



Oregon CIT Newsletter



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2016 CIT International Conference Chicago, Illinois



DPSST and GOBHI collaborate to extend reach of CIT in Oregon

In February, 2016, A partnership was developed between the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI) with the goal of broadening the reach of CIT across Oregon. This collaboration is called the Oregon Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence (CITCOE). The mission of CITCOE is multifaceted. First, the Center will provide technical assistance to agencies wishing to develop a CIT program, which includes a training component and a specialized response component, among others. Second, the Center will support agencies with established or emerging CIT programs. Third, the Center will seek to identify resources, agencies and organizations that play a part in providing services to those with mental health concerns who have come in contact with the criminal justice system. For more information, contact:

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Oregon agencies well represented at 2016 CIT International Conference

Kevin Rau

The Annual International CIT Conference was hosted by the Chicago Police Department in April. The three day conference offered more than 100 breakout sessions and high caliber keynote and plenary speakers.

Of the more than 1000 in attendance, nearly 70 representatives from Oregon criminal justice, behavioral health and mental health advocacy organizations were among them. Oregon was fortunate enough to have three representatives in the first CIT Coordinator Certification Training offered by CIT International after the conference. The three Coordinators are Carol Speed of Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. in The Dalles, Sr. Deputy Matt Wilkinson of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and Colleen Roberts of NAMI, Douglas County.



From left to right: Carol Speed, Matt Wilkinson and Colleen Roberts

What's on tap?

NW Regional CIT Conference

The 6th annual NW Regional CIT Conference will be September 20th—22nd at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA. If past conferences are any indication, this is sure to be a great success. The keynote speakers for this year's conference will be Mary Schoenfeldt, a highly regarded speaker, trainer and consultant in Emergency Management, Crisis Management and Response and Disaster Stress Management. Mary will be providing the keynote address, with Marysville Police Chief Rick Smith. Mary and Rick will be discussing the Marysville-Pilchuck High School shooting which occurred in 2014.

For more information about the conference go to [CIT Regional Conference](#).



CIT 2016
NORTHWEST
Regional Conference
Tacoma, WA

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2016

Hotel Murano
Tacoma, WA

\$125 Registration Fee
(includes conference t-shirt & awards dinner ticket)

Registration form and full conference details can be found at www.cithappens.com.

Vendor/resource fair will be held at event, vendors can click registration link for more details.

Sponsored by the WA State Criminal Justice Training Commission, the CIT-King CO program in partnership with King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division through the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Plan (MIDD), DPSST (OR), Marion County Crisis Outreach Response Team (OR), Portland Police Bureau (OR), and the Performance Leadership Institute, Inc. (OR).

CITCOE says, “**Save The Date!**” for the first ever Oregon CIT Summit!

The Oregon CIT Center of Excellence is proud to announce the first ever Oregon CIT Summit being held **November 2nd & 3rd**, 2016 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy

REGISTRATION OPEN August 5th

<http://events.SignUp4.com/CITCOEsummit>

The November 2nd event is open to CIT Coordinators for existing or emerging CIT programs and their partners.

(Space is limited to two participants per program)

The November 3rd event will be open to all public safety professionals, behavioral health practitioners and mental health advocates.

Upcoming CIT training events

Malheur County CIT

Dates: August 8th-12th, 2016

Coordinator: Detective Ridge Medford

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Douglas County CIT

Dates: September 19th-23rd

Coordinator: Coleen Roberts

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Marion County Sheriff's Office

Dates: October 3rd-7th, 2016

Coordinator: Dep. Matt Wilkinson

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Medford Police Department

Dates: October 3rd-7th, 2016

Coordinator: Cpl. Josh Schilder

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Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Dates: October 10th-14th, 2016

Coordinator: Julie Fanger

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Columbia County CIT

Dates: October 17th-21st, 2016

Coordinator: Carol Speed

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Deschutes County CIT

Dates: October 17th-21st, 2016

Coordinator: Sgt. Liz Lawrence

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Meet CITCOE...

Belinda "Linda" Maddy, LICSW



Linda is a Clinical Social Worker who completed her Masters in Social Work at Portland State University. She joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2006 as part of a newly formed Complex Addictions team. In May 2010 she became the Portland VA Medical Center's first Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator. She has also served as a Veterans Justice Outreach Lead for the VA VISN Region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska). Prior to joining the VA, Linda worked in the criminal justice system for 24 years. Linda was an agency loan instructor at DPSST for the Veteran's Mental Health Basic Police curriculum. In April, 2016, Linda joined the DPSST Center for Policing Excellence as one of two CIT Coordinators with DPSST.

Lieutenant Kevin Rau



Kevin has an extensive background in the criminal justice field. In 1982, he joined the U.S. Army Military Police. After completing two enlistments, Kevin left the Army and joined the Oregon Department of Corrections where he was a Corrections Officer and Correctional Corporal which included an assignment as a Drug Detection Canine Handler. In 1994, Kevin joined the Marion County Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Deputy. In addition to being a Patrol Deputy, Kevin's career at the Sheriff's Office included serving as a School Resource Officer, Public Information Officer, Tactical Negotiator, Agency Training Coordinator, CIT Coordinator and as a member of a multi-agency Crisis Outreach Response Team as well as the lead instructor for the DPSST Basic Police Mental Health and Disabilities curriculum. At the end of 2014, Kevin retired after a career spanning almost 27 years. In November of 2015, Kevin joined the DPSST Center for Policing Excellence the first of two CIT Coordinators at DPSST.

Carol Speed



Carol Speed has been working with GOBHI (Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.) for the past 5 years where she provides guidance and leadership in establishing and maintaining accountable and continuous improving systems of care within GOBHI communities. Prior to GOBHI she had worked with the Eastern Oregon Regional Crisis Program for 9 years, creating and sustaining collaborations with statewide partners to advocate sustainability of rural services. Some of those partners have included law enforcement, first responders, MH, and advocates. She has been instrumental in utilizing her extensive project management skills with these agencies and was recently promoted to the role of Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Manager for GOBHI. Over the past several years she has worked with several counties on creating crisis intervention teams, training's, and systems. Carol is very excited to be a part of the statewide CIT initiative.

Eilene Flory



Eilene has worked in both inpatient and outpatient mental health units for more than 15 years. She eventually returned to school to study Criminal Justice and became an adult Parole and Probation Officer in Deschutes County. She managed a caseload of offenders with mental health concerns. As a P.O., Eilene was a member of the Deschutes County CIT steering committee and eventually accepted a position as the Deschutes County CIT Coordinator. She joined GOBHI in March of 2016.

Crisis Intervention Teams: Helping Law Enforcement Help People in Need

David Nelson, CIS Public Safety/Risk Management Officer

Many in law enforcement have heard - or even made -this comment during a job interview: “I want to help people”. As it turns out, law enforcement is getting that chance more often than ever. Unfortunately, it’s due to increased contacts and situations involving individuals living with mental health conditions.

There are stories in the papers every day – situations where law enforcement officers have had to use deadly physical force when responding to a call of an individual with mental health issues. Sometimes it involves someone with a long-term mental health situation, or it may be someone who is having an isolated crisis. The good news is that Oregon law enforcement is taking part in more Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) than ever before.

This model was developed in 1988 by the Memphis, Tennessee PD after seeing increased calls for service around individuals with mental health conditions. A unique and creative alliance between the Memphis PD, the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee came together to develop the training. It initially involved organizing and training approximately 225 officers as well as developing a specialized unit. The end result was a more intelligent, understandable, and safe approach to mental crisis events, that included law enforcement officers who were better trained in dealing with the mentally ill, and mental health providers who now had a better understanding of the roles and challenges of law enforcement. All of these benefits create a win-win for law enforcement and the communities they serve.

It really does come down to wanting to help people, and this kind of training allows law enforcement professionals to do just that. Tangible benefits of participating in Crisis Intervention Training include:

- An immediate crisis response for the individual in need
- Arrests and use of force decrease
- Underserved individuals are identified by officers and provided access to care
- Patient violence and use of restraints in the ER decreases
- Officers are better trained and educated in verbal de-escalation techniques
- Officer injuries during crisis events decline
- Officer recognition and appreciation by the community increases
- Fewer “victimless” crime arrests
- Decreases in liability for health care issues in the jail
- Cost savings for law enforcement, patrol and corrections, mental health providers
- Claim costs are reduced.

If your law enforcement agency has already started and participates in a CIT program, congratulations! The program benefits are well worth the time and expense. Law enforcement officers are going to respond to these calls, and together we need to provide them with the tools they need to safely, effectively and efficiently address the needs of those we serve. After all, that is what we wanted to do when we took the job as a law enforcement officer...to help people.

CITCOE Seeks contributors for the Oregon CIT Newsletter

The CITCOE Newsletter staff want to make the Oregon CIT Newsletter a valuable tool for everyone who has an interest in advancing the impact of CIT in Oregon. To do that, we need your help! We are seeking information for articles on new and innovative programs, CIT success stories, effective partnerships and existing and emerging CIT programs as well as coming CIT related events.

If you have a Newsletter idea, let us know.

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