

# 10 FACTS ABOUT CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS

## W H O

The Crisis Intervention **Team (CIT) model is widely adopted in Ohio.** 86 Ohio counties have trained CIT officers.

**Partnerships between law enforcement agencies and mental health systems are essential** to ensure that police officers are prepared to safely respond to encounters with individuals with mental illness and know how to help these individuals access mental health services.

Ohio has a CIT **Technical Assistance Center** at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence at NEOMED.

CIT training provides a foundation for **assisting those with a mental illness** and improves the likelihood of safety for officers and for citizens.

Research supports that CIT training is **effective at improving officer attitudes, skills and level of preparedness** in responding to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

## W H A T

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a **meaningful community program**, not just a police training program.

CIT Officers complete a voluntary, specialized **40-hour training** which is offered free of charge to law enforcement.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model prepares police officers to safely resolve situations involving mental illness. **Ohio has trained over 10,000 law enforcement officers in CIT.**

Ohio's goal is to have specially trained officers available to **all communities 24 hours a day.**

## G O A L

CIT **Officers need alternatives** other than arrest and jail available to them when responding to crises involving mental illness which requires community involvement.