U.S. Department of Justice
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Crisis Intervention Teams

A Frontline Response to Mental Illness in Corrections

Learn the tools, strategies, and techniques that will allow corrections staff, mental health service providers, and advocates to work together to develop and implement a crisis intervention team (CIT). CITs help reduce crisis situations, improve safety, and promote better outcomes for persons with mental illness.

About the Training

Participant teams attending this training will learn the core elements of a locally developed and owned CIT for managing mental illness in prisons, jails, and community corrections. Teams will learn how to develop collaborative partnerships and implement a CIT model that takes a team approach engaging community stakeholders, including corrections agencies, local mental health agencies, family advocacy groups, and others.

Participants will also learn how to defend a CIT's effectiveness in enhancing correctional staff's knowledge and skills, aiding administrators in improved management and care for a special population, reducing liability and cost, improving community partnerships for increased access to resources and supports, and increasing safety for all. Overall, this training program focuses on building an agency's capacity to implement a locally owned and administered CIT program and the training for that program.

For More Information Contact

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Audience

This program requires a three-person team consisting of a correctional representative (administrator/trainer/officer/etc.), a consumer advocate for persons with mental illness, and a mental health professional. Ideally, those who attend are ones who understand the problem, have the authority to make strategic decisions, and are action oriented.

How to Apply

Online registration is available at the NIC Learning Center located at http://NIC.learn.com. Registration is easy and instructions are provided to guide you through the process. Once you are registered as a new user in the Learn Center, go to the Training Catalogue and select one of the sessions for Crisis Intervention Teams: A Frontline Response to Mental Illness in Corrections. Click on the program name and then click Enroll. Each team member must complete a separate registration application.

Lodging, Food and Travel

NIC will pay for participant's round trip airfare, lodging, and all meals except lunch. NIC also provides the training and materials at no cost to participants.

Date/Time and Location

March 12 - 15, 2012 Apply by 12/19/11
July 16 - 19, 2012 Apply by 4/16/12
National Corrections Academy, Aurora, CO