



OHIO CIT NEWS



Winter 2019



A Blanket Farewell



They said they'd retire someday, and like so many other somedays, it was hard to see that far in the future. Until now. The two people, who with the help of the Summit County ADM Board and Akron Police Department, made CIT a reality in Akron, Ohio in May 2000, are retiring together at the close of this calendar year - just as we approach the 20th anniversary of a successful and continuing Ohio initiative. We have much to thank retired Lt. Michael Woody and Dr.

Mark Munetz for, too much to capture in a brief newsletter article. They along with retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton pioneered what would become a model statewide CIT movement, true to the core elements of CIT and focused on improving the lives of Ohio citizens.

Those in attendance on November 15th shared the honor of Mike and Mark's last statewide CIT Coordinators meeting and enjoyed the pleasure of sending them off with these two-of-a-kind Ohio CIT blankets. We hope they'll find joy and comfort in the blankets and satisfaction in knowing that they did an amazing job of laying down a solid foundation for the Ohio CIT program.

We thank you.



Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project

The CJ CCoE is pleased to announce that we will administer state funding through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for Ohio CIT Support and Expansion programming during State Fiscal Years 2020-2021.




The project will provide support for a variety of activities and training opportunities related to CIT program development, including but not limited to: Law Enforcement agency scholarships, CIT training mini grants, CIT program development awards to Ohio county and multi-county CIT programs, regional or statewide training opportunities for partner groups, updated statewide strategic planning and more.




CJ CCoE staff will schedule planning calls with each local CIT Coordinator(s) and/or Steering Committee members to develop program plans and deliverables for each community. To schedule a call, please contact Haley Farver at hfarver@neomed.edu or 330-325-6815.

2019 CIT Advanced Training Conference

The 2019 CIT Advanced Training Conference was held on October 18, 2019 at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy with over 100 participants. Director Lori Criss and Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton presented the annual statewide CIT awards.

Congratulations to the 2019 Ohio CIT Award Winners!

CIT for Youth Officer of the Year	Law Enforcement Administrator of the Year	Evelyn Lundberg Stratton CIT Champion of the Year
		
<p>Officer Dawn Roberts <i>Akron Children's Hospital Police Department</i></p>	<p>Director Ken Collins <i>Lorain County Community College Campus Security Office</i></p>	<p>Major Scott Trussell <i>Meigs County Sheriff's Office</i></p>

Michael S. Woody CIT Coordinator of the Year	CIT Program of the Year	CIT Officer of the Year
		
<p>Sergeant Dan Harmon <i>Findlay Police Department</i></p>	<p>Wayne and Holmes Counties CIT Program <i>Wooster P.D. Officer Jerome Fatzinger and Wayne and Holmes Counties NAMI Executive Director Helen Walkerly</i></p>	<p>Officer Patrick Jama <i>Elyria Police Department</i></p>

Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Belmont County Completed 4th CIT Training in November 2019



Belmont County Mental Health and Recovery Board and Belmont County Sheriff's Office are proud to graduate 27 law enforcement officials, dispatch officers, and first responders in CIT.

Fairfield County Completed CIT Training in November 2019



Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board is proud to graduate twelve law enforcement officers and other related personnel in CIT.

Lucas County Completed CIT Training in November 2019



Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County is proud to graduate the November 2019 CIT class. All officers are pictured giving a “thank you wave” to Dr. Mark Munetz and Lt. Mike Woody for all the help they have given the Lucas County CIT program over the last ten years.

Trumbull County Completed CIT Training in October 2019



Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is proud to graduate the October 2019 CIT class.

Paint Valley Completed Two CIT Companion Courses in September 2019



Ross, Pike, Fayette, Highland and Pickaway Counties held a companion course for dispatchers on September 25, 2019 with four participants.



Ross, Pike, Fayette, Highgate and Pickaway Counties held a companion course for corrections on September 26, 2019 with five participants.

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

When: Friday, May 8, 2020

Where: To Be Determined (Columbus)

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

Save-the-Date: Ohio CIT Coordinators Course

When: Friday, April 17, 2020

Where: Ohio Department of Transportation: 1980 West Broad Street. Columbus, Ohio 43223

Please contact Haley Farver at hfarver@neomed.edu if you are interested in the course

Welcome New or Returning CIT Coordinators

- Erin Krusec
- Liz Atwell
- Michele Miller
- Brigitte Guiser

Belmont, Harrison and Monroe Counties
Hamilton County
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Cleveland Division of Police

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 Stacey Smith at NAMI Ohio: stacey@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 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) 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 through 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) 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 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 through 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 through 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

Stacey Smith – NAMI Ohio stacey@namiohio.org

The Value of Peer Reviews

Congratulations to Lorain County for recently completing a Peer Review of their CIT program, and welcome aboard to the Paint Valley (Ross, Pike, Fayette, Highland, and Pickaway Counties) CIT program, which will complete the process after the first of the year. 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 CIT program will receive **\$1,000** 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.

For more information or to set up a review of your CIT program please contact Jeff Futo at Jeff.futo@gmail.com.

Upcoming Ohio CIT Courses

- Medina County January 27-30, 2020
- Wood County April 13-16, 2020
- Summit County April 20-24, 2020
- Lorain County April 27-May 1, 2020
- Washington County May 4-8, 2020
- Wood County (CIT for Clinicians) May 6, 13 and 20, 2020
- Summit County September 28-October 2, 2020

Please advise Haley Farver at hfarver@neomed.edu of your planned CIT Courses for 2019!



Ohio CIT Program Coordinator or Contact Information

Note: information is subject to change

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National News and Updates

CIT International – Conference Registration

CIT International's annual conference will be held on August 24-26, 2020 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

To register visit www.citinternational.org/events.

Please pass word along to your local CIT officers and Law Enforcement agencies.

