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**Minnesota Justice Research Center Wins the Minnesota Alliance on Crime's 2024 Alliance Ally Award**

**MINNEAPOLIS** - The Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) announced today they received the [Minnesota Alliance on Crime](#)'s 2024 Alliance Ally Award. The award highlights outstanding advocates and partners in the state of Minnesota who advance the collective movement to eliminate systemic barriers experienced by people impacted by crime.

The MNJRC first started working with MAC in 2023 when they participated in MAC's Fundamentals in Victim Services training for their new advocates with a session on the criminal legal system. The MNJRC partnered with MAC this summer for a discussion with victim's advocates as part of MNJRC's Bail, Jail, and Pretrial Policy Community Conversations, making sure to include the victim perspective as they weigh new options for Minnesota.

"MNJRC's person-centered approach to research, humanizing of the criminal legal system, their incredible Re-Imagining Justice Conference, and work with MAC and other victim service programs has made them an invaluable partner. We are honored to present them with the 2024 Alliance Ally Award," **said Bobbi Holtberg, Executive Director of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime.**

"We are honored to receive the Alliance Ally Award from MAC, an organization that has united groups across the state in the collective fight for justice and dignity for Minnesotans affected by crime," **said Justin Terrell, Executive Director of the Minnesota Justice Research Center.** "The Minnesota Justice Research Center is

grateful to be recognized for our young partnership with the alliance. We look forward to continuing to work together to advance justice in our state.”

#### About the Minnesota Alliance on Crime

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) is a coalition of more than 90 crime victim service organizations in the state. The membership coalition includes prosecution-based victim and witness programs, community programs, law enforcement agencies, civil legal organizations, and individual residents committed to supporting crime victims. MAC’s vision is “to build a world where people impacted by crime, particularly those who are historically marginalized, can heal, achieve justice, and restore balance to their lives.”

#### About the Minnesota Justice Research Center

The Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to driving meaningful change to Minnesota’s criminal legal system through rigorous and community-centered research, education, and policy development. We seek a criminal legal system that promotes public safety by being more equitable, accountable, and restorative in delivering justice. Our stakeholders include criminal legal system and corrections practitioners, law enforcement, community advocates, survivors, formerly incarcerated individuals, scholars and students. For more information, go to [www.mnjrc.org](http://www.mnjrc.org).

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