



OHIO CIT NEWS



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Spring 2017

Stark County Completes CIT Course #28 in March 2017



CIT Courses Scheduled

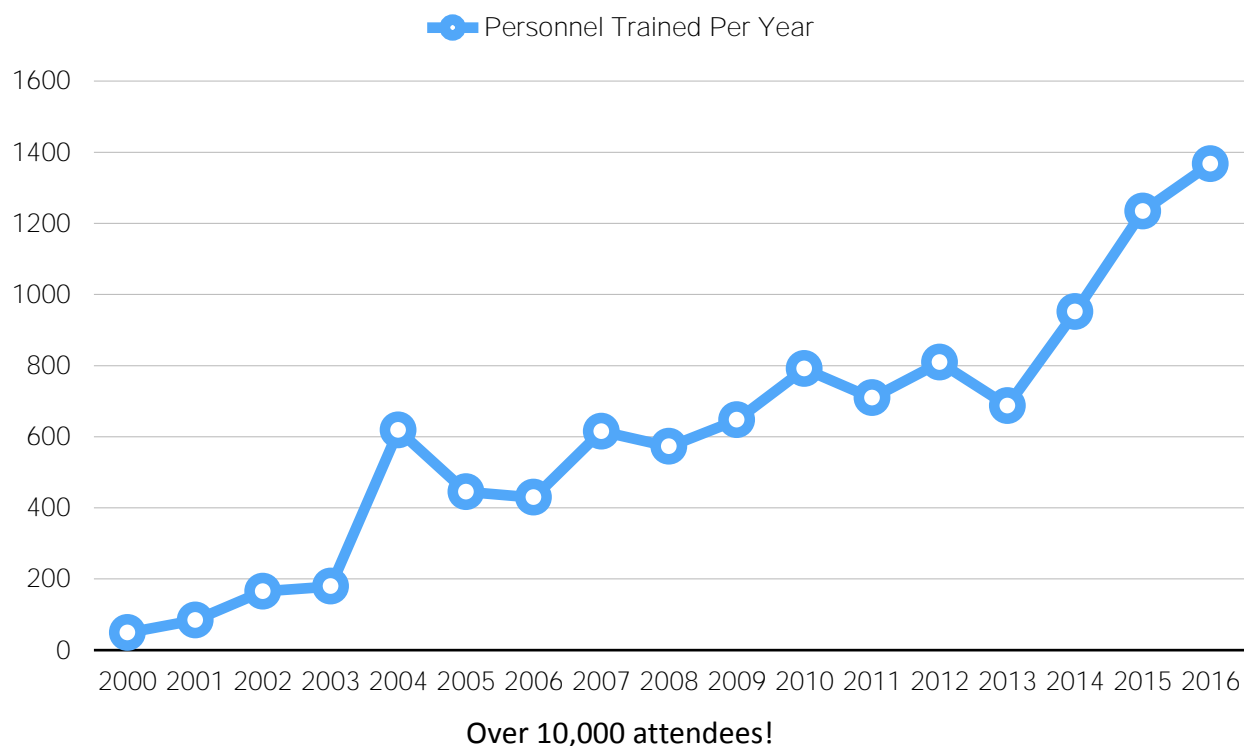
April: Summit County – 3rd thru 7th; Mahoning County – 3rd thru 7th; Franklin County – 3rd thru 7th; Lorain County – 10th thru 14th; Union County – 17th thru 20th; Montgomery County – 24th thru 28th; Four County – 24th thru 28th; Knox County – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, May 3rd. In addition, the Ohio State Penitentiary in Youngstown Corrections CIT will be held the week of the 10th.

May: Paint Valley – 1st thru 5th; Lucas County – 15th thru 19th.

June: Adams/Lawrence/Scioto Counties – Dates not yet determined.

****Please advise the Editor and/or NAMI Ohio of your planned CIT Courses for any days in 2017 or 2018!***

This graph shows the increase of CIT courses and attendance in Ohio since its beginning!



From NAMI Ohio

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



CIT Mini Grants for Training Expenses - 2017

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

CIT Mini Grants for CIT Training Programs

Mini grants in the amount of \$1000 are now available for local CIT programs to offset the expense of holding a 40-hour course. To request a mini grant, please send an 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)
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 an officer(s) to CIT training for the first time. A limited number of mini grants will also be

provided for law enforcement agencies that have not sent an 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 that states that 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. 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)
4. Name of the entity that the check should be made out to
5. Address to send the check to

Dustin McKee – NAMI Ohio CIT Coordinator dustin@namiohio.org

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 or dutifulmind@gmail.com for more information or to set up a review of your CIT Program. Many counties have gone through the process, the most recent being Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

We Know We're Developing CIT TEAMS in Ohio When We Hear or Read that...

- Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Toledo Police Department CIT Officers worked together to meet with a mutual client in a community park setting – for the purpose of creating a positive interaction with the individual, including explanations of the officers' role and discussions on how to keep everyone safe.
- Findlay Police Department reported that a greater number of mental health crisis calls are effectively deescalated and referred to mental health services by well-trained and committed 911 Dispatchers and Call-Takers.
- Yellow Springs Police Department officers will be paired with local residents who are interested in giving police a tour of the village or Antioch College campus – providing bits of history and making introductions – to increase positive interactions and mutual engagement between citizens and police.

Ohio CIT Coordinators Semi-Annual Meeting

When: April 28th; 10am – 2pm (lunch served)

Where: Columbus Police Training Academy
1000 N. Hague Ave. Columbus, Ohio

Let Dustin McKee at NAMI Ohio know if you will be attending so that he can order enough lunches: dustin@namiohio.org

Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers

Thanks to a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) had the honor of sponsoring a one-day Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers on February 21 in Columbus, Ohio.

The course hosted 15 counties and included educational presentations on Mental Illness, Intellectual Disabilities, Substance Use Disorders and Medications Overview (adult and youth); Suicidal Callers; Family and Consumer Perspectives ; PTSD, TBI and Trauma; What Does an Officer Need? – Identifying CIT Calls; De-escalating/Active Listening Skills; Scenario-Based Exercises; and Self-Care and Resources. Due to considerable interest, the CJ CCoE will be sponsoring a second Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers on May 18 in Columbus, Ohio. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Contact Haley Durig for more information hdurig@neomed.edu



Inaugural Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers Participants

Ohio CIT Coordinators Training

Many have asked if Ohio will sponsor a CIT Coordinators Training, similar to what CIT International introduced last year, 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 May 30 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 April.

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

Ohio CIT Advanced Training Conference

Ohio's annual CIT Advanced Training Conference has been changed to Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Columbus Police Training Academy. Please save the date and pass word along to your local CIT officers and law enforcement agencies.

National News and Updates

One of the most important core elements of a CIT Program is that of having a CIT Coordinator.

The 2017 CIT International Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida will again be offering a certificate course for CIT coordinators. Go to www.citinternational.org for more information on how to gain acceptance into the 8-hour course.



NAMI National Convention



Visit <http://www.nami.org/convention> for registration information.