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How to Build Criminal Justice Partnerships with Confidence

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Planning a Visit With the Chief

- Schedule appointment with Chief/ Sheriff
- Study and know information you have collected:
 - CIT Info – describe program: not just training
 - Details re: law enforcement department & leadership
 - NAMI info: “Who is NAMI?” [Handouts]

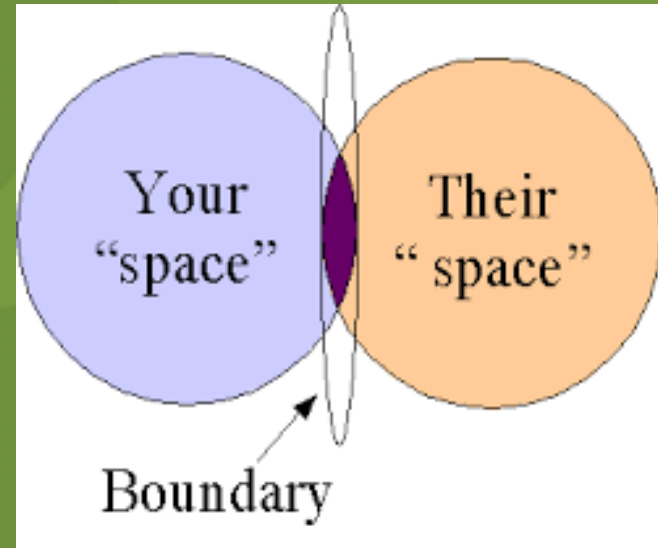


Planning a Visit With the Chief



How NOT to Meet Your Sheriff / Chief

Hostel / Agitated Judy



Planning a Visit With the Chief

➤ Gather facts regarding local law enforcement department

- Size of department / agency
- Number of sworn officers
- Number of shifts
- Call volume (assistance likely)
- Jurisdiction – number of square miles covered
- Community policing – familiarity with CP programs
- Facts regarding Chief / Sheriff (awards, years served, etc.)



Hello and Thank You

- Introduce yourself (name, organization)
- Purpose of visit (NOT to complain, but to share important information about CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) --a community program
- Provide overview of CIT (community partnership) – ten Core Elements (see next slide)

Your Goal: To move your meeting to a plan of action to develop and start CIT as a community program





CIT: Ten Core Elements

➤ Ongoing Elements

- Partnerships: law enforcement, advocacy, mental health
- Community ownership: planning, implementation & networking
- Policies and procedures

➤ Operational Elements

- CIT: officer, dispatcher, coordinator
- Curriculum: CIT training
- Mental health receiving facility: emergency services

➤ Sustaining Elements

- Evaluation and research
- In-Service training
- Recognition and honors
- Outreach: developing CIT in other communities



Does Supportive Information Help? Why?



Do your Homework and Practice!



Be Prepared to Talk About Your Local NAMI Affiliate



Presenting CIT: More Than Just Training

- Community partnership
- Safety of officers and citizens
- De-Escalation: calm, assess, facilitate
- Diversion from jail to treatment & recovery
- Instruction to implementation
- Response – Repetition – Experience – Expertise



Presenting CIT: More Than Just Training

- Connects people with mental health community (providers); family and consumers
- Changes the face of mental illness in law enforcement (and vice-versa)
- Families in crisis have most to gain (refer to NAMI for support, education & advocacy)
- It is the right thing to do!



Having a “Back-Up Plan” Option for the Future



- Propose (offer) a NAMI training session – law enforcement annual in-service
- Propose further exploratory meetings on CIT: Chief /Sheriff or appointed supervisor joining with other community leaders / partnerships



Facts about the Law Enforcement Agency

- The Sheriff's Office has one Major, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants and 20 Deputies.
- Each year, the agency responds for 21,000 calls for service
- Deputies are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week: There are four shifts (each 12 hours)
- The agency serves a county with population of 80,000 and area of 715 square miles



Facts about the Sheriff

- Sheriff Smith has served in law enforcement for 30 years, and as sheriff for the past 6 years.
- Prior to his service in law enforcement, the sheriff served in the US Army
- In 2012, he received an award for his dedication to community policing
- He serves on a regional task force to prevent domestic violence



Facts about Your NAMI Affiliate

- Our NAMI Affiliate has provided education and support to residents with mental illness and their family members for the past 23 years.
- Our NAMI Affiliate serves thousands of families county-wide each year through our education programs
- NAMI partners with the sheriff's department in a neighboring county to support officers in responding to mental health crisis calls



Facts about CIT

- There are almost 3000 Crisis intervention team (CIT) programs across the country
- NAMI and the local mental health agency support the law enforcement agency by helping to deliver specialized mental health response training and identify the best community resources to help a person in mental health crisis.
- After CIT, officer injuries and use of force drop significantly in dealing with people in mental health crisis.
- The program helps cut the time that a deputy or officer has to spend in transferring a person for an emergency evaluation. Instead of waiting many hours in the emergency room, they have it down to 30 minutes or less.



Learn More about CIT

- www.nami.org/cit
- www.citinternational.org
- <http://cit.memphis.edu>



Thank You!

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