection requirements. Both apps use game mechanics to incentivize referrals for law enforcement and to support behavioral change for defleetees.

To date, the field of deflection has not fully embraced mobile technology as a means of increasing efficiency and easing the workload for officers at the point of arrest. In this moderated discussion, panelists will present early outcomes and lessons learned from a pilot of BlueDelta and SPROKIT technology in the Superior Police Department in northern Wisconsin.

Moderator:

Jennifer Johnson, Chief Policy Officer, SPROKIT

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Presenters:

Mike Christenson, Chief Technology Officer, SPROKIT
Azita Ghafourpour, Chief Strategy Officer, SPROKIT
Paul Winterscheidt, Chief, Superior Police Department

Track 5

Los Angeles County Mental Examination Teams (MET Teams)

Willow A

This session will explore how the County developed this co-responder model between the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the County's Department of Mental Health (DMH). The session will explore how the program currently operates including the training components for both LASD and DMH. The session will also highlight the successes (including that more than 90% of their calls result in no arrest of the individual) and the challenges of operating a co-responder model in a large urban environment.

Presenters:

Sanjay Shah, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Program Manager, Emergency Outreach and Triage Division, *Los Angeles* County Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Maricela Castillo, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD)
Brett Taylor, Senior Advisor, Community Justice Team, Center for Justice Innovation

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Break

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Deflection Action Planning for Deflection Sites
(continued) *Grand Ballroom*

Track 2

I got this or maybe I do not: Self-Regulation and Self-Care for Professionals

Willow A

Participants will explore a range of sensory strategies and techniques curated to meet the unique needs of first responders, probation, and deflection staff. This session will be interactive utilizing mindfulness techniques to assist attendees in connecting with their body and how it reacts to stressors. This presentation will show attendees how this information can be easily integrated into their daily routines.

This session will delve into the science behind sensory modulation, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of how sensory input influences their physiological and emotional state. Armed with this knowledge, participants can make informed choices about which sensory strategies best suit their individual preferences and needs as it relates to their ability integrate self-care into their life so they can be more attentive to their job and family.

Presenters:

Bonnie Eckman, Sensory Specialist, AM Healthcare
Libby Timmons, Co-Founder, Thrive with Chaos

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Track 3

Deflection, Crime Reduction, and Policing: What's Old is New Again! Willow B

In this presentation, deflection will be explored as a form of crime reduction through its preventative and interventive approaches to addressing the impact of substance use and related issues in communities. Framed as a form of community advocacy and an extension of the community policing ethos, deflection creates community-driven solutions with active engagement from community stakeholders, inclusive of law enforcement. Deflection can also serve as a trust-building tool between the community and the police: when the police respect community values, people's willingness to share information and engage with the police about crimes and disorder leads to safer communities.

Discussion will also include an overview of Chief August Vollmer's and Sir Robert Peel's perspectives of officers as social workers, emphasizing the importance of understanding the underlying causes behind crime to effectively address the issues at hand, rather than simply making arrests. By tackling the root cause of criminal behavior, the symptoms of the disorder (crime) can naturally resolve themselves; addressing substance use disorders (SUDs) through deflection methods inherently includes crime reduction.

Moderator:

Kelly Cleveland, Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health and Justice

Presenters:

Mark Elliott, Police Chief (Ret.), Northfield Police Department

Guy Farina, Senior Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health and Justice

Catherine Weerts, Program Manager, TASC's Center for Health and Justice

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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration

2nd Floor, Spruce

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Action Planning for Deflection Sites (continued) *Grand Ballroom*

Deflection teams will continue to work on their action plans and prepare short reports out about implementation or enhancement plans for their deflection programs.

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Break

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1

Training and Technical Assistance: Action Planning for Deflection Sites (continued) *Grand Ballroom*

Track 2

Recovery Solutions for First Responders

Willow B

This presentation will provide an overview of a First Responder's journey from despair to thriving in his life. Jeremy will walk attendees through his process of losing his perspective on life due to his PTSD and substance abuse to now becoming a counselor and working on his master's in counseling. Jeremy completed a Deflection Program as a part of his healing process. Jeremy will include time in his presentation to be able to interact with the attendees while he shares his story of hope and healing.

Presenter:

Jeremy Johansen, Intensive Outpatient Counselor, New Life Recovery Solutions

Track 3

The Circle: A Youth-Adult Conversation

Willow A

The Circle: A youth-adult conversation about deflection and pre-arrest diversion efforts and how they could be improved from the perspective of the youth voice.

Moderator:

Peria Duncan, Director, Civil Citation Diversion & Deflection Network

Arthur Longworth, Policy Manager, TeamChild. Seattle

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10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **Closing Session**

Celebrating the Future of Deflection: Site Action Plan Reports *Grand Ballroom*

Deflection teams will report out to their peers about the initiatives they developed (or enhanced), how they will address the needs of their communities, and how they will achieve the goals they set for their programs.

Thank you for joining us at the 2024 PTACC Summit!