

CIT Regional Councils

Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) is a program that brings together mental health providers, law enforcement, families and peers to divert individuals living with mental illness from the criminal justice system. The implementation of CIT is built upon a structure of Regional Councils meeting to identify issues in their communities and identifying training needs.

CIT Regional Councils provide a multi-disciplinary approach to responding to mental health calls and crisis in communities. The multi-disciplinary teams include representation from law enforcement, the crisis system, community mental health providers, area hospitals/emergency rooms, and family and peers who are impacted by mental health.

Regional council meetings occur on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis, depending on the needs and planning of the council members. Work in the regional council includes discussing specific needs of the area, reviewing any barriers to collaboration of services, discussion of high needs areas or individuals for planning of a collaborative response, and ways to improve upon responses. CIT data collection and implementation is being developed by the regional councils, tailored to the unique needs of each area. Regional Councils also work to plan CIT training weeks, identifying key resources and points of contact for collaborative responses in the community, allowing for officers participating in the training to have points of contact to assist in specific areas of specialty.

District #1: York County

- LE Chair: TBD
- MH Chair: TBD

District #2: Cumberland County

- LE Chair: LT Dave Young, Cumberland Police Department
- MH Chair: Melissa Gattine, LCPC Maine Behavioral Health

District #3: Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin Counties

- LE Chair: Sheriff Eric Sampson, Androscoggin County
- MH Chair: Aaron Landrey, LCSW Sweetser Crisis Services

District #4: Kennebec, Somerset Counties

- LE Chair: Major Kevin Lulley, Augusta Police Department
- MH Chair: Pat McKenzie, LCSW Kennebec Behavioral Health

District #5: Piscataquis, Penobscot Counties

- LE Chair: Gene Fizzel, Veazie Police Department
- MH Chair: Bess Gove, LMSW-CC Community Health and Counseling Crisis Services

District #6: Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Waldo, Knox Counties

- LE Chair: TBD
- MH Chair: Danielle Parent, LCSW Director Sweetser Crisis

District #7: Hancock, Washington Counties

- LE Chair: TBD
- MH Chair: TBD

District #8: Aroostook County

- LE Chair: LT. Thornton Bickford, Houlton Police Department
- MH Chair: Michelle Ferris, LCSW Director of Emergency Services AMHC