A key component of criminal justice reform is the increased use of diversion and deflection programs. Law enforcement agencies are well placed to effectively institute these programs, since law enforcement is the initial contact for most justice-involved individuals. This panel will define diversion and deflection, as well as give examples of successful programs from across the country. Juvenile justice, mental health and substance abuse will be key focus areas for the panel. Additionally, the panel will discuss how law enforcement led diversion programs can help to build community trust with reform efforts within the criminal justice system.

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