



CIT INTERNATIONAL

IMPROVING CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS



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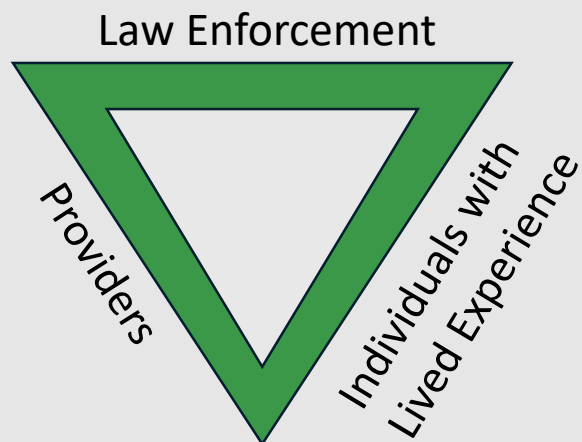
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CIT: CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM – THE GOLD STANDARD FOR IMPROVING CRISIS RESPONSE



THE KEY TO SUCCESS: “THE 3-LEGGED STOOL” COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



10 CORE ELEMENTS

#1 is Partnerships

#2 is Community Ownership

- Planning
- Implementation
- Networking

“Individuals and organizations within the community must have a stake in the initial planning stages”

– University of Memphis CIT Center “Crisis Intervention Team Core Elements”, 2007

- ✓ Advocates – People with lived experience and their family members
- ✓ Treatment Providers – Those licensed professionals providing treatment and services for individuals impacted by mental illness, substance use disorder, intellectual and development disabilities, and other brain conditions
- ✓ Law enforcement and other first responders/crisis response
- ✓ Judiciary, corrections, veterans’ services, homeless services, etc. **Who in your community needs to be at the table?**

Planning



IMPLEMENTATION

Leadership from Law Enforcement, the Mental Health provider community, and Advocacy Community to implement:

- ✓ The core elements of your CIT Program (policy, data, crisis response system resources, receiving center, continuing education, etc.)
- ✓ Your CIT training curriculum – use **LOCAL** subject matter experts



NETWORKING – *ONGOING FEEDBACK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN, IMPROVE, AND ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF CIT*

FEEDBACK



Provide Feedback to:

- ✓ Your CIT Steering Committee
 - ✓ Participating Agencies
- ✓ Funders & Policymakers
 - ✓ The Community

Meet Challenges Head On:

- ✓ Involve CIT Leadership Team
- ✓ Document your processes (MOUs and Policies)
- ✓ Engage new partners
- ✓ Communicate



PROBLEM SOLVING

BE PURPOSEFUL

...in creating a sense of
**COMMUNITY
OWNERSHIP**
and sustainability for your
CIT program.

CIT saves lives.





THANK YOU!

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