



Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion

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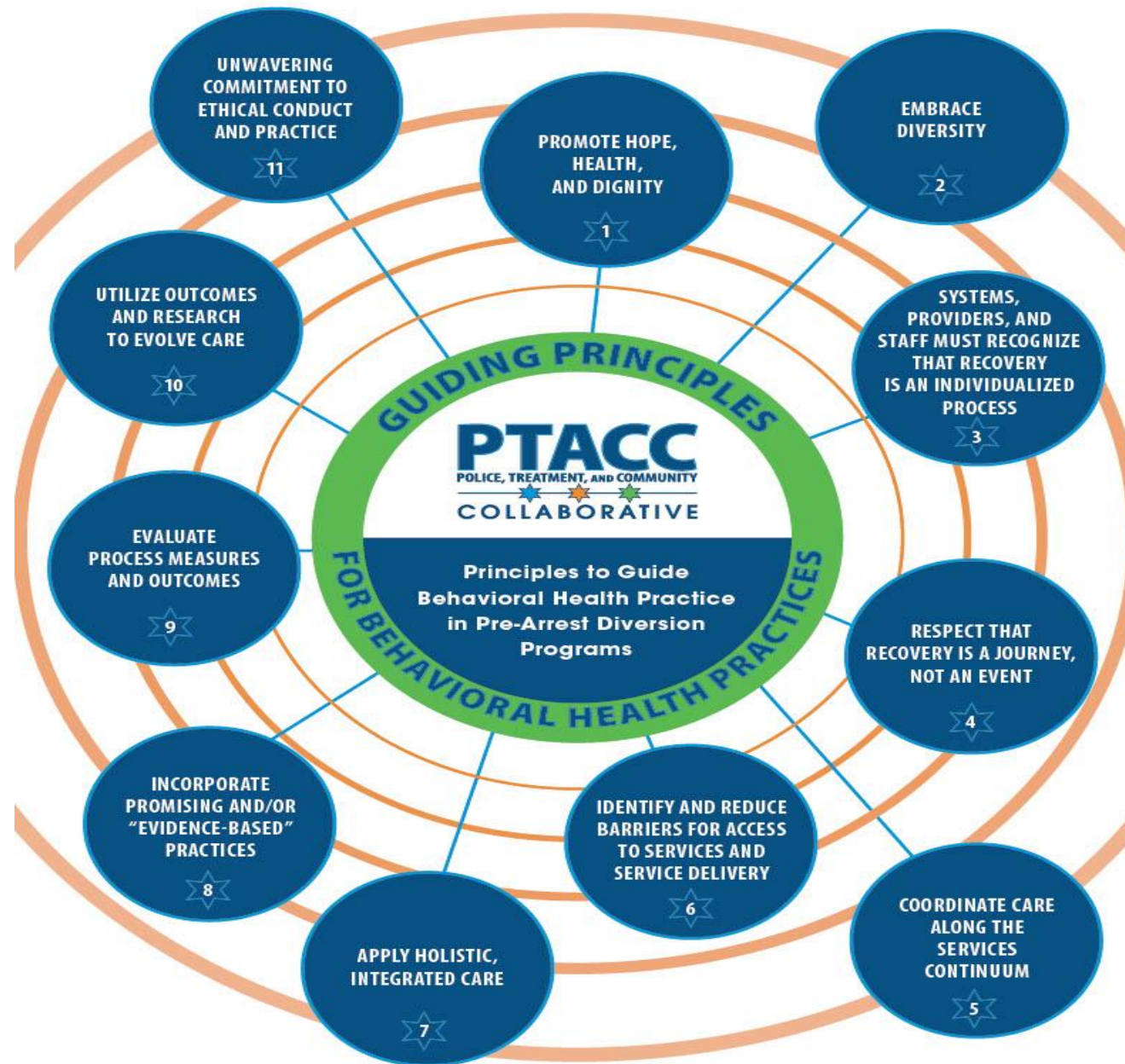


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Coordinating Services is Key

*Dr. Puja Seth,
Ph.D. CDC
Health Scientist*

“Effective, synchronized programs to prevent drug overdoses will require coordination of law enforcement, first responders, mental health/substance-abuse providers, public health agencies, and community partners.”



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Deflection and Pre-Arrest Diversion The Six Pathways

Self-Referral

Individual Initiates Contact

- With law enforcement (Angel) or Fire/EMS (Safe Station) for a resources/treatment referral (without fear of arrest); preferably with a warm handoff

Active Outreach

Outreach team intentionally identifies or seeks out individuals

- A warm handoff is made to resources/treatment, which engages individuals

Naloxone Plus

Engagement with resources/treatment as part of an overdose response

- Tight integration with services, resources, treatment, naloxone (individual, families, and loved ones). Can be law enforcement, fire/EMS, public health, behavioral health or collaboratively led.

First Responder Prevention Referral

Law enforcement, Fire/EMS frontline responders initiate treatment engagement through a “call for service” or “on view” incident

- No charges are filed

Officer Intervention

Law enforcement initiates treatment engagement from a call for service or “on view” incident

- Charges are held in abeyance or citations issued, with a requirement for completion of treatment

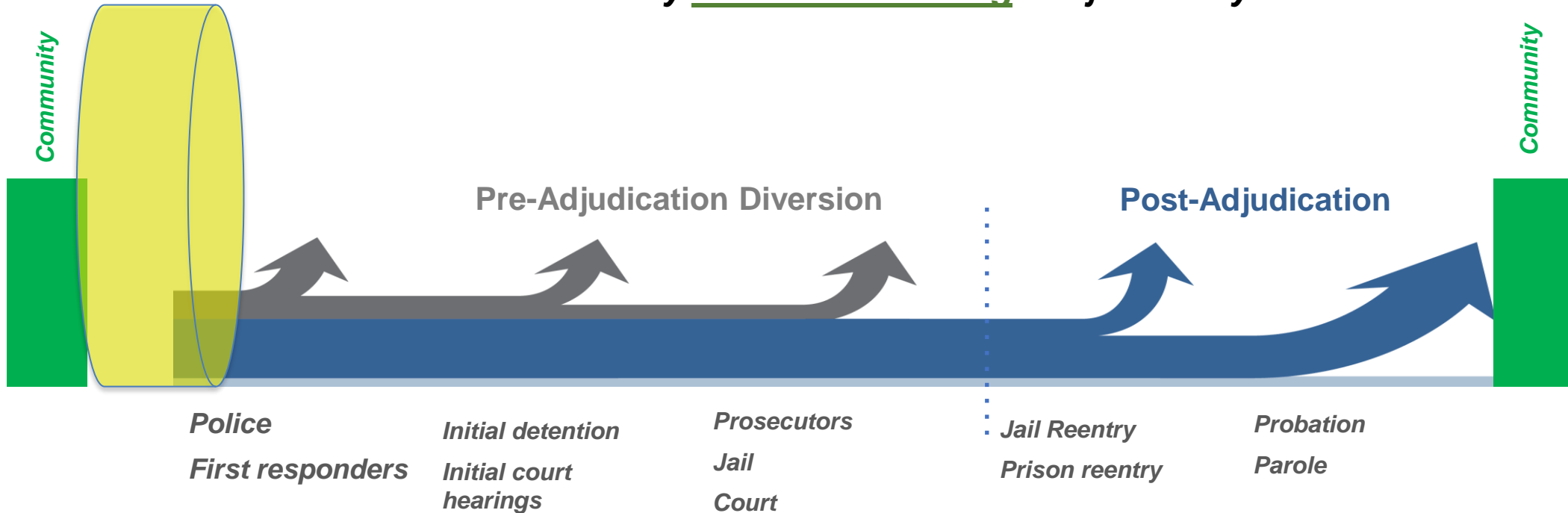
Community Response

The community-led initiative, minus public safety involvement

The Six Pathways

Community-based services, housing, and recovery support

The goal is for people to be safely deflected
in the community instead of entering the justice system



Deflection

The “Handle on the Front Door”

Deflection (PAD)

- Moving away from justice system without having entered
- Behavioral health guided with justice system partnerships
- Public health solution to better public safety – crime reduction!

Justice System Diversion

- Moving out of justice system after having entered
- Justice guided with behavioral health partnerships
- A wide variety of approaches for a variety of reasons

Defining Deflection and Justice System Diversion





Thoughts, Perspective, Questions?

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