

Congratulations to CJC staff Bert Winker, Damir Kukec, and Latronda Hayes, Pretrial Services Manager. They are recipients of the 2021 Team PBC Golden Palm Award. Recognized and honored for their work to implement the Text Message Court Date Reminder System. The CJC, through the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge initiative, worked in collaboration with Pretrial Services to implement this project. The goal was to reduce Failure to Appear (FTA) and Violations of Community Supervision for defendants charged with non-violent misdemeanor crimes. By opting into this new initiative, defendants on pretrial release were less likely to miss their court dates eliminating a warrant being issued and ultimately reducing time spent in jail and jail bed usage.