

# 2026 CIT International Conference

## Conference Schedule

August 9 - August 12

*\*Schedule Subject to Change*

Time	Title
<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 9</b>	
<b>BONUS SUNDAY</b>	
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	CIT Certified Coordinator's Course
9:00 am - 12 noon	Wanna be a Millionaire? Tools and Tips for Developing Sustainable Funding Streams
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Pathway to Financial Wellness
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Caring for the Vulnerable After Tragedy: Managing the Aftermath of the Covenant School Shooting
12 noon - 6:00 pm	Registration Opens
<b>MONDAY AUGUST 10</b>	
6:30 am - 8:00 am	Registration Opens
9:30 am - 4:30 pm	Continental Breakfast: Networking
7:00 am - 8:00 am	
<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>	
8:00 am - 9:30 am	<b>Conference Opening; Welcome and Award Presentations</b>
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	
10:00 am - 11:00 am	CIT Connects - Finding your way through CIT From Crisis to Connection: Integrating Social Work into Law Enforcement Responses From Policy to Police to Prison to Practicality Self-Regulate to De-Escalate: The Neurobiology of Officer Wellness and Crisis Response Bridging the Gap in Rural Crisis Response - From Challenges to Collaboration When Youth Crisis Signals Exploitation: Suicide Risk and CIT Response Veteran Response Teams in Pennsylvania The Power of the Peer: Advancing CIT Through Diversion, Collaboration, and Compassionate Systems Change Beyond the PowerPoints The Integration of Harm Reduction Strategies can Help Improve Crisis Response Beyond the Transfer: Measuring Success and Impact in 911-to-Crisis Call Diversion Expanding Our Understanding of De-escalation: An Examination of Emerging Scientific Theory and Case Studies
11:00 am - 12: 30 pm	<b>LUNCH: On Your Own</b>
<b>GENERAL SESSION: KEYNOTE</b>	
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>A Life Redirected: A Journey from Homelessness to Service and Leadership</b>
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Managing the Crisis Scene : Strengthening your CIT impact From 988 to Jail: Integrating Forensic Peer Support Across the Crisis Continuum Harnessing Behavioral Function: Leveraging ABA to Strengthen Crisis Response and Frequent Service User Management From Vision to Implementation: Building a Statewide CIT Technical Assistance Center Multi-Disciplinary Co-Response Case Study Project TRACE: Connecting with rural agencies to aid in Veteran crisis response Deflection as a Frontline Strategy to Support Drug-Endangered Children Managing the Cycle of Escalation with Compassion and Care WHEN LIFE GOES: Postvention Response Support From Soldier to Civilian: The High-Risk Journey from Military to Civilian Life Collaborative Power: How to Build, Sustain, Expand, and Fund a Countywide CIT Program Lean On Me
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Beyond the Usual Suspects: Finding CIT Partners Hidden in Plain Sight Intercept Zero Rocks! Safe Integration of Crisis Mobile Teams into your CIT Programs Confessions of a Crisis Data Nerd: From Data to Deliverables to Driving Change Development and Implementation of Georgia's CIT Program Hashtag BuddyCheck Family Collaboration in CIT Building Competence and Confidence in Community-Based Veteran Care: Implementing the VALOR Model of Veteran Education Delivery Beyond the Crisis: Peer-led pathways to long-term recovery and community reintegration Balancing Barriers and Breakthroughs: Innovating Rural Crisis Response Hoarding - How it Affects the Family and Community Let's Get Real About Co-Response: Lessons Learned and Real Talk about Well-Intended Mistakes Strengthening Law Enforcement De-escalation and Crisis Response through the Law Enforcement De-escalation Training Act
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>NETWORKING EVENT: THE POINTE ORLANDO</b>
<b>TUESDAY AUGUST 11</b>	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration Opens
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Continental Breakfast and Networking
7:00 am - 8:00 am	
<b>GENERAL SESSION: KEYNOTE</b>	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>More than a Side Effect: The Tardive Dyskenesia Conversation</b>
9:00 am - 9:20 am	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
9:20 am - 10:20 am	Bridging the Gap of Homelessness with a Co-Response Unit It's Delicate: The Necessary but Nuanced Work of Supporting the Supporters CIT Statewide Coordination: Now and the Future Adapting Co-Response to Your Community: Lessons from Colorado, Kansas, and Texas Veterans in Crisis: Understanding, De-Escalating, and Connecting Those Who Served Why you still matter: Sustainable service in a culture that cares HEART on the Line: How Durham Rewired 911, Law Enforcement, and Crisis Care Victim to Survivor to Peer: How the story of a peer changed the trajectory of an investigation and prosecution Beyond the Crisis: A Multi-Tiered Hospital and CIT Law Enforcement Partnership Advancing Community Mental Health When Worlds Don't Align: Strengthening Coordination Between Peer Crisis Teams and CIT Officers Sensory Implications in Crisis Intervention: Understanding Dysregulation in Individuals with Developmental Disabilities From Silver to Platinum: How CIT Programming Influences a Successful Crisis Continuum
10:20 am - 10:50 am	<b>BREAK: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
10:50 am - 11:50 am	911 Crisis Call Diversion: Models, Liability, and Integration with the CIT Framework You Again! A Collaborative Co-Response Approach to Ending the Cycle with a High Frequency Misdemeanant Population From the Street to Stability: Real-World Juvenile Crisis Diversion That Works Pawstive Impact: Incorporating Therapy Canines into Crisis Response and Peer Support Understanding COMPACT: How to increase collaboration in responding to Veterans in crisis Sustainability Through Succession Planning: Strengthening Your CIT Program KEEP THEM SAFE: Safety Planning and Access to Lethal Means Conversations Strengthening Community Impact Through Partnership: NAMI & CIT—A Collaborative Model for Sustainable Change Reframing Domestic Violence: Moving Beyond the Mental Illness Narrative ...Ready for it? The clinician you need right here, right now Broken People, Stronger Responses: Wellness in Crisis Intervention So, You Want to Teach Law Enforcement ... Excelling as a Civilian Instructor
11:50 am - 1:20 pm	<b>Lunch: Buffet Lunch Provided</b>
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Pin, Coin and Patch Swap</b>
12:30 pm - 1:20 pm	<b>Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
1:20 pm - 2:20 pm	Disrupting the Pathway to Violence: Integrating Co-Response and Behavioral Threat Management Filling the Gap: Crisis Care on the Move with Mobile Response & Stabilization Services (MRSS) So Someone Calls 988: What Professionals Should Know About the Caller Experience ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS....and Power-Points! Beyond Backup: Co-Response as a Rural CIT Best Practice Police Interactions with Autistic Persons QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention From Inside to Reentry: How NAMI Programs Support Mental Health in Correctional Settings Embracing Resilience: Building Emotional Intelligence in First Responders From the Battlefield to the Homefront Beat: Integrating Compassionate, Trauma-Informed Crisis Response with the Military-Connected Community "You Good?" Two words that saved my life! CRISIS: Crisis Responder Intervention Skills and Instructional Standards
2:20 pm - 2:40 pm	<b>BREAK: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
2:40 pm - 3:40 pm	Starting the Conversation: Connecting Veterans, PTSD, and Your Officers on a Path of Wellness Advanced CIT: Embedding Mindfulness for Resilient Crisis Response From Charges to Care: How Shelby County is Reengineering Mental Health Response Through Courts and CIT Autism Spectrum Disorder and Crisis Response for Law Enforcement Telling Your Story: The Importance of Story Sharing Training for Peers and Family Members Recognizing the Need for Change: Rebuilding Through Growth and Accountability Bridging the Gap: Integrating Deflection and CIT for Safer Communities Drug-Induced/Substance-Induced Psychosis - (Mental Illness) Behind the Walls - CIT's Role in Corrections and Officer Wellness Supercharging CIT Training with Body-Worn Camera Footage Professionalizing CIT: The Past, Present, & Future of Creating a Fully Funded State-wide CIT Organization
3:40 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>BREAK: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing the Revolving Door: Peers & Post-Crisis Responses Mental Health Court: Diverting Crisis from Incarceration Interrupting the Crisis Cycle: Replacing a Single-Event Response with Post-Crisis Care Coordination From Response to Relationship: Building Co-Response Partnerships That Strengthen Community Trust The Mental Health of the Helper: Preventing Suicide in First Responders Before Crisis The Forgotten Resource: Engaging Families During Law Enforcement Crisis Response From Living A Life Hopelessness & Homelessness, To Living A Life Of Transformation, Recovery & Purpose. Building the Path to Partnership: Transforming I/DD Crisis Response Through Community Dialogue Crisis Response Behind the Redwood Curtain The 72-Hour Window: Managing Grief-Driven Crisis in Corrections Training the Best: Making the Most Out of Every Role Play Exercise What people in crisis actually want—And how to train for it
<b>WEDNESDAY AUG. 12</b>	
7:00 AM	Registration
7:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast of Hope: Buffet Breakfast Provided</b>
<b>GENERAL SESSION: BREAKFAST OF HOPE KEYNOTE</b>	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>From Surviving to Serving: A Journey of Pain, Purpose and Impact</b>
9:00 am - 9:20 am	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
9:20 am - 10:20 am	When Systems Say "I Do": The Marriage of Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement in Modern Crisis Response From CIT to Mobile Crisis Outreach: A Natural Progression Colleges in Crisis: Building Compassionate Mobile Response Teams in Higher Education From Escalation to Regulation: Practical Bottom-Up Strategies for Supporting People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Situational Awareness: Safety and De-escalation Techniques for Clinical Professionals Warrior to Guardian: Understanding and Supporting Military Veterans in Law Enforcement Positive Encounter with CIT Police when I was in Psychosis Because A Ride Can Change Everything From Planning to Practice: Using Psychiatric Advance Directives to Transform Behavioral Health Crisis Response Empathy at the Edge: Preventing Overreach in Crisis Intervention Professionals' Roles Beyond "Just De-Escalate": Insights from Body Worn Camera Analysis of Mental Health Crisis Calls When Traditional 911 Isn't Enough: Building a Modern Crisis Response Model
10:20 am - 10:45 am	<b>Break: Visit our Sponsors and Exhibitors</b>
<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>	
10:45 am - 11:30 am	<b>Conference Closing; Meet New Orleans for the 2027 Conference</b>
12:00 noon	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSES - SAFE TRAVELS HOME</b>

EXHIBIT AREA HOURS OF OPERATIONS	
Sunday, August 9th	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Set-Up)
Monday, August 10th	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Set-Up)
Tuesday, August 11th	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12th	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CIT STORE HOURS OF OPERATION	
Sunday, August 9th	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10th	6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN HOURS OF OPERATION	
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CONFERENCE HELP DESK HOURS OF OPERATON	
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