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### **PTACC Honored by DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance for Excellence in Criminal Justice** *BJA Award Recognizes the Field of Deflection for Transformational Accomplishments*

WASHINGTON, DC – Representing the growing field and movement of deflection and pre-arrest deflection/diversion, the Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC) was honored today for Excellence in the Field of Criminal Justice by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

PTACC Executive Director Jac Charlier accepted the award from BJA Director Karhlton F. Moore during BJA's 40th anniversary celebration in the Great Hall of the Robert F. Kennedy Building.

BJA's Excellence in the Field of Criminal Justice Awards recognize the extraordinary efforts of individuals, teams, organizations, and agencies that have produced outstanding innovations and made significant contributions to the U.S. criminal justice system.

"We are grateful for this prestigious award and BJA's recognition of the tremendous work being done by police, treatment, and community partners across the country in implementing local deflection initiatives," said PTACC Executive Director Jac Charlier. "The innovation of Deflection in the last decade represents a critical point of justice assistance in the community. Deflection sits between Prevention and Diversion, opening up early, upstream pathways to treatment for people with substance use and mental health disorders.

"Critically, deflection pathways are designed to reduce drug use and in turn, drug related crime, all following our field's motto, 'Why wait for an arrest?' before taking action to assist people in need."

PTACC was one of six entities and individuals nationwide to be honored for excellence, alongside the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Crime Analysis Center Network; Dr. Edmund McGarrell, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice; Erie County Reentry Coalition; Urban Peace Institute; and Captain Tom Fallon, Hamilton County Heroin Task Force. To learn more about BJA's Excellence in the Field of Criminal Justice Awards and read about each of the honored recipients, visit [bja.ojp.gov/celebrating-40-years](https://bja.ojp.gov/celebrating-40-years).

PTACC is an alliance of 70 deflection partners (and growing) dedicated to the growth and practice of deflection and pre-arrest deflection/diversion in all its forms—including initiatives that incorporate co-responder and community responder models—nationally and internationally. As the global voice of the field, PTACC provides vision, leadership, advocacy, and education to expand the practice of deflection and pre-arrest deflection/diversion. Learn more at [www.ptaccollaborative.org](https://www.ptaccollaborative.org).

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