



HISTORY

In 1955, there were 558,239 patients with serious mental illness in public psychiatric hospitals.

In 1963, JFK signed the Community Mental Health Act to provide different levels of mental health care in federally funded community mental health centers.

Due to his assassination, adequate funding was never provided to support community-based services.

Limited funding for community-based services and the closure of state hospitals resulted in county jails becoming the largest psychiatric facility in the country.

By 1994, de-institutionalization reduced psychiatric hospital patients to 71,619.

Law enforcement became the lone responders to crisis calls.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Programs...

What are they?

- Creating partnerships with the community. Reducing arrests and increase connections to services
- LE and community providers working together to help people with behavioral health challenges
- Partnership between LE, mental health providers, and the community..., and provide services, when possible, away from the criminal justice system
- CIT can be a co-response model. Officers who have been through the CIT training provide resource options even when a co-response clinician is not available. CIT officers attempt to deescalate ensuring safety of everyone
- Integrated Public health and Public Safety model that focuses on best practice response to people impacted by behavioral health



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Programs...

What are they?

- The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention with community, behavioral health care, and advocacy partnerships.
- CIT is a program that provides the foundation necessary to promote community and statewide solutions to assist individuals with a behavioral health crisis
- CIT programs provide a forum for effective problem solving regarding the interaction between the criminal justice and behavioral healthcare system and creates the context for sustainable change.



CIT Program – Community Partner Engagement: Coordination, Communication and Problem Solve



CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

- Partnership with all 36 law enforcement agencies, the behavioral health community, partners and stakeholders, Department of Children and Families.
- CIT 40-hr training and continuing education for law enforcement, including 911 Telecommunicators and more recently, Miami-Fire Rescue.
- Successfully trained over 9,500 law enforcement personnel in Miami-Dade County.



On average, CIT officers respond to 20,000 mental health crisis calls each year.

In 2024, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office and City of Miami Police responded to 11,215 crisis calls, which resulted in:

- 8,984 individuals being transported to crisis facilities
- 1,552 cases being diverted
- 119 arrests

Since 2010, these agencies have responded to a total of **169,564 calls**, leading to **114,822 diversions (17.3%)** and only **635 arrests (0.4%)**, which averages to less than **33 jail bookings annually**.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CIT PROGRAM COORDINATION

- County-wide CIT Coordination with all law enforcement agencies and behavioral health providers
- An average of 250 calls/month from law enforcement
- 100 Law Enforcement CIT Coordinators/Liaisons including MDFR
- Miami-Dade County CIT Coalition
- Quarterly CIT Collaboration Meetings

MIAMI-DADE CIT CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 8-hr Intro to CIT
- 8-hr CIT Refresher
- 16-hr CIT for 911
- 3-day Advanced CIT for Specialized Units
- Police Executive CIT Seminars
- Police Academy 8-hour CIT Orientation
- Community Organizations CIT Orientation

MIAMI DADE COUNTY CIT FISCAL IMPACT

- Due in large part to CIT, the average daily census in the county jail system has dropped from 7,200 to 4,400 inmates (**39% reduction**), and the county has closed one entire jail facility at a **cost-savings to taxpayers of \$12 million per year**.
- Across all law enforcement agencies in the county, it is estimated that CIT results in approximately **3,757 fewer jail bookings** of people with serious mental illnesses annually.
- With an average length of stay of 29.2 days per booking at a cost of \$265 per bed/day, this reduction in jail admissions results in **109,704 fewer inmate jail days (300 years)** annually and **cost avoidance of over \$29 million per year**

CRISIS RESPONSE MODELS AND APPROACHES

988 – National Suicide Crisis line
Mobile Response Teams
911 Crisis Call Diversion

Crisis Intervention Teams - First responder model

Collaborative Crisis Response – separate entities

Alternative Crisis Response and Non-Police Response Teams

Co-responder Teams - embedded

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CRISIS RESPONSE MODELS

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

CIT Unit

Miami HEAT (Homeless Empowerment Assistance Team)

CLEAR Program

911 Crisis Call Diversion Pilot

MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

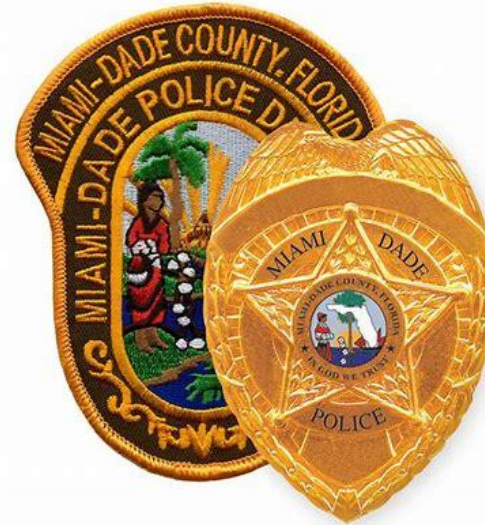
Marchman Act Project – Homeless Resource Unit and
Peer Liaison

MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BJA Planning and Implementation Grant

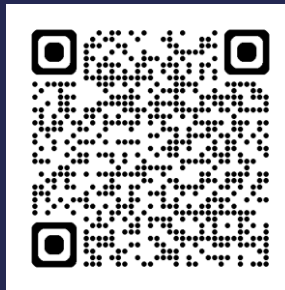
Threat Management Section

DACOTA PROJECT



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Join the CIT Coalition that meets quarterly
- Join our CIT Provider/First Responder Collaboration meetings
- If you are a subject-matter expert in the healthcare field learn more about the benefits of becoming a CIT Faculty member





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