



# OHIO CIT NEWS

Fall 2019



## The Crisis Response System



One key component of a comprehensive mental health system of care is an effective and accessible crisis response system, a continuum of recovery-oriented services available 24/7 for individuals in all communities, of all ages. Across the United States, communities are struggling to meet the needs of citizens in mental health crises through services designed to effectively triage, assess and refer individuals to the most appropriate and least restrictive level of care that will meet immediate and longer-term needs. In Ohio, where CIT is widespread, the gap in crisis services has become keenly apparent, with law enforcement officers in many communities struggling to identify alternatives to jail or often ill-equipped hospital emergency departments.

To provide individuals with information pertaining to the Crisis Response System, information and materials were added to the CJ CCoE website, including The Crisis Response Continuum Conference materials from March 2018, and Ohio and national resources on crisis services. To view the webpage, please visit <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/sequential-intercept-mapping/the-ultimate-intercept/>.

In addition, on September 9-10, 2019, Crisis Now and International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL) held a joint international summit on Urgent and Emergency Mental Health Care. Various resources were highlighted during the summit, including the following videos.



[The Evolution of the Recovery Response Center](#)



[Care Traffic Control](#)





## Second Crisis Now Global Summit

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## **Dennis Martin Visits NEOMED to Discuss Michigan CIT**



On September 12, 2019 Dr. Mark Munetz and Ruth Simera met with Dennis Martin, a representative from the Michigan CIT Legislation Steering Committee and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to discuss efforts to spread the CIT program throughout the state of Michigan. Dr. Munetz made a gift of an Ohio CIT ballcap, proudly worn by Mr. Martin in the photo, as one of many examples of how Ohio tries to promote a statewide CIT presence.

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## **Richland County Completed 24<sup>th</sup> CIT Training in September 2019**



NAMI Richland County and the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board are proud to graduate the 24<sup>th</sup> class of CIT trained officers in Richland County.

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## Clark, Greene and Madison Counties Completed 14<sup>th</sup> CIT Training in September 2019



The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties was proud to graduate the 14<sup>th</sup> class of CIT trained officers in Clark, Greene and Madison Counties, with thirty-seven participants, two of whom were dispatch/communications operators. Dr. Kathy Platoni, a Fort Hood massacre survivor who is expert in trauma and currently serving the survivors/frontline providers post Oregon District shootings, spoke during the graduation ceremony. Law enforcement agencies in the region are often referred to Dr. Platoni for support.

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## Montgomery County Completed First Companion Course in June 2019



Montgomery County held their first companion course for behavioral health professionals on June 27-28, 2019 with ten participants.

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## Save-the-Date: Ohio CIT Coordinators Semi-Annual Meeting

**When:** Friday, November 15, 2019

**Where:** To Be Determined (Columbus)

Please save-the-date and pass word along to your local CIT Coordinators

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# Ohio Advanced CIT Training Conference: Registration Now Open

**When:** October 18, 2019

**Where:** State Highway Patrol Training Academy, Columbus

To register for the conference, please [click here](#). If you have trouble registering or have questions pertaining to the conference fee, please contact Haley Farver at [hfarver@neomed.edu](mailto:hfarver@neomed.edu)

## Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Lecture



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**Hope and Help:  
Meaningful Recovery from Schizophrenia  
and Serious Mental Illness with Clozapine**  
*By Robert S. Laitman, M.D., and Daniel Laitman*

**OCT. 14, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.**  
Grand Ballroom, Northeast Ohio Medical University  
NEW Center, 4211 St. Rt. 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272



The father and son team of Dr. Robert Laitman and Daniel Laitman will share how clozapine, an effective but underutilized medication for schizophrenia, changed their lives. For Daniel, it allowed him to live successfully with schizophrenia — today he is a stand-up comedian and mental health advocate. After witnessing the power of clozapine to improve lives, Dr. Laitman now prescribes and advocates for this uniquely effective medication.

RSVP at [2019-drs-fred-and-penny-frese-lecture.eventbrite.com](https://2019-drs-fred-and-penny-frese-lecture.eventbrite.com)



Please join the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) Department of Psychiatry and Peg's Foundation for the second Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Lecture on **Monday, October 14 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Grand Ballroom of the NEOMED NEW Center. The lecture series honors the legacy of Dr. Fred Frese and Dr. Penny Frese by sharing stories of individuals living successfully with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses and the ways in which their loved ones support their recovery.

Robert S. Laitman, M.D., and Daniel Laitman will present the 2019 Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Lecture, "Hope and Help: Meaningful Recovery from Schizophrenia and Serious Mental Illness with Clozapine". The lecture is free and open to the public. To RSVP, [click here](#) or click (Ctrl click) on the image at left.

## Ohio Representation at 2019 CIT International Conference

The 2019 CIT International Conference was held on August 26-28, 2019 in Seattle Washington. On Monday, August 26, Peg's Foundation sponsored lunch for Ohio participants, which allowed for group networking and a photo! Also joining the group for lunch were representatives of the Vera Institute for Justice and the Treatment Advocacy Center.



*Represented in the Photo: Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, Delaware and Morrow Counties, Franklin County, Hancock County, Lorain County, Peg's Foundation, Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Stark County, Summit County, Warren and Clinton Counties, and Wayne County.*

*Not Represented in the Photo: Cuyahoga, Hamilton, and Portage Counties and Lorain County Community College.*

## From NAMI Ohio

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



## CIT Mini Grants

All mini grant requests should be made to Dustin McKee at NAMI Ohio: [dustin@namiohio.org](mailto:dustin@namiohio.org).

### **CIT Mini Grants for CIT Dispatcher and/or Corrections Training**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$1,000 are available through December 31, 2019 for those communities wishing to offer CIT dispatcher and/or corrections training. To request a mini grant, please send an email that includes:

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 and address of the entity to whom the check should be made payable
5. Acknowledgment that you will forward a completed roster of all graduates to Mekal Banyasz ([mbanyasz@neomed.edu](mailto:mbanyasz@neomed.edu)) upon the completion of your training

### **CIT Mini Grants for First-Time Implementation of CIT Dispatcher Training**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$500 are available July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 for those communities wishing to develop and implement their first CIT Dispatcher Training. These funds CAN supplement the mini grants referenced above and are strictly limited to those communities that have not offered dispatch training in the past. To request a mini grant, please send an email that includes:

1. Date of training
2. A sentence describing how you plan to use the funds such as printing, room rental, offset of staff time for curriculum development, supplies, etc. (These funds cannot be used for food)
3. A list of the members of your CIT Steering Committee and Dispatch trainers
4. Name and address of the entity to whom the check should be made payable
5. Acknowledgment that you will forward a completed roster of all graduates to Mekal Banyasz ([mbanyasz@neomed.edu](mailto:mbanyasz@neomed.edu)) upon the completion of your training

### **CIT Mini Grants for Law Enforcement Agencies to Send Dispatchers and Corrections Officers to Training**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$1,000 are available through December 31, 2019 for law enforcement agencies sending dispatchers and corrections officers to a CIT training. To request a mini grant, please send an e-mail that includes:

1. Date of the training
2. Name of the dispatchers and/or corrections officers to attend

3. A sentence that states that the law enforcement agency is only able to participate if financial assistance is provided
4. Name of a CIT Coordinator or contact person for the law enforcement agency
5. Name and address of the law enforcement agency to which the check should be made payable

### **CIT Mini Grants for Data Collection and Cross-System Collaboration**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$500 are available July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 for those communities wishing to initiate or expand CIT data collection and cross-systems collaboration utilizing information sharing across law enforcement and mental health systems (not to include officer roster updating or maintenance) To request a mini grant, please send an e-mail that includes:

1. Description of planned process, e.g., what data will be collected, by what jurisdiction(s) it will be collected, how the data will be analyzed and reported, how the data and related information will be shared across systems and for what purposes
2. Date of implementation of data collection or information sharing process
3. Anticipated timeline for reporting on the process and outcomes, and name of person who will provide report to NAMI and CCoE
4. Name and address of the entity to whom the check should be made payable

### **CIT Mini Grants for Advanced Training**

A limited number of mini grants in the amount of \$500 are available July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 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)
5. Name and address of the entity to which the check should be made payable

*Dustin McKee – NAMI Ohio CIT Coordinator [dustin@namiohio.org](mailto:dustin@namiohio.org)*

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## **The Value of Peer Reviews**

Many Ohio Counties have gone through the Peer Review process over the years and gained valuable insight and information on improving not only their CIT course but also their CIT program. A three-member team is sent to your community to meet with your Steering Committee to mutually finalize the team's findings after the community provides the team with materials and evaluations from your course and program. Of special interest, your community will receive **\$1,000** from NAMI Ohio just for going through the process. Make sure you are striving to incorporate the Core Elements of what makes a CIT program so successful as developed by The University of Memphis CIT Center, the Ohio CIT Coordinators group and CIT International.

The CJ CCoE has up to two spots available for Peer Review prior to June 30, 2020. For more information or to set up a review of your CIT program please contact Jeff Futo at

[Jeff.futo@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.futo@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Ohio CIT Courses

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| • Mahoning County                        | September 30-October 4 |
| • Trumbull County                        | October 2-4 and 10-11  |
| • Franklin County                        | October 7-11           |
| • Six County                             | October 21-25          |
| • Delaware and Morrow Counties           | October 21-25          |
| • Lucas County                           | October 28-November 1  |
| • Montgomery County                      | October 28-November 1  |
| • Wayne and Holmes Counties              | October 28-November 1  |
| • Butler County                          | November 4-8           |
| • Fairfield County                       | November 4-8           |
| • Logan, Champaign and Union Counties    | November 4-7           |
| • Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties    | November 18-22         |
| • Hamilton County – Springfield Township | November 18-22         |
| • Miami, Darke and Shelby Counties       | December 9-12          |

**Please advise Haley Farver at [hfarver@neomed.edu](mailto:hfarver@neomed.edu) of your planned CIT Courses for 2019!**

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## Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Webpage

To provide individuals with additional information pertaining to Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) in Ohio, the CJ CCoE collaborated with the Treatment Advocacy Center to add general and Ohio-specific information pertaining to AOT on the CJ CCoE website's Ultimate Intercept page. There you can find Ohio specific guidance, Ohio data collection information, and sample information and materials provided by Ohio counties with AOT programs.

To visit the webpage, please visit <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/sequential-intercept-mapping/the-ultimate-intercept/>.

For AOT technical assistance within Ohio, please contact Betsy Johnson at the Treatment Advocacy Center: 614.519.3137 or [johnsonb@treatmentadvocacycenter.org](mailto:johnsonb@treatmentadvocacycenter.org)



# Ohio CIT Program Coordinator or Contact Information

*Note: information is subject to change*

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## National News and Updates

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### ***Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Programs: A Best Practice Guide for Transforming Community Response to Mental Health Crises***

At the 2019 CIT International Conference, CIT International announced the release of *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Programs: A Best Practice Guide for Transforming Community Response to Mental Health Crises*, the first comprehensive guide for communities to review best practices for starting and sustaining CIT programs. The guide is designed to support law enforcement agencies, mental health agencies and mental health advocates partnering to improve their crisis response system and help people in crisis get support with minimal involvement in the justice system.

In the release announcement, CIT International noted that most communities and agencies embrace the goals of a CIT program—improving safety, reducing unnecessary incarceration, improving access to mental health services—but many struggle with the practical challenges. This guide is full of guidance and practical resources like templates, checklists, examples and case studies—resources that can help any community begin to make change.

CIT International also wanted to provide clarity about best practices in CIT, including some issues that have caused confusion in the past. This guide is based on the [CIT Core Elements](#) and focuses on the best practices, shown by research and 30 years of practical experience, to be effective. It provides local programs with strategies for developing a crisis response system based on mental health services and peer supports—one that ultimately reduces the role of law enforcement and improves the chances for recovery.

CIT International expressed gratitude to the many partners and leaders who made this guide possible. Three leading national organizations endorsed the guide: NAMI, the National Council for Behavioral Health, and Policy Research Associates, Inc. In addition, dozens of experts, mental health advocates, mental health professionals and law enforcement officers from local programs provided their expertise.

Visit [www.citinternational.org/bestpracticeguide](http://www.citinternational.org/bestpracticeguide) to download or purchase the guide.

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