



# OHIO CIT NEWS



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## 2017 CIT Advanced Training Conference Recap

The 2017 CIT Conference held on June 2, 2017 at the Columbus Police Training Academy was an amazing success. Over 100 attendees heard from a wonderful array of speakers. NAMI Ohio Executive Director, Terry Russell and Northeast Ohio Medical University's Endowed Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Dr. Mark Munetz, kicked things off with a rousing introduction.




Mr. Russell & Dr. Munetz were then followed by an outstanding Welcome Address from the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction, Gary C. Mohr. Director Mohr has worked hard with his team at ODRC to begin working towards providing 30% of DRC Corrections Officers with Crisis Intervention Team training. Director Mohr's presentation was followed by an outstanding Keynote Address from Daniel Schmer of Blue Courage. Mr. Schmer discussed self-care for law enforcement officers, which is a vital but often overlooked subject.

Annual statewide CIT awards were presented before lunch by Director Mohr and Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton. Congratulations are in order for CIT Coordinator of the Year, Sgt. Heather Prusha, City of Stow Police Department (Summit County); CIT Officer of the Year, Darcy Workman, Hamilton Township Police Department (Warren County); CIT Program of the Year, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, received by ODRC CIT Coordinators, Natalie Magee, Nicole Herring, Donald Gant, and Travis Patchin; CIT Police Chief of the Year Vincent D'Egidio, New Middletown Police Department (Mahoning County); and the Evelyn Lundberg Stratton CIT Champion of the Year, Lt. Hank Everitt, Oregon Police Division (Lucas County).

The afternoon involved two informative breakout presentations. *Moving from CIT Training to CIT Culture* was presented by CIT International President and Ohio CIT Coordinator Lt. Michael Woody, CIT Coordinator Sgt. Daniel R. Harmon of the Findlay, Ohio Police Department Patrol Division (Hancock County), and CIT Coordinator Jodi Long, Director of Treatment and Supportive Services at the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board. Concurrently, *Effective Communication with Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities* was presented by Kathy Zielinski and Morgan Albert of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Speech/Language Therapy Services.

The closing plenary, provided by John Wallschlaeger of Gold Stripe Consulting in Wisconsin, was a meaningful way to end the day. Mr. Wallschlaeger discussed *Suicide by Cop*: CIT's role in identifying and reducing suicide by means of law enforcement in your community.

## 2017 Ohio CIT Award Winners

Officer of the Year	Champion of the Year	Coordinator of the Year
		
<p><b>Officer Darcy Workman</b> Hamilton Twp. PD w/Director Mohr &amp; Dustin McKee</p>	<p><b>Lt. Hank Everitt</b> Oregon PD w/Evelyn Stratton &amp; Robert Kasprzak</p>	<p><b>Sgt. Heather Prusha</b> Stow PD w/Evelyn Stratton &amp; Dustin McKee</p>

Chief of the Year

<p><b>Chief Vincent D'Egidio</b> Village of New Middleton PD w/Director Mohr &amp; Dustin McKee</p>

Program of the Year

<p><b>Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction CIT</b></p> <p>Travis Patchin, Natalie Magee, Nicole Herring, Donald Gant w/Director Mohr</p>

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**Lt. Hank Everitt from the Oregon PD receiving Lucas County  
CIT Officer of the Year Award in May 2017**



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**Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties Completes CIT  
Course #16 in June 2017**



## 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](mailto: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)
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](mailto: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 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. 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

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## 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 @ [dutifulmind@gmail.com](mailto: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 Trumbull County.

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## Ohio Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers

Emergency dispatchers are a critical link in the CIT program and may include call takers, dispatchers, and 911 operators. The success of CIT depends on their familiarity with the CIT program, knowledge of how to recognize a CIT call involving a behavioral crisis event, and asking appropriate questions to ascertain information that will help the community member and the responding CIT Officer, and appropriately dispatching a CIT Officer. Dispatchers should receive 8-16 hours of training in CIT and additional advanced in-service training.

The CJ CCoE through a Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in partnership with the Office of Criminal Justice Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, provided two 8-hour courses for CIT Dispatcher Trainers in February and May in Columbus, Ohio. 62 participants from 34 counties completed the training, and the evaluations were positive.



*May 18, 2017 Dispatcher/Call-Taker Training of CIT Trainers Participants*

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## Ohio CIT Coordinators Course

Thanks to the 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 CJ CCoE had the honor of sponsoring a one-day Ohio CIT Coordinator Course on May 30, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio.

The course hosted 36 participants representing 19 Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board areas and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The curriculum was based directly on the 10 Core Elements that make CIT so successful and consisted of panel discussions from rural and urban CIT programs throughout Ohio. At the end of the day, participants understood why the motto of CIT International is “CIT – More Than Just Training!”



*Inaugural Ohio CIT Coordinators Course Participants*

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## Upcoming Ohio CIT Courses

- Franklin County July 24 - 28
- Montgomery County July 31 - August 4
- Lucas County August 14 - 18
- Stark County August 14 - 18
- Hamilton County September 11 - 15
- Logan/Champaign Counties September 12 - 15
- Summit County September 25 - 29
- Richland County September 25 - 29
- Clark/Greene/Madison Counties September 25 - 29

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

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## 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. In addition, over 100 workshops for all levels of CIT Programs will be available. Go to [www.citinternational.org](http://www.citinternational.org) for more information.

