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How to Build Criminal Justice Partnerships with Confidence

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Planning a Visit With the Chief

➢ Schedule appointment with Chief/ Sheriff

➢ Study and know information you have collected:
  • CIT Info – describe program: not just training
  • Details re: law enforcement department & leadership
  • NAMI info: “Who is NAMI?” [Handouts]
Planning a Visit With the Chief
How **NOT** to Meet Your Sheriff / Chief

Hostel / Agitated Judy
Planning a Visit With the Chief

➢ Gather facts regarding local law enforcement department
  • Size of department / agency
  • Number of sworn officers
  • Number of shifts
  • Call volume (assistance likely)
  • Jurisdiction – number of square miles covered
  • Community policing – familiarity with CP programs
  • Facts regarding Chief / Sheriff (awards, years served, etc.)
Hello and Thank You

- Introduce yourself (name, organization)
- Purpose of visit (NOT to complain, but to share important information about CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) --a community program
- Provide overview of CIT (community partnership) – ten Core Elements (see next slide)

Your Goal: To move your meeting to a plan of action to develop and start CIT as a community program
CIT: Ten Core Elements

➢ Ongoing Elements
  • Partnerships: law enforcement, advocacy, mental health
  • Community ownership: planning, implementation & networking
  • Policies and procedures

➢ Operational Elements
  • CIT: officer, dispatcher, coordinator
  • Curriculum: CIT training
  • Mental health receiving facility: emergency services

➢ Sustaining Elements
  • Evaluation and research
  • In-Service training
  • Recognition and honors
  • Outreach: developing CIT in other communities
Does Supportive Information Help? Why?
Do your Homework and Practice!

KEEP CALM AND GO PRACTICE

THINK
Be Prepared to Talk About Your Local NAMI Affiliate

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Presenting CIT: More Than Just Training

- Community partnership
- Safety of officers and citizens
- De-Escalation: calm, assess, facilitate
- Diversion from jail to treatment & recovery
- Instruction to implementation
- Response – Repetition – Experience – Expertise
Presenting CIT: More Than Just Training

- Connects people with mental health community (providers); family and consumers
- Changes the face of mental illness in law enforcement (and vice-versa)
- Families in crisis have most to gain (refer to NAMI for support, education & advocacy)
- It is the right thing to do!
Having a “Back-Up Plan” Option for the Future

- Propose (offer) a NAMI training session – law enforcement annual in-service
- Propose further exploratory meetings on CIT: Chief/Sheriff or appointed supervisor joining with other community leaders / partnerships
Facts about the Law Enforcement Agency

• The Sheriff’s Office has one Major, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants and 20 Deputies.
• Each year, the agency responds for 21,000 calls for service
• Deputies are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week: There are four shifts (each 12 hours)
• The agency serves a county with population of 80,000 and area of 715 square miles
Facts about the Sheriff

- Sheriff Smith has served in law enforcement for 30 years, and as sheriff for the past 6 years.
- Prior to his service in law enforcement, the sheriff served in the US Army.
- In 2012, he received an award for his dedication to community policing.
- He serves on a regional task force to prevent domestic violence.
Facts about Your NAMI Affiliate

• Our NAMI Affiliate has provided education and support to residents with mental illness and their family members for the past 23 years.

• Our NAMI Affiliate serves thousands of families county-wide each year through our education programs

• NAMI partners with the sheriff’s department in a neighboring county to support officers in responding to mental health crisis calls
Facts about CIT

• There are almost 3000 Crisis intervention team (CIT) programs across the country
• NAMI and the local mental health agency support the law enforcement agency by helping to deliver specialized mental health response training and identify the best community resources to help a person in mental health crisis.
• After CIT, officer injuries and use of force drop significantly in dealing with people in mental health crisis.
• The program helps cut the time that a deputy or officer has to spend in transferring a person for an emergency evaluation. Instead of waiting many hours in the emergency room, they have it down to 30 minutes or less.
Learn More about CIT

• [www.nami.org/cit](http://www.nami.org/cit)

• [www.citinternational.org](http://www.citinternational.org)

• [http://cit.memphis.edu](http://cit.memphis.edu)
Thank You!

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