



July 1, 2018

Dear Members of New CIT Council:

Welcome to the Missouri Crisis Intervention Team Council. We are pleased that you have chosen to join our council. As a newly established “expansion site” council, your counties will appear in “yellow” on the Missouri CIT map. Once you have met the criteria outlined in the *Definition of an Established Local CIT Council* we will turn your counties “blue.” As you may know, The Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (MO CIT) Council is an organization whose primary purpose is to facilitate understanding, development, and implementation of CIT programs throughout Missouri and in our neighborhoods. MO CIT promotes and supports collaborative efforts to create and sustain more effective interactions among law enforcement, mental health care professionals, individuals with mental illness, their families and communities, and to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

The mission of the Missouri CIT Council is to deliver positive law enforcement crisis intervention service to people with mental illness in the area by:

1. Providing cooperative community partnerships of law enforcement, mental health service professionals, individuals in a behavioral health crisis, families, and advocates.
2. Coordinating and enhancing services to people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders through law enforcement based Crisis Intervention Teams.
3. Providing leadership to facilitate CIT programs and playing an integral role in the design of training for the CIT officers.
4. Supporting success and continuing improvement of CIT.

The CIT Council meets bi-monthly at the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

MO CIT Council Meetings 2018:

- Tuesday, January 16, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday, March 13, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday, July 17, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 11 am – 1 pm

If you are unable to travel to the meetings, you can participate by webinar and conference call by registering for MO CIT (see next page).



<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8404987225967479809>

You can find many helpful resources on the MO CIT website at ([www.missouricit.org](http://www.missouricit.org)).

Once again, welcome and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Det. Jason Klaus  
Missouri CIT Coordinator  
573.547.4576  
[jklaus@mocoalition.org](mailto:jklaus@mocoalition.org)

Enc: Definition of an Established Local CIT Council  
Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (MO CIT) Program Expansion Map

DRAFT