



## 2021 PTACC Deflection & Pre-Arrest Diversion Training Summit Scholarships

On October 12-15, 2021 in Chicago, Illinois, the Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC) will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PTACC Deflection & Pre-Arrest Diversion Training Summit on the development and support of deflection and pre-arrest diversion (PAD) initiatives.

This event will bring together practitioners including first responders (law enforcement, fire, and EMS), and from the justice system, behavioral health, community advocacy, public policy, and research fields to provide training through a solutions action planning process on how to develop or enhance deflection or pre-arrest diversion programs that can help to reduce overdose deaths, link people with substance use or mental health disorders to treatment and services, and reduce the collateral consequences that can result from entering the justice system. Attendees will also benefit from the opportunity to meet and share knowledge with their peers from across the country.

With generous support from PTACC National Partners, the scholarship program will fund a limited number of teams. The PTACC scholarship will cover the cost of conference registration\* and three hotel nights for three to four team members to attend the conference. Teams will be responsible for paying for their travel expenses.

\*Registration fees help to offset the costs of the conference, including meals, breaks, printed materials, and A/V expenses. Early bird registration (July – August) is \$325 per attendee. After August 31<sup>st</sup> the rate increases to \$350 per attendee.

### ***What are deflection and pre-arrest diversion?***

Deflection and pre-arrest diversion are two sides of the same coin- they are complementary parts of a systems approach at the intersection of first responders, SUD and MHD treatment, recovery support, and community.

**Deflection** is the practice by which law enforcement or other first responders (i.e., fire and EMS) connect individuals to community-based treatment and/or services when arrest would not have been necessary or permitted, or *in lieu of taking no action* when issues of addiction, mental health, and/or other need are present. Deflection is performed without fear by the individual that if they do not “accept the deflection” they will subsequently be arrested.

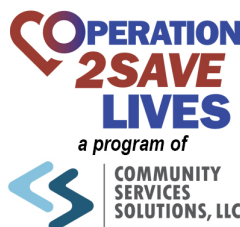
**Pre-arrest diversion** is the practice by which law enforcement officers connect individuals who otherwise would have been eligible for criminal charges to community- based treatment and/or services in lieu of arrest, thereby *diverting* them from the justice system into the community. Some pre-arrest diversion programs have policies that mandate holding charges in abeyance until treatment or other requirements, such as restitution or community service, are completed, at which time the charges are dropped. Although pre-arrest diversion is facilitated by justice system stakeholders (usually police and sheriffs but sometimes prosecutors or a local government agency), clients are diverted to community-based services.



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## Training Summit Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, teams must:

- Include multidisciplinary members representing:  
1) first responders (law enforcement, fire, or EMS) REQUIRED\*, 2) behavioral health REQUIRED\*, 3) peer recovery, 4) social services (i.e., children & family, housing, vocational, and other wrap-around services), 5) community partners (i.e., advocacy groups, business community, faith community, libraries), 6) the justice system, 7) research and program evaluation, or 8) elected and appointed officials.
- Have the capacity and willingness to attend the entire event and engage in the full solutions action planning process (Thursday and Friday), and other peer learning activities offered during the conference.
- Be available to complete and submit a pre-conference needs assessment evaluation to help guide facilitators.
- Be available to participate in a pre-training summit webinar(s) that will introduce the solutions action planning process.
- Pay the travel expenses for each team member.

\*Team members representing the first responders and behavioral health partners *must* attend the conference and participate in the solutions action planning process as part of the team to be eligible for the summit scholarship.

### Application Process

To apply for scholarship funding submit the attached form to Hope Fiori ([hfiori@tasc.org](mailto:hfiori@tasc.org)) by 5:00 pm ET on August 15, 2021.

For questions or additional information contact Hope by email ([hfiori@tasc.org](mailto:hfiori@tasc.org)) or phone (312-826-7527).



## 2021 PTACC Training Summit Scholarship Application

Has your team already registered for the summit?

Jurisdiction (city, county, or tribe), State

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### First Responder Team

#### First Responder Team Member (REQUIRED)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Phone Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of this team member in your deflection pre-arrest diversion program?

#### **Behavioral Health Team Member (REQUIRED)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of this team member in your deflection pre-arrest diversion program?



**Third Team Member**

Representing the field of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of this team member in your deflection pre-arrest diversion program?

**Fourth Team Member (optional)**

Representing the field of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of this team member in your deflection pre-arrest diversion program?

List any additional team members that will be attending. (Note: Only four team members will be covered by the scholarship).



**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Why are you seeking to develop, implement, or further enhance a deflection and pre-arrest diversion initiative? What problem(s) or challenge(s) facing your jurisdiction would this program help to address?
2. Which stakeholder agencies are or will be included in your deflection and pre-arrest diversion initiative?
3. Are these new or existing partnerships? If existing, on what projects/programs have you previously collaborated?
4. What do you see as being your greatest challenge to developing a deflection and pre-arrest diversion initiative?
5. Is there anything else you want the scholarship review team to know?