

PROJECT NAME: Evaluation of the Jackson County Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)

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TIMELINE: 2001? - 2013

CONTENT AREA: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, Substance Abuse

FUNDER: Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund

CLIENT: Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund

AUDIENCE: Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund, Mid-America CIT Council, Kansas City Police Department, Lee's Summit Police Department, Oak Grove Police Department, Independence Police Department, Blue Springs Police Department, Grandview Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Community Mental Health Centers, NAMI, Mental Health Educators

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: Quantitative Methods, Qualitative Methods, Process Observation Methods, Technical Assistance

Crisis Intervention Teams in Jackson County is a diversion program for those suffering a mental health crisis and law enforcement has been contacted. The Mid-America CIT Council (MACITC) coordinates the program in the community.

The MACITC is composed of law enforcement officers, staff from Community Mental Health Centers and hospitals, advocacy groups, consumers, and family members. The MACITC's concentrates on two areas: training and system processes. The MACITC conducts 40-hr trainings to teach officers technique in dealing with consumers in crises. Officers receive training in medication, signs and symptoms, de-escalation, and many other areas. Officers also have an opportunity to talk with current CIT officers, consumers, and family members.

OVERVIEW: The MACITC brings staff from all systems (law enforcement, hospital, and mental health centers) together to ensure that processes are in place to effectively manage consumers in crisis. Through this coordination, hospitals and law enforcement are able to develop agreements regarding interactions.

RDI codes data, does data entry, and analyzes all CIT incidences reported by CIT trained law enforcement officers. This process includes over 1,100 CIT incident reports every year. Results are reported quarterly for all stakeholders. Additionally, RDI develops, administers, analyzes, and reports on training surveys. In addition to the surveys, RDI collects process observation information for the training. This information is disseminated to the funder, MACITC, and trainers.

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LINKS: <http://www.jacksoncountycares.org/display/default.asp?page=Welcome>

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http://www.jacksoncountycare.org/Local_Info/PDF/CIT309.pdf