



CIT WORKS FOR COMMUNITIES

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS bring together community partners to improve responses to mental health crises, helping to:

- ✓ Create safer communities
- ✓ Increase law enforcement and first responder resources
- ✓ Save taxpayer dollars
- ✓ Reduce trauma among mental health patients and their families

Tennessee is committed to expanding CIT programs across the state and, through funding provided by the state,

NAMI TN is offering FREE support and resources to help YOUR community establish a CIT program.



Visit www.namitn.org to establish your community's FREE CIT Program TODAY.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

WHY ARE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS NEEDED?

Too many people with mental illnesses are in our jails instead of getting proper treatment.

- **CIT Frees Up Public Resources.**
By diverting people with mental illness from jails, CIT helps ensure that public resources like jails are used to incarcerate criminals, not people who require treatment.
- **CIT Saves Police Time & Money.**
CIT creates an efficient system for transferring people from law enforcement custody to mental health treatment, saving taxpayers costly overtime bills.
- **CIT Produces Cost Savings.**
A study of a CIT program in Louisville, Kentucky estimated that CIT **saved \$3.5 million annually** in deferred hospital and jail costs, with **net savings of over \$1 million annually** after accounting for program costs.
- **CIT Enhances Communication & Coordination.**
CIT works with mental health providers, often increasing efficiency and expanding targeted services.



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