



**Hinds County
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
40-Hour
Law Enforcement Training Program**

**October 26-October 30, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Training Location: Hinds Behavioral Health Services
3450 Hwy 80 West,
Jackson MS, 39209

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 41-21-131, a “CIT Officer” means a law enforcement officer who is authorized to make arrests under Section 99-3-1 and who is trained and certified in crisis intervention and who is working for a law enforcement agency that is a participating partner in a Crisis Intervention Team. **CIT Training Goals:**

- Ensure the safety of officers and civilians;
- Increase officer understanding of mental illness;
- Improve relationships with the community, particularly with mental health professionals, people with mental illness, and family members.

The CIT for Law Enforcement concept is based on a successful crisis intervention program that began in Memphis, Tennessee.

CIT is conducted by specially trained law enforcement personnel, mental health professionals, mental health consumers and family advocates. The training includes identification of types of mental illness, verbal skills for de-escalation of potentially violent situations, specifics on suicide intervention, and a mental health system overview.

Virtual Graduation (Zoom)

2:00 p.m. Friday October 30, 2020 in the large conference room of Hinds Behavioral Health Services

Due to COVID-19 restrictions graduates are unable to invite family, friends, colleagues and supervisors to graduation. The graduation will be recorded live from a virtual platform

Dress Code: Graduates should wear or bring a dress uniform for the graduation ceremony (time will be available to change before the ceremony).

Notes

- **Qualifications:** Training will only be provided for **full-time certified law enforcement officers with a minimum of one year law enforcement experience.**
- **Deadline to register is Friday October 16, 2020. Priority will be given to officers who were previously registered for the March 2020 class.**
- **Each participant must attend the full 40 hours of training to graduate and receive CIT certification. No exceptions. Class will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 5:00 p.m. daily. Please see the attached CIT COVID-19 training modifications**



REGISTRATION FORM

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Register early. Class size is limited.

Participants will be registered only after the completed registration form is received. A wait-list will be created for registrations received after class is full. Participants will be notified as to the status of their registration (registered for class or added to the wait-list). Please PRINT an ACTIVE e-mail address below as this is where correspondence regarding your registration will be sent.

To register, forward this completed form to:

Email: tanderson@hbhs9.com

US Mail: **Hinds Behavioral Health Services**

Fax: 601-601-321-2476

Att: CIT Task Force Coordinator

Phone: 601-321-2400

3450 Hwy 80 West

Questions: Dr. Tiffany C. Anderson

Jackson, MS 39209

Cancellation Policy:

If you cannot attend, please *cancel no later than 10 days prior to class start date.*

Please print clearly. Complete separate registration form for each participant.

Participant Name: _____

Title: _____ Badge #: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I am a full-time certified law enforcement officer with at least one year experience.

Name of supervisor: _____

No, I am a not full-time certified law enforcement officer/I do not have at least one year experience.

Agency/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Administrative Use Only

Registration form received: _____ / _____ / _____

Added to: Roster -or- Wait List (Circle one)

Memorandum

To: Hinds Behavioral Health Services CIT Steering Committee
CIT Presenters, Trainers and Participants

From: Dr. Tiffany C. Anderson: HBHS CIT Program Coordinator

Date: August 25, 2020

Subject: CIT COVID-19 Classroom Training Modifications

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will need to adjust all future CIT trainings to meet CDC COVID 19 safety guidelines.

Like other CIT steering committees across the state, we have considered and discussed alternatives to traditional classroom training, including hosting a virtual class via Zoom. With this in mind, there were concerns raised about the possibility of diluting the integrity of the program after consulting Major Cochran and Dr. Dupont. Therefore, COVID-19 Modifications to Crisis Intervention Team trainings held at Hinds Behavioral Health Services are stated below:

Effective immediately, until further notice:

1. Class size will be limited to 10 participants. We will honor the registration of participants who were scheduled for the March 2020 class. All other slots will be filled on a first come, first-served basis.
2. In addition to COVID screening questions on the first day of class, temperatures will be taken DAILY prior to entering the classroom. Temperatures must be **below** 100.00 degrees F. Participants must be symptom free throughout the course of the program in order to enter the classroom.
3. The classroom will be sanitized throughout the day. Everyone will be expected to sanitize their work spaces and their hands whenever entering the classroom.
4. Facial coverings must be worn in the classroom
5. Site visits will be suspended during this time. I am working with marketing and our single points of entry to develop a virtual site visit with a representative from each location being available to discuss with participants
6. We will make every effort to help participant maintain physical distancing of 6' throughout the week. This includes classroom seating and eating lunch. Lunches will be boxed in order to minimize contact. There will be no breakfast served.
7. The only exception to 6' physical distancing will be role plays. All actors and officers involved in each role play will wear masks. Class members who are observing will

maintain 6' distance requirements. All role players will be expected to sanitize before and after each scenario.

8. All trainers and instructors will be required to wear face coverings and to abide by the aforementioned safety guidelines
9. Auditing and visiting of CIT classes are suspended. The only individuals allowed in the classroom during instruction time are those who are providing training, instruction or lecture. When providing instruction at least one CIT trained law enforcement officer is requested to remain in the classroom; preferably the law enforcement CIT Coordinator as well as the mental health CIT coordinator or his/her representative.
10. The quantity of teaching faculty will be limited. When a certain subject matter expert is required, every effort will be made to implement a virtual class.