

## About MidAmerica CIT Council

The MidAmerica CIT Council is dedicated to supporting positive law enforcement services to persons with mental illness, provided with effectiveness, safety, fairness, and compassion.

Our council is comprised of community partners from law enforcement agencies, mental health providers, crisis intervention and advocacy organizations, mental health and substance abuse courts, consumers and their families, and other individuals and organizations interested in advancing effective police response to individuals experiencing psychiatric distress.

Our mission is to coordinate CIT programs through cooperative community partnerships. We play an integral role in the design of training for CIT officers and provide leadership to facilitate CIT programs. We support the success and continuing improvement of CIT, with fidelity to the Memphis CIT Model.

**We serve the greater Kansas City, MO area including Independence, Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Grandview, Raytown, Sugar Creek, Belton, Oak Grove, Grain Valley, and the unincorporated areas of Jackson, Clay, Cass Counties, and more.**

## Learn More about Crisis, Recovery, and Living with Mental Illness

The mission of the CIT Speakers Bureau is to help improve the quality of life of the mentally ill and enhance their recovery program. We provide information to help you obtain assistance. We inform the community on various innovative programs available to the mentally ill. We provide information on resources available that support the mentally ill that allows them to live out in the community.

We inform the consumers and families where to get help in times of CRISIS.

Our presentations are free to the community. If your organization or group would like to schedule a presentation, please contact us. Contact Nikk Thompson 816-931-0030, Ext. 16

Help is available. Visit [www.MidAmericaCIT.com](http://www.MidAmericaCIT.com) for info on programs and services for men, women, children, and families.

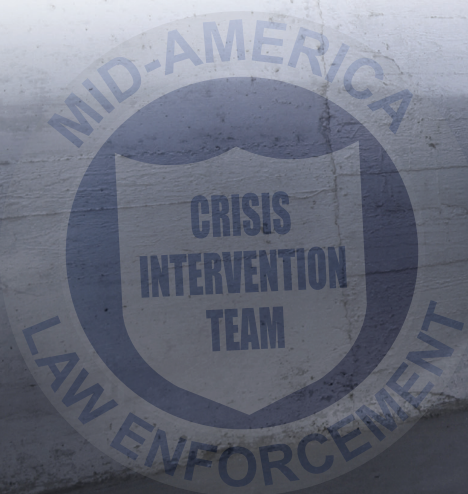


## What is CIT Training?

Mid America CIT offers law enforcement officers intensive training based on an innovative national model to effectively respond to citizens experiencing a behavioral crisis.

When police officers request to become CIT officers, there is a selection process that determines their suitability.

The Basic CIT Course is a week-long comprehensive training that emphasizes mental health-related topics, crisis resolution skills and de-escalation training, and access to community-based services. MidAmerica CIT has also developed training for law enforcement personnel to aid dispatchers and other administrative staff who work with the public and may encounter individuals who are in crisis.



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# Mental Health Crisis?

## Ask for a CIT Officer

When calling 911, ask for a CIT officer. Then, provide the call taker with as much information as possible to assist the officers in addressing the crisis situation.

1. Identify if you or the person you are calling about are a danger to self or others
2. Give detailed description of the party that is in crisis
3. Provide your contact information

Upon arrival of officers at the scene, provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Summarize the history of the mental illness and the current issues
- Identify specific statements made in regards to the crisis
- Provide physician or treatment info
- Provide prescription information (currently taking or not taking)
- Provide any info about consumer's preferred treatment options
- Share personal concerns that consumer has about treatment



### Crisis Intervention Team - A Community Collaboration

Crisis Intervention Team members are comprised of police officers with advanced-level mental health training.  
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