



OKLAHOMA
Mental Health &
Substance Abuse

CIT

Crisis Intervention Team

March 10th through the 14th with Newkirk Police Department Hosting the event. The Location for the training is Newkirk Public Safety Center, 115 S. Maple Avenue, Newkirk, Oklahoma 74647

The **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)** program is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families, and other partners to improve community responses to mental health crises. While CIT programs are known for CIT-trained officers, successful programs also focus on improving the crisis response system, advocating for needed services, and strengthening partnerships across the community.

Basic Goals:

1. Develop the most compassionate and effective crisis response system that is the least intrusive in a person's life.
2. To help persons with mental disorders and/or addictions access medical/mental health treatment rather than place them in the criminal justice system due to illness related behaviors.
3. Build relationships with local law enforcement and community resources

<https://www.citinternational.org/What-is-CIT>

The CIT Program was introduced in Oklahoma in 2002. Since then, it has been taught all over the state and continues to be a much sought-after course. In Fiscal year 2022, ODMHSAS held 20 classes and taught over 500 officers across the state!

The CIT Program is for law enforcement officers and agencies interested in helping mental health communities in their areas work smoother, assist those in need, and build partnerships. It is CLEET accredited for 40 hours of continuing education and mental health hours. It is free to host and attend the class.

For questions contact Sandy Shea, Grand MH 918-625-6128 Sshea@grandmh.com. If you are unable to enroll on the website, we can enroll you the first day of class.

For more information or discuss training opportunities contact cory.sutton@odmhsas.org