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Introduction

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) continued its second year of the *Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Support and Expansion Project* from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (referred to as Project Year 2 for this report). This was made possible through state and federal funding sources provided through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS).

Project Year 2 continued to provide programmatic support for statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) growth and development, including scholarships and grants for CIT Training Courses, CIT program development awards to Ohio county and multi-county CIT programs, statewide training opportunities for professionals working alongside police and first responders, updated statewide strategic planning, technical assistance opportunities, and more.

This report details the accomplishments that occurred throughout Project Year 2 and highlights Ohio's CIT programs, substantiating the crucial changes and opportunities made as a direct result of this generous funding.

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Ohio Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Support and Expansion Project: Major Accomplishments of Project Year 2

CIT Program Development Awards

At the start of Project Year 2, the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project had carryover funds of about \$1.1 million in state funding and the CJ CCoE was awarded an additional \$500,000 in federal funding. There were 30 CIT Program Development Awards to regional CIT programs that used these funds in Project Year 2 to conduct or continue work. The average award requested by CIT Programs was \$30,000. Montgomery County CIT received their first CIT Program Development Award in Project Year 2. In total, 55 of Ohio's 88 counties (63%) accessed Ohio CIT Support and Expansion funds to further develop their CIT programs. (See Appendix E for more details of the work completed by these communities.)

Release of Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs

During Project Year 2, the CJ CCoE and a group of dedicated CIT partners representing law enforcement, mental health, and advocacy – the three pillars of collaboration for CIT programs – convened to review and revise the original (2004) Ohio CIT Core Elements. The core elements were organized and categorized for law enforcement, mental health partners and systems, training, and program coordination. Revisions also included insights into the development, enhancement, and success of Ohio CIT programs, references for terminology and definitions, fundamental elements of Crisis Intervention Team Training Courses, and a model for evaluation of CIT trainings. A Technical Assistance (TA) session was conducted on June 23, 2022, to correspond with the release of the updated publication.

To read *Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs*, click [here](#).

CIT Data Collection and Information Sharing Practices

Data collection and information sharing practices emerged as a focus of development and growth throughout Ohio CIT programs:

- **The CJ CCoE partnered with Cordata, an online health data management company, to create and pilot an online data collection, information sharing, and data analysis platform for CIT programs in Ohio.** The CJ CCoE staff met regularly with Cordata staff beginning in October 2021 to develop the CIT platform, select pilot CIT programs, review data collection and information sharing capabilities, establish CIT data metrics, and address the needs of the pilot CIT programs. CIT programs interested in being part of the pilot attended meetings with the CJ CCoE and Cordata and responded to a questionnaire to provide feedback in the creation process. CJ CCoE staff collaborated with Cordata to create the components of the platform, including submission of CIT Contact Sheets, requests for mental health follow-up from partnering provider agencies, law enforcement supervisor review of submitted forms, and real-time analysis of data. The Cordata development team utilized feedback from the participating jurisdictions, CIT program coordinators, and CJ CCoE staff, and created a how-to

guide and associated training on utilizing the platform. Three CIT programs representing 14 law enforcement jurisdictions, 5 counties and 3 mental health recovery board areas were selected to participate in the pilot: Licking/Knox, Champaign/Logan, and Paint Valley. This pilot program will enter its second year for Project Year 3 of the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project.

- **The Northwest Ohio CIT Program (consisting of Seneca, Sandusky, Wyandot, Ottawa, Huron, and Erie counties) developed and launched their “CIT Data Portal”.** The system allows officers to record incidents of crisis intervention contact and then provides users with real-time data analysis. This online system is currently used by 27 jurisdictions from 7 Ohio counties.
- **The CJ CCoE conducted in-depth reviews with 15 CIT programs to better understand their data collection and information sharing practices.** CIT programs selected for interviews had performed some form of data analysis on law enforcement crisis intervention data from 2019-2021. Topics discussed included data collection processes and resources, methods of analysis, data reporting, information sharing practices, and use of this information. The report synthesized responses, presents detailed insights from the project participants, and addresses opportunities for data collection and information sharing for the future of Ohio CIT. This report, *A Closer Look at Ohio CIT Core Elements: Reporting Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Data within a Sample of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs*, will be released in FY 2023.
- **Use of Crisis Intervention Contact Sheets continues to grow.** Currently, there are 227 law enforcement jurisdictions that use Crisis Intervention Contact Sheets to record law enforcement crisis intervention contact data. These law enforcement agencies represent 36 counties and 24 mental health and recovery board areas. In Year 2 of the project, 2 new counties and 26 new law enforcement jurisdictions began using the form.

Ohio CIT Training

Ohio CIT programs far exceeded estimations for training during the second year of the project. Based on past data, it was estimated that Ohio CIT programs would hold 60 CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses and 40 Advanced, Refresher, or Role-specific (formerly called Partner/Stakeholder) Training Courses. **At the end of Project Year 2, 101 CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses and 85 Advanced, Refresher, or Role-specific Training Courses had been held.** In total, 130 mini-grants, funded by the CJ CCoE and distributed by NAMI Ohio, were provided to CIT Programs to assist in off-setting the cost of these trainings.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Probation Officer Training

The CJ CCoE facilitated its third statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Probation Officer Training in February 2022. This statewide training was used as a model to enable CIT Programs to facilitate a role-specific local training course for their probation departments. After the completion of the training and review of feedback and evaluations, training materials and considerations were compiled to assist CIT Program Coordinators in partnering

with their local probation departments to provide this training. These materials will be disseminated in Project Year 3.

Technical Assistance (TA) Sessions

The CJ CCoE also exceeded its goal for providing Technical Assistance (TA) sessions by holding 8 CIT-focused sessions. Topics included:

Technical Assistance (TA) Session Topic	Attendees
CIT Refresher Training	33
CIT Recognition and Honors	19
CIT First Responder Training (Fire/EMS)	14
CIT Program Coordination	33
Community Ownership: Engaging and Securing Commitment from Leaders	28
Behavioral Health CIT Training (targeted TA for Montgomery County CIT Program)	2
2022 Ohio CIT Core Elements	34
Agitated Chaotic Events: CIT Program Guidance and Materials	15
<i>(See Appendix F for more details on the associated materials)</i>	

Recordings of all Technical Assistance (TA) sessions are located [here](#) .

Continued Growth of Ohio CIT Programs

CIT programs experienced additional areas of growth in training participation, co-coordination, policy work, and development of jurisdiction level coordinators/points of contact:

- 8 new law enforcement jurisdictions, representing 6 counties, participated in CIT training, with 45 law enforcement scholarships dispersed to assist in off-setting costs for officers to attend.
- 5 CIT programs identified new co-coordinators.
- 44 new jurisdictional level coordinators/points of contact were identified, including 1 point of contact representing Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- 15 law enforcement jurisdictions instituted new or updated CIT policies.

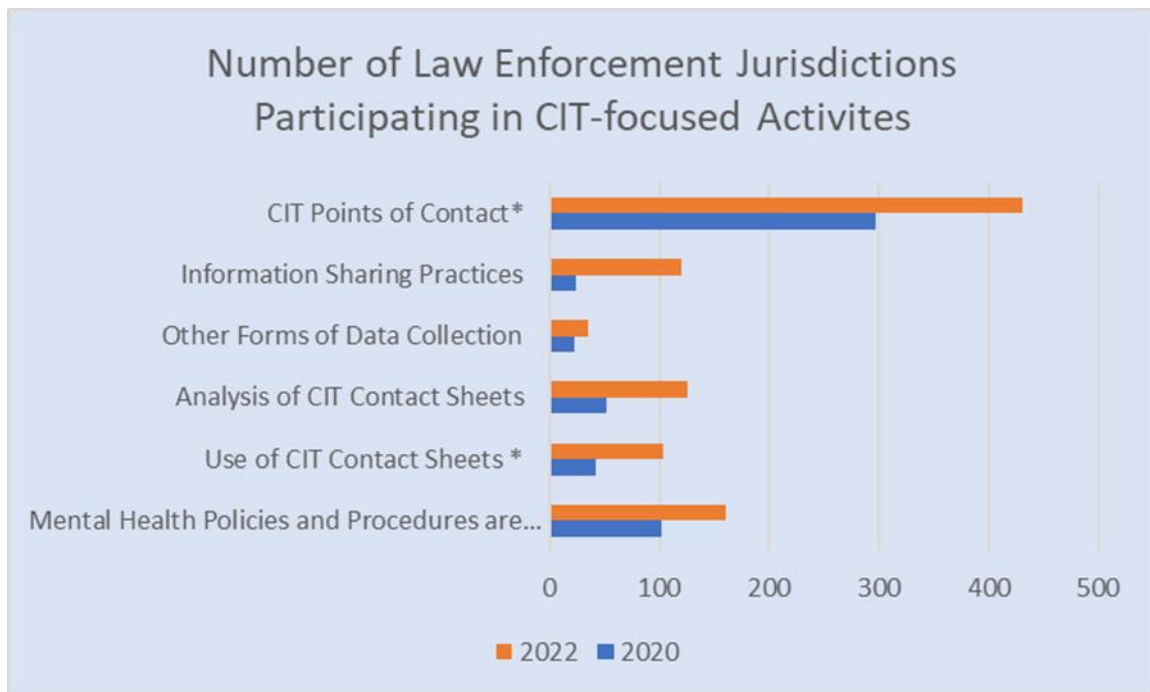
Overview of Ohio CIT Program Status and Development Updates

From January to June 2020, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) issued requests to collect information regarding the current statuses of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs. At that time, 42 CIT programs responded to this request and provided information regarding their CIT program and associated law enforcement jurisdiction activities.

During Project Year 2, the CJ CCoE issued a request to these same CIT programs to provide updates on their CIT program status and developments. As of June 2022, 25 CIT programs responded to this request and provided updates on their CIT program and jurisdictions. This information represents 75 counties and 838 jurisdictions. The aggregate data compares baseline information from 2020 with the 2022 information that incorporates the updates from 25 CIT programs. The information is presented in two sections: law enforcement jurisdictions and CIT programs (single and multi-county).

Law Enforcement Jurisdiction Information

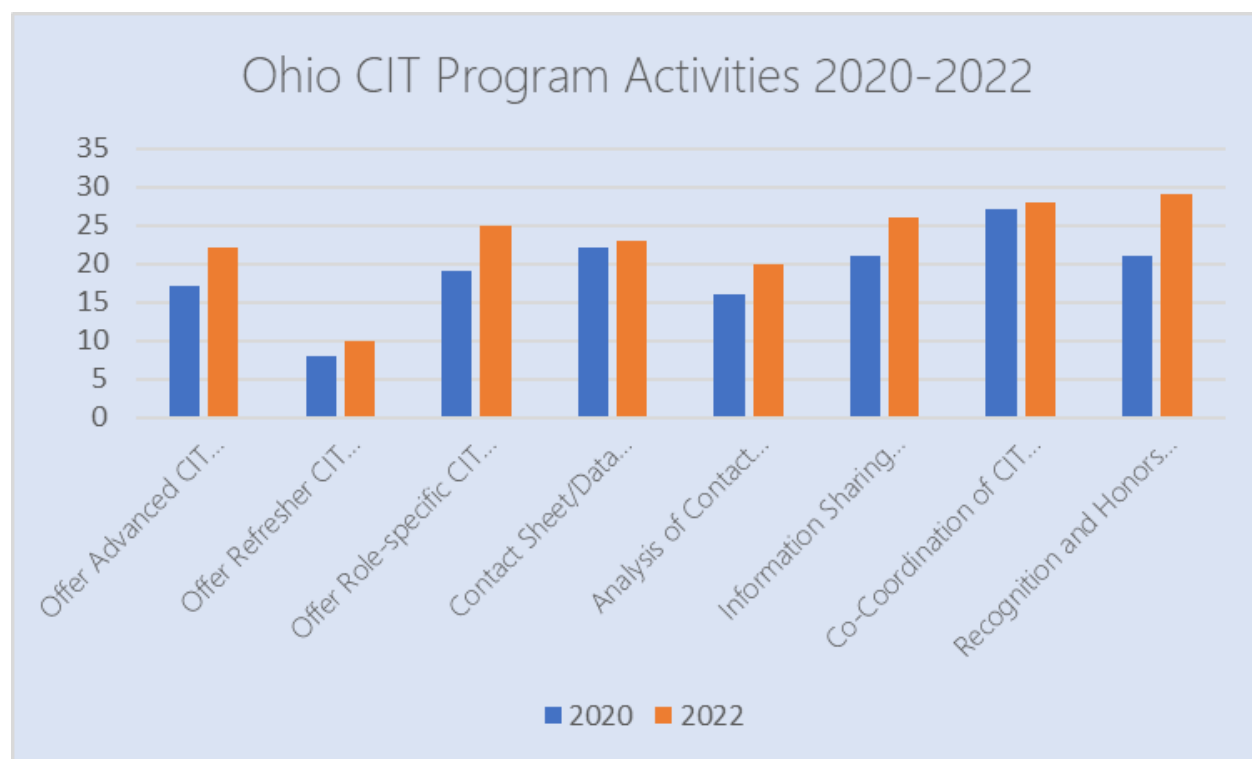
Law enforcement jurisdictions in Ohio increased their CIT-related activities across the board, including developing and implementing mental health policies and procedures (57% increase), use of Crisis Intervention Contact Sheets (145% increase), analysis of Crisis Intervention Contact Sheets (147% increase), other forms of data collection (59% increase), establishing information sharing practices (400% increase), and establishing CIT Points of Contact (45% increase).



*Figures in these categories are still under review and await final confirmation from a few communities.

CIT Program Development and Growth

All 42 Ohio CIT Programs maintained CIT Patrol Officer Trainings. Additionally, Ohio CIT Programs saw growth in their activities as evidenced by offering Advanced CIT Training courses (29% increase), offering Refresher CIT Training courses (25% increase), offering Role-specific CIT Training courses (32% increase), utilization of Crisis Intervention Contact sheet/data collection (5% increase), analysis of Crisis Intervention Contact sheet or other information sharing (63% increase), engaging in information sharing practices (24% increase), co-ordination of their CIT program between mental health and law enforcement (4% increase), and establishing recognition and honors activities for CIT trained officer (38% increase).



The 25 CIT Programs that provided updates during Project Year 2:

Butler, Champaign/Logan, Clermont, Columbiana, Delaware/Morrow, Franklin, Gallia/Jackson/Meigs, Hamilton, Hancock, Lake, Licking/Knox, Lorain, Lucas, Medina, Montgomery, Northwest Ohio CIT Program, Paint Valley, Portage, Preble, Stark, Summit, Warren/Clinton, Washington, Wayne/Holmes, and Wood.

Looking Ahead: Year 3 of the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project

The CJ CCoE will begin Project Year 3 of the *Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project* on July 1, 2022, with over \$530,000 of carry-over state funding and \$500,000 in continued federal funding. Along with continuing long-standing initiatives, such as statewide in-service trainings, tracking of CIT training across the state, subaward funding for communities, and work to increase participation in CIT training, new initiatives, projects, and tasks have emerged for the upcoming year:

- Increase opportunities for inclusion of jails in CIT programming, and begin tracking and reporting on the number of corrections officers trained in CIT across the state
- Complete a revision of the CIT Peer Review process to incorporate the 2022 Ohio CIT Core Elements
- Expand the support of policy development to include mental health system policies that support law enforcement crisis intervention and policies related to 988, 911, and their coordination with CIT programs
- Enhance CIT Program information sharing and data collection processes or use of digital platforms in 3 programs by 1) instituting an initial practice in 1 of the regional programs that are known to not have a process or platform and 2) enhancing the practice of 2 of the regional programs that have a process established and need to further develop their efforts
- Create a brief report detailing how many CIT trained officers are currently working at Ohio law enforcement agencies, including a count of all active officers who have attended the CIT Patrol Officer Training Course as of April 2022, to inform the impact of CIT program training efforts
- Disseminate the Probation CIT Training Course planning materials and *A Closer Look at Ohio CIT Core Elements: Reporting Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Data within a Sample of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs* to CIT program coordinators

Appendix

Appendix A – An Overview of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Statistics

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs are a partnership between law enforcement, the mental health system, and mental health advocacy groups. The training component within CIT programs is a collaborative effort, providing intensive instruction, designed to help law enforcement officers identify and respond to individuals with mental illness who are in crisis.

CIT Officers have been trained in all Ohio counties.

Year 2 of the CIT Support and Expansion Project, from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, continued to see increases in training courses. In this timeframe, CIT programs across Ohio held **166** trainings, where over **77%** (68/88) of Ohio's counties hosted trainings and **80%** (70/88) of counties sent professionals to receive training. To illustrate the effect of these funds on Ohio's CIT programs, we show the outcomes of this project year compared with the entirety of the project, January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022. The first graphic shows figures for the CIT Patrol Officer Training Course, followed by the figures for advanced, refresher, and role-specific courses. A table showing historic course statistics by profession is presented at the end.

CIT Patrol Officer Training Course Figures

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Full Course Count: **96**

1,503 Sworn Officers

257 Corrections Officers

62 EMS/Fire

29 Public Safety Telecommunicators

34 Protective Services/Security

53 Parole/Probation Officers

56 Other professions*

1,994 professionals

January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022

Full Course Count: **178**

2,900 Sworn Officers

369 Corrections Officers

95 EMS/Fire

58 Public Safety Telecommunicators

58 Protective Services/Security

70 Parole/Probation Officers

93 Other professions*

3,643 professionals

*Includes Mental Health Treatment Counselors, Educators, Social Workers, Healthcare Professionals, Court Personnel and Administrative/Board Members

Advanced, Refresher, & Role-specific (ARR) Training Figures

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

ARR Course Count: **70**

468 Sworn Officers

45 Corrections Officers

101 EMS/Fire

271 Public Safety Telecommunicators

18 Protective Services/Security

35 Parole/Probation Officers

141 *Other professions**

1,079 professionals

January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

ARR Course Count: **144**

1,392 Sworn Officers

111 Corrections Officers

110 EMS/Fire

589 Public Safety Telecommunicators

26 Protective Services/Security

61 Parole/Probation Officers

304 *Other professions**

2,593 professionals

ARR courses remained in demand for many CIT Programs. These courses are shorter in length on a variety of topics and information beyond the Patrol Officer Training Course. The above comparison illustrates the impact of this project on the availability of newer course content within CIT Programs across Ohio.

Advanced, Refresher, and Role-specific training topics:

Suicide/Officer Wellness

QPR/De-escalation

Trauma and Self-care

Crisis Awareness and Self-care

CIT for Youth

First Responder Wellness

Mental Health First Aid for Youth

Marsy's Law

De-escalation

Non-escalation/De-escalation

Youth Intervention

CIT for Corrections Officers

CIT for Behavioral Health

CIT for Public Safety Telecommunicators

CIT for Probation Officers

*Includes Mental Health Treatment Counselors, Educators, Social Workers, Healthcare Professionals, Court Personnel and Administrative/Board Members

CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses Statistics

May 2000 – June 2022



14,849 Sworn Officers

3,283 Corrections Officers

325 EMS/Fire

353 Protective Services/Security

352 Public Safety Telecommunicators

435 Parole/Probation Officers

1,433 *Other professions**

21,030 professionals

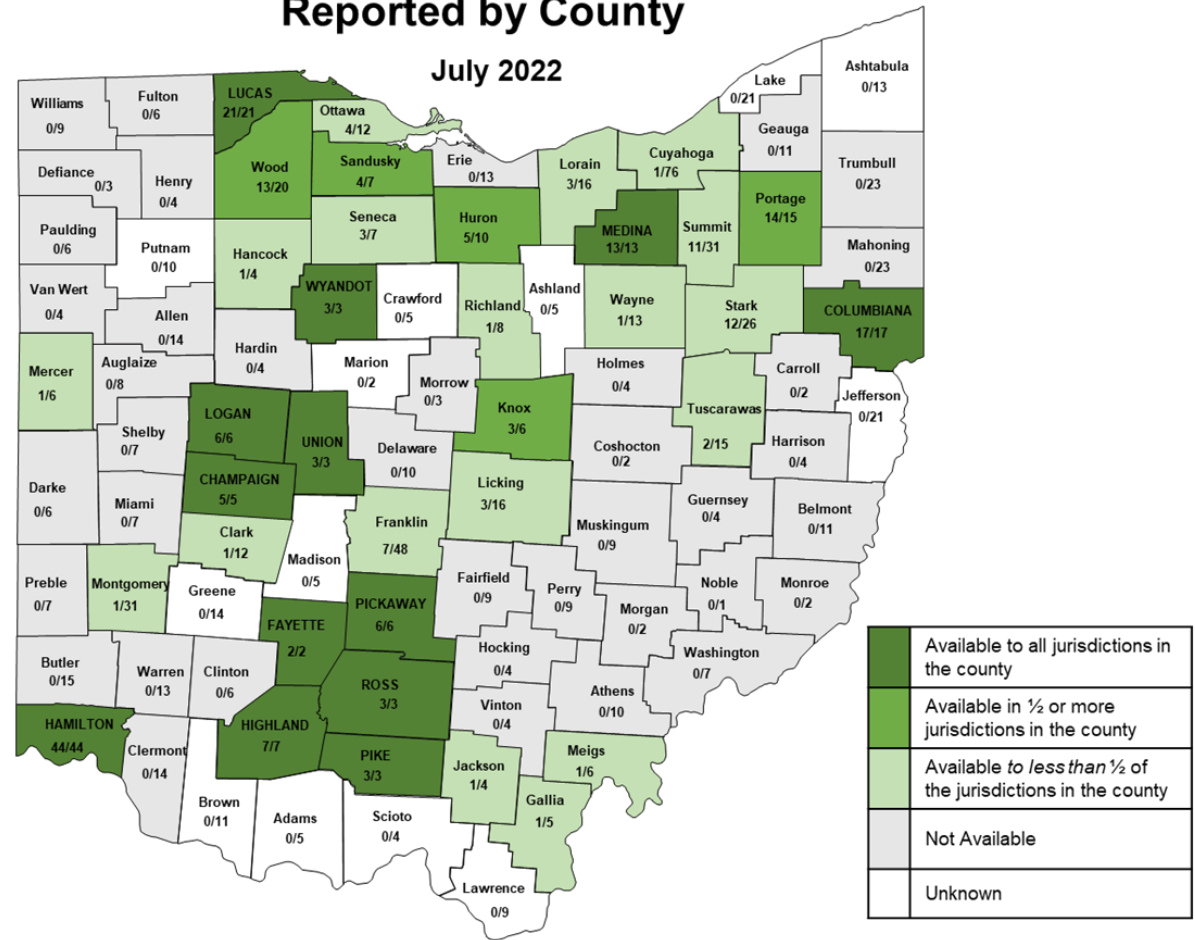
Appendix B – Final Technical Assistance Report

Technical Assistance Provided	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	Totals
Materials/Information	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	6	8	8	8	3	49
Guidance	1	1	4	2	3	6	6	9	7	9	3	1	52
Policy/Procedures	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	4	2	1	15
Coordinator Development	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	4	3	-	-	13
Core Elements	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Membership/Participation	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	5
CIT PGM DEV/Steering Comm	5	1	2	13	12	3	4	3	9	-	5	5	62
Training Assistance	5	12	12	4	1	11	2	8	13	9	4	3	84
Peer Review	5	2	4	3	7	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	26
Data Collection Assistance	7	6	2	5	6	6	4	3	2	2	1	-	44
Total Points of Assistance	24	25	30	32	39	35	17	29	47	37	25	13	353
<i>Board/Program Areas Covered (e</i>	9	13	13	17	18	21	10	14	21	12	8	10	166
<i>Jurisdictions/Agencies Assisted</i>	14	15+IN	14	19	20	25	13	17	5	17+WV	7+WV&TX	11	138
<i>CIT Coordinator Emails</i>	8	8	14	7	10	6	3	2	14	11	4	5	92
<i>CJ CCoE Website Updates</i>	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	2	20

Notes: Abbreviations of US States are included in Jurisdictions/Agencies assisted.

Appendix C – Ohio Map of CIT Contact Sheet Availability



CIT Contact Sheet Availability* Reported by County











*Existence of Contact Sheet does not confirm use, sharing, or analysis of information with community partners.

Appendix D – Ohio CIT Program Project and Work Accomplishments

This report illustrates the advances that CIT programs participating in the *Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project* generated during Project Year 2 July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. During this period, 30 projects were conducted by 25 CIT Programs. There were 17 new projects completed with associated new subaward funding. An additional 13 projects were started in Project Year 1 and carried both their work and funding into Project Year 2. There were 5 CIT programs that completed both an existing project *and* a new project within this time. Despite the continued pandemic and varying shutdown protocols, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs persisted and accomplished many of their original targets for the second year of this project. The information below shows the total work done by CIT programs during Project Year 2, regardless of if the project and associated funding was carried over the previous year or not. Projections for CIT program project work was based on the Scopes of Work that each program submitted as part of their application for funding. All information is program-level, unless otherwise indicated.

-  Indicates that a projection for Year 2 was met (new projects only)
-  Indicates that a projection for Year 2 was exceeded (new projects only)

CIT Training, Trainer, and/or Speaker Development	Total Work Completed FY 22
Full CIT Course Enhancements	4 
Companion CIT Courses	18 
Advanced CIT Courses	16
Refresher CIT Courses	7
New Law Enforcement Participation in Full CIT Course	0
Exploration of Companion CIT Courses	2 
Stipends (Law Enforcement, and People with Lived Experience)	8 
Trainer and/or Speaker Development	5 
CIT International Coordinator Certification Attendance	3 
CJ CCoE Probation CIT Course Attendance	2 
PST Attendance at PST Training	2 

Policies and Procedures	Total Work Completed FY 22
Development or Revision of Policies	5
Development or Revision of Policies (Jurisdiction Level)	14
Other	2

Information Gathering and Sharing	Total Work Completed FY 22
Development or Revision of Record Keeping and/or Information Sharing	3
Development or Revision of Record Keeping and/or Information Sharing (Jurisdiction Level)	68 ★
Analysis of Information	9
Information Sharing Practices	6 ★
Implementation of a Follow-Up Procedures	0
Other	18

CIT Coordinators	Total Work Completed FY 22
Identification of a CIT Co-Coordinator	5 ★
Identification of a Project Coordinator	0
Identification or Clarification of a Law Enforcement Point of Contact (Jurisdiction Level)	43
Other	3 ★

Recognition and Honors	Total Work Completed FY 22
Recognition and Honors Program	14
Marketing of the CIT Program	15 ★
CIT Recognition Items	6 ★

Other	Total Work Completed FY 22
CIT Steering Committee Development/Enhancements	7 ★
CIT Instructor Ride-a-Along with CIT Officers	1 ★
Visitation to Other CIT Programs	1 ★
Exploration of a Communication Platform	0



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Appendix E - Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project: Year 2 Goals & Accomplishments

The following table details the goals, strategies, and accomplishments for the project period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

(See Appendix F for additional accomplishments beyond these goals)

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Partnerships: Law Enforcement, Advocacy, Mental Health		
Maintain a formal relationship (contracts) with NAMI Ohio and two law enforcement representatives to manage CIT program support, development, technical assistance, and expansion.		Contracts with NAMI Ohio, Officer Jeff Futo, and Commander (Ret.) Christopher Bowling were executed.
Convene the statewide CIT Coordinators group at least twice in collaboration with NAMI Ohio and the law enforcement liaison CIT Coordinator.		The semi-annual CIT Coordinators meetings were held on November 10, 2021 (39 attendees) and March 23, 2022 on Zoom (58 attendees).
Provide stipends to 180 people with lived experience, family members and advocates for participation in CIT training, Sequential Intercept Mapping, or steering committees.	Funding for stipends was included in the NAMI Ohio contract. NAMI Ohio coordinated collecting and fulfilling stipend requests.	42 stipends were issued by NAMI Ohio.
Strive to include jails in CIT programming across the state. Through CIT training data and input from CIT Coordinators, determine which jails participate in CIT training and CIT Steering Committees. Identify county jails to receive information and outreach related to CIT.	<p>Questions pertaining to CIT programming in jails were added to the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Information Packet for Project Year 2.</p> <p>In February 2022, an assessment of jail administrative staff representation on the 39 available CIT Steering Committee rosters was conducted.</p>	<p>25 CIT programs completed and returned an Information Packet with updates about their program status and development during Project Year 2. Of these, 22 routinely encourage/invite local jail staff to their CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses based on responses collected.</p> <p>Jail administrative staff were represented on 7 CIT Steering Committees. (Assessed Feb. 2022)</p>

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Community Ownership: Planning, Implementation and Networking		
The CJ CCoE Collaboration Board will include CIT program development as a standing agenda item.		Established as a standing agenda item in Sept. 2021.
The collaboration board will seek representation from a person with lived experience to fill the currently vacant seat		In April 2022, Daniel Rodgers of Lucas County, recipient of the Ohio CIT Person with Lived Experience of the Year Award, was identified to provide representation for persons with lived experience. He will begin attending meetings in Project Year 3.
CIT programs receiving mini-grants, scholarships or sub-awards for training and program development will be required to submit steering committee rosters.	<p>NAMI Ohio guidance documents for these funds included the submission of a CIT Steering Committee roster as a requirement.</p> <p>NAMI Ohio shared submitted CIT Steering Committee Rosters with the CJ CCoE</p>	The CJ CCoE had 39 steering committee rosters (representing 39 CIT programs and 74 counties) on file at the end of Project Year 2.
Complete a revision/update of Ohio's consensus document on the CIT core elements to reflect current practice, standards, and community changes. Once completed, incorporate revisions in the peer review/fidelity process.	<p>The Core Elements Review Committee met nine times. Along with the meetings, members also conducted work on shared documents to provide feedback and suggested revisions.</p> <p>Drafts of the new core elements were reviewed by the CJ CCoE staff and finalized.</p>	The <i>Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs</i> was disseminated to the CIT coordinator email distribution list on June 7, 2022.

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Policies and Procedures		
<p>Increase by 60 the number of LE jurisdictions instituting new or updating existing CIT policies.</p>	<p>Multiple CIT programs selected to focus on law enforcement CIT policy creation or updates as part of their activities for Project Year 2.</p>	<p>15 law enforcement jurisdictions instituted a new or updated CIT policies.</p>
<p>Seek inclusion of the model CIT policy with the Ohio Collaborative.</p>	<p>The Crisis Intervention Law Enforcement Policy Guide was created and disseminated in FY21. The Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) leadership approved making a request to the Ohio Collaborative Community-Policing Advisory Board to create a CIT/crisis intervention standard for Ohio's law enforcement agencies. On May 12, 2022, Officer Jeff Futo and Ret. Commander Chris Bowling presented at the Ohio Collaborative Community-Policing Advisory Board Meeting on CIT in Ohio and crisis intervention policies. After this meeting, Chris Nicastro, Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Justice Services (OhioMHAS) requested assistance in identifying individuals with lived experience in CIT officer encounters to speak to the board at an upcoming meeting. This request was sent out to the CIT coordinator email distribution list on May 23, 2022.</p>	<p>The CJ CCoE continued to seek inclusion of a CIT/crisis intervention standard with the Ohio Collaborative Community-Policing Advisory Board throughout Project Year 2. This initiative will continue into Project Year 3.</p>

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
CIT: Officer, Dispatcher, Coordinator		
Increase the number of programs with <u>co</u> -coordinators by ten (as of 8/9/21, 22 of 43 programs have co-coordinators; goal is to increase to 32)		5 CIT programs identified new program co-coordinators.
Increase the number of jurisdiction-level coordinators or points of contact by 50.		44 jurisdiction level coordinators/points of contact were identified (43 law enforcement coordinators/points of contact and 1 EMS coordinator/point of contact)
Increase the number of new law enforcement jurisdictions participating in CIT training by ten.	NAMI Ohio provided scholarships to encourage participation in CIT trainings	8 new law enforcement jurisdictions, representing 6 counties, attended CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses.
Provide 25 scholarships to LE agencies sending officers to CIT training for the first time or to offset a financial hardship at the agencies.	Funding for scholarships was included in the NAMI Ohio contract. NAMI Ohio coordinated collecting and fulfilling scholarship requests.	45 scholarships were issued. 43 of these were for hardships and 2 were for a new jurisdiction.
Increase the number of CIT programs providing training to PSTs by two.		1 CIT Program began hosting PST training (Columbiana County)
Curriculum: CIT Training		
Provide mini-grants to all 40-hour CIT courses, estimated at 60 for FY22.	Funding for mini grants was included in the NAMI Ohio contract. NAMI Ohio coordinated collecting and fulfilling mini-grant requests.	The CIT training schedule (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) included 106 CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses. 5 courses were cancelled due to COVID-19; therefore, 101 courses remained on the schedule and eligible to receive mini grants. 101 CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses were completed and 93 submitted rosters. 87 received mini grants.

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
<p>Assist Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio (MHANKYSWOH) with promotion of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for non-CIT officers. Specifically, assist MHANKYSWOH with promotion of MHFA in the five counties that do not host CIT training (Putnam, Brown, Ashland, Ashtabula, Jefferson).</p>	<p>Director Em Ribnik attended multiple meetings with MHANKYSWOH and the MHFA First Responder Stakeholder group.</p>	<p>CJ CCoE staff met with MHANKYSWOH staff and offered to disseminate MHFA training announcements and provided contact information for the counties that do not host CIT training. The contacts consisted of mental health and recovery board staff and/or another individual with contacts that could assist with supporting and advertising MHFA in the county. The CJ CCoE created a CIT one-page information sheet to be disseminated by MHANKYSWOH with resources materials at MHFA trainings.</p> <p>MHANKYSWOH advised that they attempted outreach to the identified contacts in Putnam, Brown, Ashland, Ashtabula, and Jefferson counties.</p>
<p>To ensure that all CIT programs include training that contains the key elements of a 40-hour CIT course,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and disseminate model learning objectives in the curriculum that reflect all agreed upon key elements and standardize expectations for meeting the model/core elements for Ohio. • Incorporate the updated training standards in the Peer Review process. 	<p>This topic was addressed by the Core Elements Review Committee and included in the core elements revisions.</p>	<p>Required learning objectives for the CIT Patrol Officer Course and role-based CIT trainings are included in the 2022 <i>Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs</i>.</p>

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
<p>Host at least one statewide probation officer training, and track and report probation officer participation in local and statewide CIT training programs.</p>	<p>Questions pertaining to probation officer access and participation in CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses was added to the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Information Packet to determine baseline data.</p>	<p>The CIT Probation Officer Training was held on February 14-15, 2022, at Lorain County Community College with 18 attendees.</p> <p>From July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, 28 probation officers and 16 parole officers (representing 12 board areas and 13 counties) completed the 40-hour CIT Patrol Officer Training Course.</p> <p>Cumulatively, since CIT inception in May 2000, 320 probation officers (representing 29 board areas and 42 counties) and 88 parole officers (representing 19 board areas and 22 counties) have completed the 40-hour CIT Patrol Officer Training Course.</p> <p>As of June 30, 2022, 25 CIT programs completed and returned Information Packets with updates on their CIT program status and development. Of these, 21 of the CIT programs reported routinely invite local probation officers to the local CIT Patrol Officer Training Courses.</p>
<p>Host at least one statewide public defender/assigned counsel mental health training.</p>		<p><i>Achieving Better Outcomes for People with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System: An Attorney's Guide</i> was held November 29-30, 2022, on Zoom with 9 public defenders/assigned counsel attendees.</p>

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Host one statewide CIT Coordinator course.		The CIT Coordinator Course was held June 9, 2022, at the State of Ohio Library with 23 attendees.
Host one statewide Public Safety Telecommunicators Training of CIT Trainers course.		The Public Safety Telecommunicators Training of Trainers was held on May 19, 2022, with 26 attendees at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.
Host one Advanced CIT Training Conference in collaboration with NAMI Ohio.		The Ohio CIT Advanced Training Conference was held April 6, 2022, at the Columbus Police Academy with 157 attendees.
Complete hybrid training package with Northwest Ohio CIT (NAMI SSW) and monitor their pilot use of the learning management system (LMS) system.	A hybrid training package for a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course was determined to include a combination of live (either in-person or Zoom) instruction and pre-recorded online learning. The Northwest Ohio CIT Program recruited speakers and created recordings of the content. NEOMED Department of Psychiatry's Pamela Roeper assisted by editing the recorded content and creating the online modules in Litmos (a learning management system). CJ CCoE staff assisted with registration and access to the modules.	Hybrid CIT Patrol Officer Training Course package was completed for this phase of work. The hybrid course was utilized in February 2022 by the Northwest Ohio (NWO) CIT Program.

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Mental Health Receiving Facility: Emergency Services		
<p>Advocate for and participate in state and national efforts to promote an effective, accessible, and responsive mental health system, including expansion of investments in mental health service programming to include a comprehensive crisis response system that is well aligned with accessible and effective outpatient treatment options. Serve on statewide Crisis Response System Task Force.</p>	<p>Meetings for each subcommittee of the Crisis Response System Task Force took place between December 2021 and April 2022.</p> <p>Staff of the Department of Psychiatry, including representation from the CJ CCoE and OPCS MH (Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health), attended an overview of the Clear Pathways Initiative.</p>	<p>Three members of the Department of Psychiatry participated in the subcommittees of the statewide Crisis Response System Task Force. The subcommittees presented their final recommendations to the Respond Committee on April 15, 2022.</p>
<p>Assist communities in shaping 24/7 mental health services that adequately meet each community's needs, including no-refusal access for law enforcement officers to transfer responsibility for specialized mental health assessment and care. Provide, track and report TA.</p>	<p>In Sandusky County, Director Em Ribnik provided technical assistance regarding their Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) between August 2021 and February 2022. This included feedback and guidance on a manual for their MCRT and coordinating meetings between their team and the leadership of Stark County CIT and MCRT. These meetings focused on assisting them in their plans to expand the team into 3 additional counties in the future (Ottawa for a full-time team, Seneca for a full-time team, and Wyandot for a part-time team).</p>	<p>Sandusky County launched their Mobile Crisis Response Team in August 2021, utilizing a partnership between law enforcement, mental health providers, and county crisis services. By January 2022, the MCRT had contact with over 170 individuals and were beginning to see reductions in duplicate contacts, reductions in calls to LE from contacts, reduction in hospitalization referrals, and increases in contacts with the MCRT overall.</p>

	On May 23, 2022, Executive Director Ruth Simera and Director Em Ribnik met with Jeff Kirschner from Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (Hamilton County) and provided him with multiple resources and referrals to assist his work with Cincinnati PD to begin development of a Crisis Response/Stabilization Services unit.	
Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Evaluation and Research		
Increase use of crisis intervention contact sheets by two counties and 25 law enforcement agencies.		3 new counties and 26 new jurisdictions started utilizing crisis intervention contact sheets. (One county discontinued the use of a crisis intervention contact sheet in November 2021)
Convene regular meetings of program directors, evaluators, or research staff among the fifteen regional programs engaged in CI data analysis and reporting. Meetings to include at least 50% of the programs, result in an aggregate summary of the data collection and sharing practices, and result in one TA session.	CJ CCoE Law Enforcement Liaison Officer Jeff Futo and Research, Grants and Evaluation Manager Mekal Banyasz sent meeting requests to 15 CIT programs that sent the CJ CCoE data reports in the last 2 years. By November 2021, they held all 15 meetings with these identified CIT programs. Meetings were transcribed for analysis to create an accompanying report.	<i>A Closer Look at Ohio CIT Core Elements: Reporting Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Data within a Sample of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs</i> was created from these meetings and submitted to the CJ CCoE in June 2022 for review.
Pilot a CIT data collection initiative with a selected statewide vendor for at least three CIT programs or jurisdictions.	The CJ CCoE staff met regularly with Cordata staff beginning in October 2021 to develop the CIT platform, select pilot CIT programs, review data collection and information sharing capabilities,	Cordata, an online health data management company, was selected as the statewide vendor for the CIT data collection initiative. CIT programs selected for this pilot were Licking/Knox, Champaign/Logan, and Paint

	<p>establish CIT data metrics, and address the needs of the pilot CIT programs.</p> <p>CCoE Staff met with the Cordata development team on June 29th to prepare for the rollout of the CIT Portal. A how-to guide, July 1st training schedules for law enforcement agencies, and other relevant information went out to participants that day.</p>	<p>Valley. These 3 CIT programs represented 14 law enforcement jurisdictions.</p> <p>Creation of the CIT Portal was completed in June 2022 with tentative dates for rollout scheduled for July 5, July 18, and August 1 for Phase 1-3, respectively.</p>
<p>Complete three Peer Reviews: NWO regional program hybrid training, Hancock County CIT Program (2nd review), and one program that has not previously been reviewed.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hancock County (Finalized Sept. 2021) • Northwest Ohio (NWO) Hybrid CIT Patrol Training Course (Finalized Jan. 2022) • Union County (Finalized Sept. 2022) – this was their second CIT Peer Review • Butler County (Finalized Sept. 2022)
Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
In-Service Training		
<p>Provide mini grants for 40 advanced, refresher, or PST training.</p>	<p>Funding for mini grants was included in the NAMI Ohio contract. NAMI Ohio coordinated collecting and fulfilling mini-grant requests.</p>	<p>The CIT Training Schedule (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) included 92 advanced/refresher/partner stakeholder CIT courses that were eligible to receive this mini-grant. There were 7 trainings that were canceled.</p> <p>July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, 85 courses were completed and 46 submitted rosters. 43 received mini grants.</p>

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Increase refresher trainings by four programs.	Funding for mini grants was included in the NAMI Ohio contract. NAMI Ohio coordinated collecting and fulfilling mini-grant requests.	4 new CIT Programs hosted a Refresher Training.
Create and provide clear definitions for advanced vs. refresher training.		The October TA session, CIT Refresher Training, presented a definition to clarify Advanced CIT training courses and Refresher CIT training courses. Definitions were also included in the 2022 <i>Core Elements of Ohio Crisis Intervention Team Programs</i> .
Host at least six statewide Technical Assistance sessions (consensus document, EMS/Fire, refresher trainings, recognition and honors, engaging LE administration, juvenile response; data)		<p>Eight TA sessions were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIT Refresher Training (10/25/2021) – 33 attendees • CIT Recognition and Honors (12/15/2021) – 19 attendees • CIT First Responder Training (Fire/EMS) (1/21/2022) – 14 attendees • CIT Program Coordination (2/28/2022) – 33 attendees • Community Ownership: Engaging and Securing Commitment from Leaders (5/5/2022) – 28 attendees • Behavioral Health CIT Training, a targeted TA session for Montgomery County (5/9/2022) • Ohio CIT Core Elements (6/23/2022) – 34 attendees • Agitated Chaotic Events: CIT Program Guidance and Materials (6/30/2022) – 15 attendees

Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
<p>Catalog and organize CJ CCoE training assets to create a video repository easily accessible to statewide stakeholders</p>	<p>An initial repository and catalog were completed in February 2022 for all 3 Coordinating Centers of Excellence. Older CJ CCoE videos that were being housed on MediaSite but not currently accessible to statewide stakeholders were identified to be added to the CJ CCoE YouTube channel. These were added to Youtube and the CJ CCoE Video Repository list (with links) was updated.</p>	<p>The catalog was updated and includes links to all videos on YouTube. It will be updated regularly.</p>
<p>Create two advanced trainings in the NEOMED Learning Management System (IDD and Veterans) and create a plan for statewide utilization</p>	<p>Curriculum, videos, and associated content materials were reviewed by the CJ CCoE for both an I/DD (Intellectual/Developmental Disorder) and Veterans focused CIT training.</p> <p>A draft of <i>Veterans in Crisis</i> materials and online training module was released by email to CIT program coordinators for review and feedback on April 25, 2022. 14 CIT program coordinators requested access to view the online materials. A follow up session convened individuals to provide feedback on June 1, 2022.</p> <p>The content and materials garnered positive feedback. This feedback was shared with Dr. Heather Robinson and</p>	<p><i>Veterans in Crisis</i> was finalized in April 2022 and disseminated to CIT Program Coordinators. Access to the online training is available by request through the CJ CCoE.</p> <p>After review by the CJ CCoE staff and additional content area experts, it was determined that the content and materials created for the I/DD focused CIT training courses was not ready for state-wide dissemination and availability.</p>

	Chief William Robinson, who each contributed to the creation of the materials.	
Convene a group of content experts related to "Excited Delirium" to address the position statements, evidence, and training needs in CIT. Document and disseminate clear guidance for CIT programs.	After discussion with the CJ CCoE Collaboration Board, a cross discipline group of content experts (including CIT Coordinators, CIT instructors, CIT patrol officers, EMS/Fire, representation from OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, etc.) was convened. The group met five times to create guidance documents for Ohio CIT Programs.	Agitated Chaotic Events: CIT Program Guidance whitepaper, curriculum outline/checklist, and sample presentation were disseminated to CIT Program Coordinators on June 26, 2022. The accompanying TA session was held on June 30, 2022.
Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Recognition and Honors		
Include local recognition and honors events in the quarterly statewide newsletter.	Dissemination Coordinator Ashley Eads emails CIT program coordinators for recognition and honors event information prior to the quarterly statewide CIT newsletter publication.	Recognition and honors events were included in the fall 2021 quarterly statewide CIT newsletter. The winter 2021 quarterly statewide CIT newsletter theme was recognition and honors. 2022 Ohio CIT award winners and nominees were featured in the summer quarterly statewide CIT newsletter.
Sponsor statewide CIT awards at the annual Advanced Training Conference	The Advanced CIT Conference Planning Committee updated the Ohio CIT Award descriptions. The nomination portal was open during January and February 2022.	Ohio CIT Awards were presented at the CIT Advanced Training Conference on April 6, 2022. Award winners were presented with a trophy and featured in the Ohio CIT Quarterly Newsletter. All award nominees received a framed letter of recognition which included a quote from their nomination.

Use the CIT email distribution list to disseminate Ohio CIT News items at least monthly		Ohio CIT News items were disseminated monthly from July 2021 – June 2022.
Goal	Strategies	Project Year End Accomplishment
Outreach: Developing CIT in Other Communities		
Assist Ashtabula in start-up of a CIT program – steering committee and first training.	CJ CCoE Law Enforcement Liaison and Police Officer Jeff Futo met multiple times with Miriam Walton, the Ashtabula CIT Program Coordinator. He also met with potential CIT trainers and encouraged mentorship with a nearby CIT Program.	Ashtabula County established their CIT Steering Committee and scheduled their first CIT Patrol Officer Training Course for February 2023.
Secure participation in the CIT Support and Expansion Project with at least 20 regional CIT programs, and with at least one being new, as evidenced by formal subawards.	<p>13 projects that began in Project Year 1 were approved to continue their work into Project Year 2.</p> <p>17 new projects began in Project Year 2.</p> <p>The application process for CIT Program Development Awards was transitioned to Qualtrics, an online survey and information gathering platform. This transition garnered positive feedback from participants and will continue into Project Year 3.</p>	<p>There were 30 CIT Program Development Awards that used funds in Project Year 2 to conduct or continue work. Montgomery County CIT received their first CIT Program Development Award.</p> <p>These 30 projects represented 25 CIT programs.</p>
Provide technical assistance as needed to all Ohio CIT programs and report on those activities.	All CJ CCoE staff, including the two law enforcement liaisons, provided technical assistance to Ohio CIT programs. Technical assistance is individualized assistance based on the needs of the CIT program's status and development.	Technical assistance was provided in the following categories: materials, CIT program information and guidance, policies and procedures, CIT coordinator development, CIT program development, CIT Steering Committee

	Technical assistance was also provided to CIT coordinators at the jurisdictional level.	development, training assistance, CIT Peer Review, and data collection assistance. <i>See Appendix B</i>
Revise /update standard email and packet of materials to serve as a startup kit for new coordinators	In March 2022, staff reviewed and revised email templates and materials for new CIT Coordinators. When possible, emails and materials are specific to the local program and county.	Updated email templates for new CIT Program Coordinators and new Jurisdiction/Agency Coordinators were completed in March 2022. The emails include links to specific areas of the CJ CCoE CIT website, instructions for sending in CIT training dates and rosters, the CIT training roster template, partnership with and materials available from NAMI Ohio, upcoming events, crisis intervention and public safety telecommunicator (addendum) policy guides, and specific CIT program information and contacts.



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Appendix F – Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project: Additional Accomplishments

This section of the report illustrates additional accomplishments that the *Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project* generated during Project Year 2 from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Despite the continued pandemic and varying shutdown protocols, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs developed innovations *beyond* the original targets.

Agitated Chaotic Events CIT Program Guidance

Prior to the beginning of Project Year 2, the CJ CCoE was approached by multiple partners requesting that the staff investigate and provide guidance for CIT programs surrounding the medical phenomenon “excited delirium”. In the previous few years, national professional medical and mental health organizations had released publications that exhibited a lack of agreement on both the term for the medical phenomenon and the term’s use. To clarify the current opposing viewpoints and offer direction for Ohio CIT programs, the CJ CCoE convened a diverse group of medical, mental health, and law enforcement content experts to address this topic. The goal was to produce guidance for Ohio CIT programs and CIT officers, including supported terminology, CIT Patrol Officer Training Course content, and how this phenomenon should be approached by CIT programs in their communities. The guidance materials included a whitepaper to provide additional context for CIT program coordinators, curriculum outline and checklist, and sample presentation. Once created, the guidance was disseminated to the Ohio CIT program coordinators for implementation in their programs. An associated Technical Assistance (TA) session was held after the release of the materials in June 2022. This allowed the project participants and the CJ CCoE to address questions and emphasize the main point – all these services and professions are focused on health and safety, and that when an individual is in crisis, we seek to get them the most appropriate treatment and care in the most efficient and timely way possible.

To watch the Agitated Chaotic Events Guidance TA session, click [here](#) under *2022 Technical Assistance Sessions*. Materials may be requested from the CJ CCoE.

Corrections Webinar Series on Mental Illness and the Jails

The Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness was established in 2011. Currently, the CJ CCoE has a presence on several committees of the task force, including the Best Practices and Mental Health Training for Jails Committee. One of the projects of this committee was to coordinate webinars to assist in educating corrections staff on mental health issues and treatment options for individuals with mental illness that are currently incarcerated. The CJ CCoE collaborated with the committee to host these webinars on Zoom. Hosting also included assisting with advertising, tracking attendance, and posting the recorded webinar on the CJ CCoE website with an introduction from the Ohio Attorney General. The live webinar allows for active participation from attendees, while the recordings allow corrections staff, who work a variety of schedules and shifts, to view the same vital information. To date, the webinar series has included three trainings:

- Best Practices in the Prescription of Antipsychotic Medications in Jails (3/2021)
- Mental Health 101 (11/2021)
- Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals – Part 1 (9/2022)

The series will be continuing into FY 2023. Links to the recordings are located [here](#) under *Links of Interest*.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) Elevates CIT

Over the past year, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) has dedicated time and staff to elevate CIT in Ohio's prison system and facilities. ODRC welcomed two new CIT Program Coordinators who attended multiple in-service trainings and proactively reached out to the CJ CCoE staff for consultation, referrals, materials, and technical assistance. One major change to ODRC's CIT Program was the re-launch of the CIT Steering Committee with statewide representation, including NAMI Ohio and an invitation to CJ CCoE staff to observe their inaugural meeting. Additionally, the ODRC CIT Program developed and implemented several new tracking reports and adopted an aggressive 40-Hour CIT training schedule that includes multiple offerings each month. Near the end of Project Year 2, they were also beginning a collaboration with the CJ CCoE to reconcile their historical CIT training records.



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