



OHIO CIT NEWS



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From the Ohio CIT Coordinator

The 2017 CIT International Conference – Ohio's Part in All of This! **By Mike Woody**

The Conference was again a great success with close to 1,000 people in attendance. Reviews from attendees indicated that speakers were outstanding and content relevant to the core elements and what makes a CIT Program successful. With over 100 workshops to choose from, that may have been the biggest decision attendees had to make. There was plenty of food and beverages in the morning and during breaks (included with the registration). The Awards Luncheon was amazing and well deserving champions of CIT from law enforcement, mental health, and advocates for those persons with a mental illness were honored.

Ohio should be proud that in my opinion we here started the movement that became CIT International back in 2005. With then Justice Stratton's help in asking the Bureau of Justice Assistance to give our CJ CCOE half of a \$25,000 grant reserved for a Judges Conference she had started, we held what we called the first "CIT National Conference" at the new Columbus Convention Center in conjunction with the Judges Conference. We did not think we had advertised this event well and were hoping for 250 people to attend. But through mostly word-of-mouth we had over 700 folks from 41 States in attendance. The District of Columbia and Canada showed up! The light bulb went on and a few of us formed a CIT National Advisory Board (I and Dr. Munetz from Ohio were members of this Board*).

We held the next CIT National Conference in Orlando, FL; followed by Memphis, TN; Atlanta, GA; Virginia Beach, VA; Las Vegas, NV; San Antonio, TX; Hartford, CT; Monterey, CA; Chicago, IL; and this year in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Along the way we changed our name to CIT International since Canada, Australia, Sweden, Africa, China, and the United Kingdom were sending folks to our conferences.

One can only imagine how many lives were either saved or changed for the better because of the vision the founding members of CIT National/International had. Ohio needs to be proud that we were a big part of all of this. Currently over 10,000 Ohio peace officers have gone through a CIT Course. We have conducted over 635 CIT courses here. And 66% of our law enforcement agencies have sent officers to a Course. We have reached out to all 88 Counties and offered to help them with CIT Courses, etc. The CJ CCOE and our partners are ready and willing to help any community that wants to make for a safer and more appropriate interaction when first responders engage with persons experiencing a mental health crisis and get them the needed services that lead to a very successful outcome. As the great philosopher Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." CIT is all about educating the HEART!

* Dr. Munetz had to leave the Board due to term limits almost two years ago and I reach my term limits at the end of this year. Dr. Fred Frese will remain on the Board representing Ohio.



OHIO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COORDINATING CENTER
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Representing the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence at the 2017 CIT International Conference were Haley Durig (Dissemination Coordinator), Ruth Simera (Director), Dr. Mark Munetz (Chair, NEOMED Department of Psychiatry), and Mike Woody (Law Enforcement Liaison/Ohio CIT Coordinator).

Mental Health & Crisis Training for Educators Portage County



Congratulations to this year's great group of school personnel and police officers who completed the Crisis Intervention Team Education Collaboration in July

Ohio CIT Coordinators Course

Many have asked if Ohio will sponsor a second CIT Coordinators Course, and the answer is yes! The 10 Core Elements that make CIT so successful will be discussed as well as ways to improve and move your community forward with a robust CIT PROGRAM! At the end of the day you will know why the motto of CIT International is "CIT – More Than Just Training!"

This course is scheduled for December 11 in Columbus, Ohio. There will be no fee to attend, although the class size will be limited. A formal announcement and details will be forthcoming in fall 2017.

Contact Haley Durig for more information at hdurig@neomed.edu

Napoleon Hires New Police Chief



Chief Mack graduated from Defiance College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Mack has been awarded the Ohio CIT Officer of the Year award, Exceptional Service award and the Meritorious Service award.

Ohio CIT Coordinators Semi-annual Meeting

Ohio's semi-annual CIT Coordinators meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Columbus. Please save the date and pass word along to your local CIT Coordinators.

From NAMI Ohio

CIT Pins, Quick Reference Guides, and Hearing Voices Kits are available upon request.



CIT Mini Grants for Training Expenses – SFY 2017-2018

All mini grant requests should be made to Dustin McKee at NAMI Ohio: dustin@namiohio.org.

CIT Mini Grants for Training Programs

Mini grants in the amount of \$1000 are now available for local CIT programs to offset the expense of holding a 40-hr. course. To request a mini grant, please send e-mail with:

1. Date of the training
2. A sentence about how you plan to use the funds such as printing, room rental, speaker fees, etc. (these funds cannot be used for food or travel)
3. A list of the members of your CIT Steering Committee
4. Name of the entity that the check should be made out to
5. Address to send the check to
6. Acknowledgement that you will forward a completed roster of all CIT graduates to Mike Woody upon the completion of your training. His e-mail address is dutifulmind@gmail.com.

CIT Mini Grants for Law Enforcement Agencies

Mini grants in the amount of \$1000 are available for law enforcement agencies that are sending a full-time Patrol Division assigned officer(s) to CIT training for the first time. If you are requesting a grant for a part-time officer, please send a brief written rationale as to why you want to train a part-time officer (e.g. we are a small agency that needs to train part-time officers to ensure an ample number of CIT officers on our force). A limited number of mini grants will also be provided for law enforcement agencies that have not sent a full-time Patrol Division assigned officer to training for at least two years due to a lack of resources and have indicated that with financial assistance they would send an officer. To request a grant, Dustin McKee at NAMI Ohio will need an email from the CIT Coordinator that includes all of the following:

1. Date of the training
2. Name of the full-time officer(s) to attend
3. A sentence stating the LE agency is only able participate if financial assistance is provided
4. Name of a CIT Coordinator or contact person for the LE agency
5. Name of the law enforcement agency that the check should be made out to
6. Address to send the check. (Please let the appropriate party at the law enforcement agency know to expect the check)

CIT Mini Grants for Advanced Training

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$500 are available for those communities wishing to offer CIT officers advanced training. To request a mini grant, please send an e-mail that includes:

1. Topic of the training
2. Date of the training
3. Number of hours of the training
4. A sentence about how you plan to use the funds such as printing, room rental, speaker fees, etc. (these funds cannot be used for food or travel)
5. Name of the entity that the check should be made out to
6. Address to send the check to

The Value of Peer Reviews

Ohio has a CIT Peer Review Team that researches and assesses volunteer counties CIT training curriculum and their CIT Program. The goal is to help maintain fidelity to the Core Elements of CIT that make it so successful. And the best part is that it is offered **FREE OF CHARGE!** Contact the CJ CCoE at dutifulmind@gmail.com for more information or to set up a review of your CIT Program.

To view past reports visit the [CJ CCoE website](#).

Lending Library

The CJ CCoE added several books, listed below, to the Lending Library. The updated list is also available on the [CJ CCoE website](#). Please contact Haley Durig at hdurig@neomed.edu for more information.

1. Committed: The Battle Over Involuntary Psychiatric Care (Dinah Miller, MD & Annette Hanson, MD)
2. Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic (Sam Quinones)
3. Insane Consequences: How the Mental Health Industry Fails the Mentally Ill (DJ Jaffe)
4. Prison Madness: The Mental Health Crisis Behind Bars and What We Must Do About It (Terry Kupers, MD)
5. Sometimes Amazing Things Happen: Heartbreak and Hope on the Bellevue Hospital Psychiatric Prison Ward (Elizabeth Ford, MD)

Upcoming Ohio CIT Courses

• Clark, Green and Madison Counties	September 25 – 29
• <i>Summit County</i>	<i>September 25 – 29</i>
• Richland County	September 25 – 29
• Hamilton County	October 2 – 6
• Montgomery County	October 2 – 6
• Trumbull County	October 4 – 6, 12 – 13
• Franklin County	October 9 – 13
• Delaware and Morrow Counties	October 23 – 27
• Geauga County	October 23 – 27
• Muskingum, Coshocton, Noble, Perry, Guernsey and Morgan Counties	October 23 – 27
• Belmont, Harrison and Monroe Counties	October 25 – 27
• Lucas County	October 30 – November 3
• Wood County	October 30 – November 3
• Medina County	October 31 – November 2
• Jefferson County	November 1 – 3, 8 – 9
• Lucas County	November 6 – 10
• Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties	November 6 – 10
• Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties	November 13 – 17
• Hamilton County	November 13 – 17
• Hamilton County	December 4 – 8

Please advise the Editor and NAMI Ohio of your planned CIT Courses for 2017 - 2018!



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CIT International – Call for Board Member Nominations

CIT International is seeking new board members! CIT International seeks to promote a diverse board. CIT International encourages candidates to apply supporting diversity in public safety, behavioral health, mental health advocacy, culture, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, region, population, and country of residence.

To access the application please visit: [New Board Member Application 2017.docx](#)

Please submit applications to Julie Solomon at jsolomon@citinternational.org by October 31, 2017.

