

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Fairbanks Police Department

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This program is designed to educate and prepare police officers and dispatchers who come into contact with people with severe mental illnesses to recognize the signs and symptoms of these illnesses, and to respond effectively and appropriately to people who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. Because police officers are often the first responders in these incidents, it is essential that they know how critical periods of mental illness alter behaviors and perceptions, can assess what is needed in the moment, and can bring understanding and compassion to bear when they are handling these difficult situations.

This training will provide the skills to make a safer intervention for themselves, for the consumer in a crisis, for the consumer's family and for the community. A key feature of the training teaches police officers effective methods of de-escalating the crisis situation and "reaching" the person in crisis. This approach allows consumers in distress to participate in the decision about their treatment and facilitates consensus about the immediate safe course to follow.

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