



OHIO CIT NEWS

Fall 2022

2022 CIT International Conference

Staff from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) spent the last few days of August 2022 at the Crisis Intervention Team International Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

One of the highlights of the conference, beyond selecting from over 100 workshops to attend was observing Ohio partners present on this international stage. Officer Jeff Futo, Kent State University Police Services and Ohio CIT Law Enforcement Liaison, Commander (Ret.) Chris Bowling, Columbus Division of Police and law enforcement consultant, Adam Sorensen, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and Supervisor (LPCC-S), Director of Treatment and Recovery Services at the Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan and Champaign Counties and CIT Program Coordinator, and Chief Joe Freyhof, Village of Russells Point at Indian Lake and CIT Program Coordinator, presented “A Law Enforcement Policy Guide and One Program’s Road to Policy Implementation”.



Chief Joe Freyhof, Officer Jeff Futo, Commander (Ret.) Chris Bowling, & Adam Sorensen

Their presentation focused on the creation of the CJ CCoE’s Crisis Intervention Law Enforcement Policy Guide (CIT Focused), which was released in 2021, and how the Champaign/Logan CIT Program and the Village of Russells Point Police Department collaborated to create and implement policies. Officer Futo provided an



overview of the Ohio CIT core elements related to policies and procedures. Commander (Ret.) Bowling continued the conversation by breaking down differences between policies and procedures, providing tips for writing policies, and presenting the need for policies to leadership for buy-in and support. Adam discussed his experiences of gaining buy-in from multiple law enforcement agencies across the two counties that his CIT Program encompasses. Chief Freyhof closed the

presentation with an enthusiastic discussion of implementing policies and procedures within his department and how he continues to support the CIT Program’s efforts to implement CIT focused policies at all law enforcement agencies in their area. Their engaging and energetic presentation provided attendees with a wide scope of information regarding policy development and implementation, as well as a few laughs.



Directly after the presentation, over 50 Ohio attendees at the Crisis Intervention Team International Conference convened to meet each other and network. Each attendee had the opportunity to introduce themselves and their line of work. After taking a picture, the group spent time networking and connecting before going to afternoon conference sessions.

Seeing all the new and familiar faces from Ohio CIT Programs and other partners was a highlight of attending the Crisis Intervention Team International conference in 2022.



Ohio CIT International Conference registrants/attendees included, but were not limited to, representatives from: Crossroads Health; Cordata Healthcare Innovations; Behavioral Health and Sport Performance, LLC; Nationwide Children's Hospital; Coleman Health Services; NAMI Wayne & Holmes Counties; NAMI Northwest; Tiffin Police Department; Tallmadge Police Department; Wayne County Common Pleas Court; Wooster Police Department; Canton Municipal Court; Lorain County Sheriff's Office; Quick Response Team (QRT) National Operation 2 Save Lives (O2SL); Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence; Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED); Columbus Division of Fire; StarkMHAR; Blue Ash Police Department; Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio; University of Cincinnati Center for Police Research and Policy; NAMI Franklin County; Cleveland Division of Police; NAMI Butler County; West Chester Police Department; Dayton Police Department; Hopewell Health Centers Inc.; Columbus Public Health; Adaptive Sports Ohio; REACH; Alkermes; NAMI Greater Cleveland; Columbus Police Department; Bowling Squared Consulting LLC; Union County Sheriff's Office; Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County; Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County; Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County; Stark County Sheriff's Office; Peg's Foundation; and NAMI Ohio



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board held a CIT Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Course in March 2022



Hamilton County CIT Awards Breakfast June 2022



To read an article featuring the Hamilton County CIT, [click here](#).

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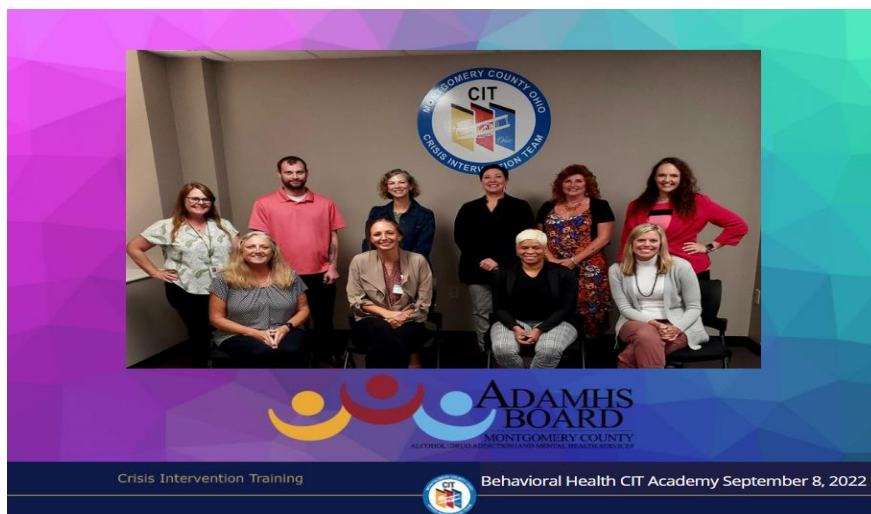
Montgomery County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in July 2022



Montgomery County held a CIT Public Safety Telecommunicators Training Course in July 2022



Montgomery County held a CIT Behavioral Health Providers Training Course in September 2022



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Seneca, Sandusky, Wyandot, Erie, Ottawa, and Huron Counties held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in July 2022



Lucas County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in August 2022



Summit County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in August 2022.



Recent Ohio CIT Course Graduates

Stark County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course in August 2022



Tuscarawas County held a CIT Patrol Officer Training Course on August 29-September 2, 2022



Have a recent award ceremony, recognition event, or CIT training? Submit photos to Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu

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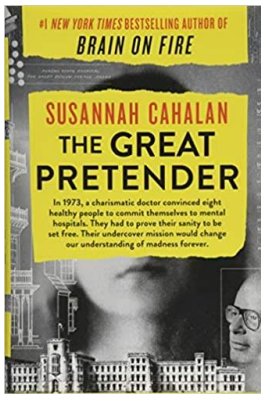
CJ CCoE Reader's Corner

Mekal Banyasz, Research, Evaluation, and Grants Manager at the CJ CCoE, shares her thoughts on a few selections available in our CJ CCoE lending library. Please reach out to Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu to request a copy for yourself.

We welcome book reviews and recommendations related to mental health, criminal justice, and any intersections relevant to our work to expand our library. More reviews will be featured in future newsletter editions.

Most of these books are centered around personal stories, and I love non-fiction and memoirs/biographies, and with this in mind, I recommend any of these.

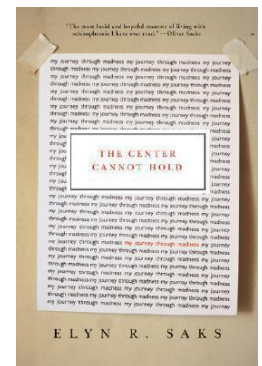
The Great Pretender: The Undercover Mission That Changed Our Understanding of Madness by Susannah Cahalan (2020)



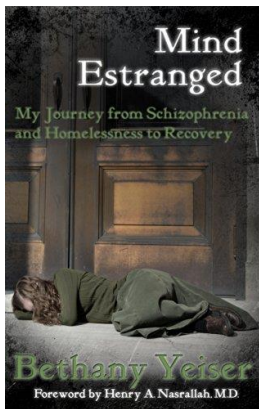
-What started off as both a personal story of a schizophrenia diagnosis interwoven with the famous study by David Rosenhan-*On Being Sane in Insane Places*, quickly became an investigative story, revealing the striking details on how that study came to be. For the reader, Cahalan's discoveries and the historic context of this study build a revised perception of the field of Psychiatry and mental health hospitals.

The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness by Elyn R. Saks (2007)

- I had a hard time putting this book down. Elyn's journey and storytelling had my full attention. I felt as though I were in her mind, discovering the capabilities and boundaries that her schizophrenia held. Her approach to writing left me with a sense of wonder at her strength and left me with much to reflect upon.



Mind Estranged: My Journey from Schizophrenia and Homelessness to Recovery by Bethany Yeiser (2014)



- Bethany's journal-entry style took me a moment to get used to. There was some repetition in her storytelling which I found challenging. Regardless, and similar to *The Center Cannot Hold*, I found her story to be immensely moving. It is but one more person's unique approach to wrestling with mental health and managing the grit of real life.

Enjoy! -Mekal

In Case You Missed It...

Technical Assistance Sessions

The CJ CCoE hosted nine Technical Assistance Sessions in 2022. Listed below are the links to the last two sessions of fiscal year 2022. You can also access all the sessions on the CJ CCoE webpage at:

<https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/cit/other-technical-assistance/>

- [Core Elements \(June 2022\)](#)
- [Agitated Chaotic Events \(June 2022\)](#)

Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals - Part I

On September 8, 2022, The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, co-sponsored with the Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, hosted a webinar, “Collaborative Mental Health Care for Incarcerated Individuals”, presented by Drs. Stankowski and Bruner. During the presentation they review mental health service challenges and clinical improvements and innovations developed in two different settings: a large urban jail and a state regional psychiatric hospital. They also share how they worked together in improving clinical services between these two entities. Dr. Stankowski is the Lead Chief Clinical Officer for Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare and Dr. Bruner is Senior Vice President for Behavioral Health and Correctional Medicine for MetroHealth System.

A total of 102 individuals attended the webinar. To view the webinar, [click here](#). The webinar has also been posted on the CJ CCoE website: <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/about/partners-links/>

Upcoming Trainings and Events

Ohio CIT Coordinators Semi-Annual Meeting

The Ohio CIT Coordinators Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on November 10, 2022, from 10AM-2PM at The State of Ohio Library: 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Agenda topics include updates from CIT International, CIT Statewide Training Report, Crisis Intervention Information Sharing and Data Collection Projects, and more. To register, please email Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu. *Please specify if you have any dietary restrictions.*

Public Safety Telecommunicator Training of Trainers

This advanced training for trainers will be held over the course of two days. The objective of this course is to support Ohio CIT programs and agencies providing specialized training to public safety telecommunicators. The goal is to increase the number of CIT programs and agencies in Ohio who are providing training to PSTs in their local crisis response system. On day one, the course will provide trainers with the tools, materials, and the framework needed to facilitate the CIT Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Course. On day two, participants will present content from day one to practice and obtain feedback from instructors and participants. The course is designed for trainers actively engaged in the delivery of their local CIT training and is presented free of charge.

Upcoming CIT Courses

Cuyahoga County	October 3-7, 2022
Mahoning County	October 3-7, 2022
Wayne Holmes Counties	October 3-7, 2022
Delaware & Morrow Counties	October 3-7, 2022
Seneca, Sandusky, Wyandot, Erie, Ottawa & Huron Counties	October 14, 21, 28, & November 4, 11
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	October 24-28, 2022
Cuyahoga County	October 24-28, 2022
Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, & Perry Counties	October 24-27, 2022
Butler County	October 31-November 4, 2022
Lucas County	October 31-November 4, 2022
Richland County	November 7-11, 2022
Hamilton County	November 7-11, 2022
Cuyahoga County	November 14-18, 2022
Summit County	November 14-18, 2022
Stark County	November 14-18, 2022
Athens, Hocking & Vinton Counties	November 14-18, 2022
Trumbull County	November 16-17-18-21-22, 2022
Cuyahoga County	November 28-December 2, 2022
Lake County	November 28-December 2, 2022
Cuyahoga County – Cleveland Division of Police	December 4-9, 2022
Miami, Darke, & Shelby Counties	December 5-8, 2022
Cuyahoga County	December 19-23, 2022

Please visit <https://www.neomed.edu/cjccoe/cit/training-calendar> for a full list of trainings.

Please send any scheduled trainings to Ashley Eads at aeads@neomed.edu and your CIT training rosters to Mecal Banyasz at mbanyasz@neomed.edu



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Job Opening!

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) is currently searching for a new CIT Program Coordinator. The CIT Program Coordinator is a full-time, Bachelor's level position in the Department of Psychiatry at NEOMED. This position coordinates the successful completion of deliverables, activities, and initiatives in the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project and involves both programmatic and administrative duties. The CIT Program Coordinator provides coordination and management of the Ohio CIT Support and Expansion Project, communication with our key partners (including staff, consultants, and sub-contractors), and assists the Director of the CJ CCoE with CIT related projects and initiatives. They will work closely with all the staff of the CJ CCoE.

To read the full job description and to submit an application, please visit:

<https://neomed.peopleadmin.com/postings/3213>

Please share this job posting with anyone that you feel may be interested in the position.

National News and Updates

CIT International

CIT International's annual conference will be held on August 14-16, 2023 in Detroit, Michigan. For more information, visit <https://www.citinternational.org/page-18803>

Please share with your local CIT officers and Law Enforcement agencies.



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