



Course Announcement: CIT Advanced Training for Erie County

Thursday, June 18, 2026 ⚡ 0800 - 1600

Location: ECMC Emergency Dept Room GR-415, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215 & 12 minutes or less of driving to 3 field sites.

Who Can Attend?: This **8-hour course** is recommended for sworn police or peace officers who have previously attended Crisis Intervention Team training, who want to increase their specialization in mental health, get up-to-date information on mental health resources, and get more involved in the connection and partnership between mental health emergency response and police.

Classroom Instruction will take place over 3 hours and include review of mental health conditions and specific communication, guidance, lethality assessments, diversion and follow-up, and an update on best practices for mental hygiene law. Group discussions are essential to this course. Instruction is presented in proud partnership between Crisis Services Emergency Mental Health Department with CIT Officers from Town of Lancaster, Village of Hamburg, and Town of Cheektowaga Police.

Field visits will take place over 4 hours in the afternoon in partnership with Erie County Medical Center Behavioral Health, BestSelf Best Response, Recovery Options Made Easy Respite & Recovery Center, and Restoration Society.

What are Crisis Intervention Teams?

- Specialized training for law enforcement in responding to individuals with mental illness
- Creation of teams of officers within jurisdictions designated to respond to EDP calls

⚡ **Benefits to the Community**

- Increases safety
- Improves communication between citizens and law enforcement
- Builds trust in the community
- Increase awareness about mental health
- Focus on providing appropriate care to individuals with mental illness

⚡ **Benefits for Police Agencies**

- Reduces officer injury
- Decrease chance of using force
- Focus on diversion (jail and hospital)
- Cost effective; promotes appropriate use of police resources
- Encourages better relationships between community and police

Enrollment: Please send an email to Mo Madden cittrainingcoordinator@crisisservices.org and include the attendee's full name, title/rank, and email.

