



2025 APPA AWARD WINNERS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

EBP training program – *Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Adult Parole Authority*

APPA's President's Award recognizes and celebrates innovative programs and projects leading community corrections into the future. It's awarded to an individual, group, or project for advancing knowledge, effectiveness, and integrity of the criminal justice system. Hand-picked by APPA's Board President Susan Rice, the 2025 recipient is the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Adult Parole Authority's evidence-based practices online training program. Evidence-based practices have become a gold standard because of their research-supported interventions that focus on achieving the best outcomes for individuals. Rehabilitation and corrections programs become effective when staff have the tools and training they need to succeed. The Evidence-based practices online training program implemented by Ohio's Adult Parole Authority provides an innovative solution to improve outcomes in Ohio communities.

JOE KEGANS AWARD

Christopher Toussant – *Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles*

The Joe Kegans Award for Victim Services in Probation and Parole is awarded to a community corrections officer who provides exemplary services to victims of crime. The award is named after the late Judge Joe Kegans, a founding member of APPA's Victim Issues Committee who devoted her career as a jurist to bettering the lives of those impacted by crime. Award winner Christopher Toussant has more than a decade of experience in victim advocacy and criminal justice and has led several transformative projects throughout his career, including the inaugural statewide Georgia Office of Victim Services Training Conference, and the GOVS panel discussions conducted during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. He is a POST-Certified Instructor as a nationally credentialed victim advocate, trained and certified in Critical Stress Incident Management, and is a Victim-Offender Dialogue Facilitator. In 2024, Toussant received APPA's Norm Helber Award as valedictorian of the Leadership Institute program.