



## STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR CIT PROGRAM WITH CIT INTERNATIONAL!



*“To build a CIT program that is successful, you need to invest in strong relationships and partnerships. You need to be bold about recovery and including people living with mental illness, their families, and advocates at the table. You need to rethink the services available to people in crisis... CIT International is confident you can do this. We are here to help.”*

**—Major Sam Cochran (ret.) and  
Randolph Dupont, PhD, Co-Chairs, CIT  
International**

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs are community-based programs that bring together law enforcement, mental health professionals, mental health advocates (people living with mental illness and their families), and other partners to improve community responses to mental health crises. While CIT programs are known for CIT-trained officers, successful programs also focus on improving the crisis response system, advocating for needed services, and strengthening partnerships across the community.

### Goals of A CIT Program

- To increase connections to effective and timely mental health services for people in mental health crisis.
- To reduce the trauma that people experience during a mental health crisis and thus contribute to their long-term recovery.
- To reform crisis response systems by increasing the role of mental health professionals, peer support specialists, and other community supports.
- To improve safety during law enforcement encounters with people experiencing a mental health crisis, while using law enforcement strategically: only when there is an imminent threat to safety or a criminal concern.

### CIT International: Our Vision and Mission

CIT International is a non-profit organization supporting local, national and international efforts to improve responses to people affected by mental illness. CIT International aspires to be a leader in promoting safe and humane responses to those experiencing a mental health crisis. Our mission is to promote community collaboration using the CIT program to assist people living with mental illness and/or addiction who are in crisis.

### CIT International Conference

The CIT International Conference is the largest conference dedicated to supporting CIT programs and the law enforcement officers, mental health professionals and advocates who make them possible. Each year, the conference brings together about 1500 people from across the US, Canada, Europe, Africa, and Australia to exchange ideas, learn best practices, and network. With exhibits, general sessions, and over 100 workshops, there's something for everyone!

### CIT Curriculum Train-the Trainer

Take CIT International's train-the-trainer course on a national CIT 40-hour curriculum. Learn from master instructors on how to conduct the week-long training as well as receive the complete curriculum including course materials, presentations, instructor's guide and everything needed to design and conduct the course in your community for your law enforcement officers.

This 4-day course is available to CIT International certified CIT Coordinators.



## CIT Coordinator Certification

At the heart of every CIT program, a coordinator or team of coordinators facilitates partnerships and manages the day-to-day aspects of the CIT program. CIT International is proud to offer CIT Coordinator Certification to ensure coordinators have the training and support to be successful in their roles. Our 8-hour course, offered online or in-person at our annual conference, educates coordinators about their unique role, best practices for CIT, and practical tips for success.

Upon completion of this course, newly-certified CIT Coordinators will receive:

- Certification as a CIT Coordinator, valid for 3 years,
- A 3-year membership in CIT International,
- Access to exclusive online resources for CIT Coordinators, and
- A copy of *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Programs: A Best Practice Guide for Transforming Community Responses to Mental Health Crises*.

## CIT Support Training for 911 Call-Takers

CIT International offers an 8-hour online course for 911 call takers to prepare them to identify crisis calls, understand their role in triaging these calls, and begin the de-escalation process. Call-takers can play a vital role by connecting individuals to crisis lines and other behavioral health care services, rather than police services, and/or by providing CIT officers with the information needed for a safe, effective response.

## CIT Program Certification

CIT International has developed the only CIT program certification available. Certification can benefit any type of CIT program, at any stage of development. Our comprehensive assessment is based on the best practices for CIT.

CIT International certification can help you share your program's successes with community leaders, advocate for needed funding and services, and get expert guidance on challenges that your program is facing. Every program receives a thorough report on their strengths and areas of growth, along with a plaque with their certification level (bronze, silver, gold or platinum).

## Join CIT International Today!

CIT International is a non-profit organization supporting local, national and international efforts to improve responses to people affected by mental illness. Your membership supports our programs.

Members receive:

- Discounted registration to CIT International-sponsored conferences,
- Access to expert consultation and support,
- Opportunities to network with CIT International members from around the globe, and
- Access to research and resources to strengthen your community and state/province initiatives.

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