



THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) PROGRAM

a law enforcement—mental health collaboration

What is CIT?

Crisis Intervention Team Programs are broad collaborations of law enforcement, mental health, treatment centers, shelters and emergency medicine that recruit, train, and support police officers to respond effectively to individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis, so that agitation and anxiety are reduced, no one is injured, and the one in crisis may receive treatment and not incarceration.

CIT Objectives

- ◆ Train law enforcement officers to distinguish threatening behavior based on a mental illness from that of criminal intent and to respond accordingly;
- ◆ Reduce injuries to law enforcement officers and individuals with mental illness that may result from crisis interventions, through training of skills in tactical communications and crisis de-escalation techniques;
- ◆ Reduce time required for transfer of custody from law enforcement to hospital personnel, so law enforcement may more quickly return to service;
- ◆ Reduce recidivism of individuals who are high utilizers of law enforcement and mental health resources, by implementing assertive outreach and engagement activities for individuals subject to CIT

CIT Program

- ◆ A Coordinating Council that provides program oversight;
- ◆ Letters of Intent from, and general orders (operating policies/procedures) of participating law enforcement agencies;
- ◆ 40-hour P.O.S.T.-certified CIT Training courses and additional courses including Juvenile, Veterans, Dispatchers and Advanced Courses that provide intensive training in mental illness, mental health resources, and tactical communications with individuals in psychiatric crisis;
- ◆ CIT Incident Reports that summarize CIT interventions;
- ◆ Continuous program evaluation.



What is MOCIT?

A collaboration of law enforcement and mental health professionals, consumers and family members from across the state, committed to serving individuals with mental illness and other brain disorders, by implementing a statewide CIT Program based on the "Memphis Model".

For More Information

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MOCIT Objectives

MOCIT's primary objective is to further the concept and training associated with CIT throughout the state of Missouri to assist Law Enforcement Agencies and those with mental health concerns or are in a crisis. This is done by:

- ◆ Assisting agencies in developing a CIT program and its council.
- ◆ Assisting partners and working with the legislative system in Missouri to obtain funding that assists with CIT programs throughout Missouri.
- ◆ Assisting other law enforcement agencies to obtain training or the fundamentals of training for CIT officers
- ◆ Training and collaborating with other state agencies in developing partnerships to advance CIT.



Missouri CIT Council



*to educate Law Enforcement in
Crisis Intervention Team Training*

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