



**2024 Statewide Crisis Intervention Team Symposium
Wyndham Garden, State College
September 25, 2024**

7:30 a.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- *Michael Pennington, Executive Director, PCCD*
- *Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato, Chairperson, PCCD Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee*

Empathy: The Heart of CIT

- *Major Sam Cochran (Ret.)*
- *Dr. Tom Kirchberg*

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

In this session, Major Sam Cochran (Ret.) and Dr. Tom Kirchberg will discuss CIT as a community program that captures various unique and distinguishable training attributes and performances. This session will also prepare and encourage CIT Officers and Mental Health Professionals to become excellent future CIT trainers.

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Break

In Our Own Voice

- *Shawn Henfling*

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In this session, Shawn Henfling will share his lived experience with participants. He will share his journey through his mental health recovery.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Awards

CIT & Crisis Assessment

- *Kate Reed, Council of State Governments*

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

In this session, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center will describe the CIT and Crisis Assessment project funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The project aims to assess the current landscape of crisis intervention services and infrastructure intercepting with the justice system and evaluate current implementation of CIT and identify opportunities to expand, enhance, and increase data collection. The CSG Justice Center will also facilitate a discussion with participants around challenges, successes, and opportunities for CIT programs in Pennsylvania.

Mental Health and the Family Perspective

- *Darlene Hoy*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Darlene Hoy will share a mother's perspective of her son's journey with mental health from adolescence to adulthood. Darlene is an active member of National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI).

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

Community Collaboration: A Best Practice Approach

- *Ernie Stevens*

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In this session, Ernie Stevens will provide a brief overview of how the San Antonio Police Department implemented crisis intervention training and started a mental health unit in 2008. Ernie will also provide a brief screening of the HBO documentary "Ernie and Joe: Crisis Cops" to highlight the collaborative approach to serving the community. Ernie will also discuss six practices to implement a co-responder/community responder program.

4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks