

MISSOURI CIT

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM



The **Missouri Crisis Intervention Team** (MO CIT) program is a partnership of law enforcement and other first responders, behavioral health providers, hospitals, courts, individuals with lived experience and community partners who are dedicated to implementing the Missouri Model of CIT.

The goals of CIT are to:

- Promote more effective interactions between law enforcement and first responders working with individuals in crisis by attending a 40 hour training centered on behavioral health education and de-escalation skills;
- Assist individuals in crisis by connecting them with available community resources in an effort to avoid involvement with the criminal justice system and unnecessary emergency department visits;
- Improve the safety of the first responder and individual(s) in crisis;
- Reduce stigma; and
- Expand and sustain CIT across the state.

MISSOURI CIT COUNCIL

The Missouri CIT Council is a network of representatives from each established local CIT council across the state, Community Behavioral Health Liaisons (CBHLs), state agencies and associations, and those with lived experience. The business of the Council is informed by the needs identified by the local CIT Councils. The Council works to address any structural barriers at the state level and advocates for policy and legislative changes that may be necessary to support health and wellness. The Council also provides direction and support on the CIT curriculum, training, expansion, and implementation of the program. The Council hosts an annual CIT Conference.

The Missouri Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the Missouri Behavioral Health Council, provides administrative and financial support for the Coordinator and the Council.

CIT COORDINATOR

Missouri's CIT program is led by the state CIT Coordinator with direction from the CIT Council. The Coordinator provides overall leadership of the program including the facilitation of the Council, statewide expansion efforts, leveraging of partnerships, training, education, and advocacy.

LOCAL CIT COUNCILS

Local CIT Councils are comprised of local stakeholders who work to identify and address local structural barriers to individuals receiving the services they deserve to achieve greater stability. Council members also provide updates on any changes in resources in the area. CIT Councils are encouraged to provide CIT trainings to local law enforcement and other first responders, focusing on local resources.



