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Baldwin County earns national achievement awards for Adult Treatment Court Collaborative, Baldwin County Regional Airport, and Baldwin County Transit

WASHINGTON – Baldwin County's Adult Treatment Court Collaborative, Baldwin County Regional Airport, and Baldwin County Transit Program have been recognized with Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized **Baldwin County's Adult Treatment Court Collaborative, Baldwin County Regional Airport, and Baldwin County Transit Program** for their innovation, effectiveness and efficiency.

"The Baldwin County Government is proud to be recognized for the work we have done for our citizens. Our county employees have worked tirelessly during this pandemic to provide responsive and uninterrupted services. To some degree, these awards are a result of collaborating with local organizations and local citizen groups. Supporting our local judicial leadership provided an innovative opportunity to change the cycle of substance abuse and incarceration. Our local airport citizen committee leadership provided our county leaders with opportunities to support the importance of our airport as an integral part of the local and state transportation and economic systems. National recognition for three of our community programs is a great honor for all our employees and the county leadership. Timely, effective, and innovative support for our community has been, and will continue to be, our goal", said Henry R Craig, Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission.

NACo President Gary Moore said, "Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership. This year's Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America."

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each nominee is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public's understanding of county government. <u>www.naco.org</u>

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