

10 FACTS ABOUT CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS

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The Crisis Intervention **Team (CIT) model is widely adopted in Ohio**. 86 Ohio counties have trained CIT officers.

Partnerships between law enforcement agencies and mental health systems are essential to ensure that police officers are prepared to safely respond to encounters with individuals with mental illness and know how to help these individuals access mental health services.

Ohio has a CIT **Technical Assistance Center** at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence at NEOMED.

CIT training provides a foundation for **assisting those with a mental illness** and improves the likelihood of safety for officers and for citizens.

Research supports that CIT training is **effective at improving officer attitudes, skills and level of preparedness** in responding to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

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Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a **meaningful community program**, not just a police training program.

CIT Officers complete a voluntary, specialized **40-hour training** which is offered free of charge to law enforcement.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model prepares police officers to safely resolve situations involving mental illness. **Ohio has trained over 10,000 law enforcement officers in CIT.**

Ohio's goal is to have specially trained officers available to **all communities 24 hours a day.**

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CIT **Officers need alternatives** other than arrest and jail available to them when responding to crises involving mental illness which requires community involvement.