

CIT PROGRAM

- A Coordinating Council that provides program oversight
- 40-hour P.O.S.T./CLEE - certified CIT Training Course and additional advanced CIT in-service sessions that provide intensive trainings
- Program evaluations
- Standardized CIT incident reports that summarize CIT interventions



WHEN TO ASK FOR A CIT OFFICER

- If someone is in a behavioral health crisis; and when calling 911, ask for a CIT officer
- A CIT officer will be sent when available on site for law enforcement crisis de-escalation techniques

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WHAT IS CIT?

It's More than Just Training



Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (MO CIT)

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Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs are broad collaborations of law enforcement, behavioral health professionals, hospitals, emergency departments and community partners that recruit, train, and support law enforcement officers



to respond effectively to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The objective of CIT training is to de-escalate individuals in crisis, to divert them from the criminal justice system and connect them to appropriate behavioral health resources.

CIT reduces both stigma and the need for further involvement with the criminal justice system. CIT provides a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction between the criminal justice and mental health care system. It can create context for sustainable change.



Benefits to the Community

- Trained law enforcement officers to distinguish behavioral health or substance use disorders from that of criminal intent.
- Reduced injuries to individuals with behavioral health issues that occur during contact with law enforcement.
- Reduced repeat contact by people who are high utilizers of law enforcement and behavioral health resources by successfully linking them to treatment.



Benefits to Law Enforcement

- Increased officer safety when in contact with individuals in behavioral health crisis.
- Reduced time required for transfer of custody from law enforcement to hospital personnel, so law enforcement may quickly return to service.
- Partnerships within communities between law enforcement, advocacy, and behavioral health to provide better care for individuals.
- CIT officers increased confidence in responding to and assisting those in crisis.