OVERVIEW: STATEWIDE CIT TRAINING & EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION TRAINING



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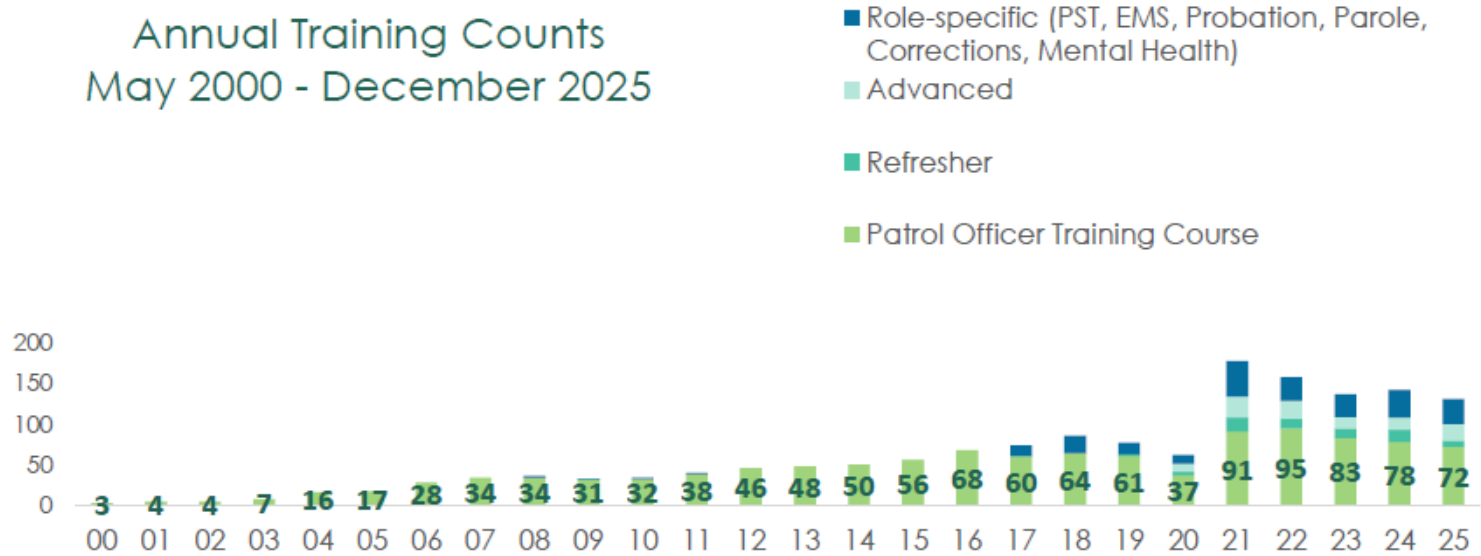
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- The Ohio CIT Training Database
  - Created by Mekal Banyasz *Research, Grants and Evaluation Manager*
  - Built from training rosters submitted by CIT Program Coordinators
  - Also includes:
    - County trained
    - County employed at time of first training

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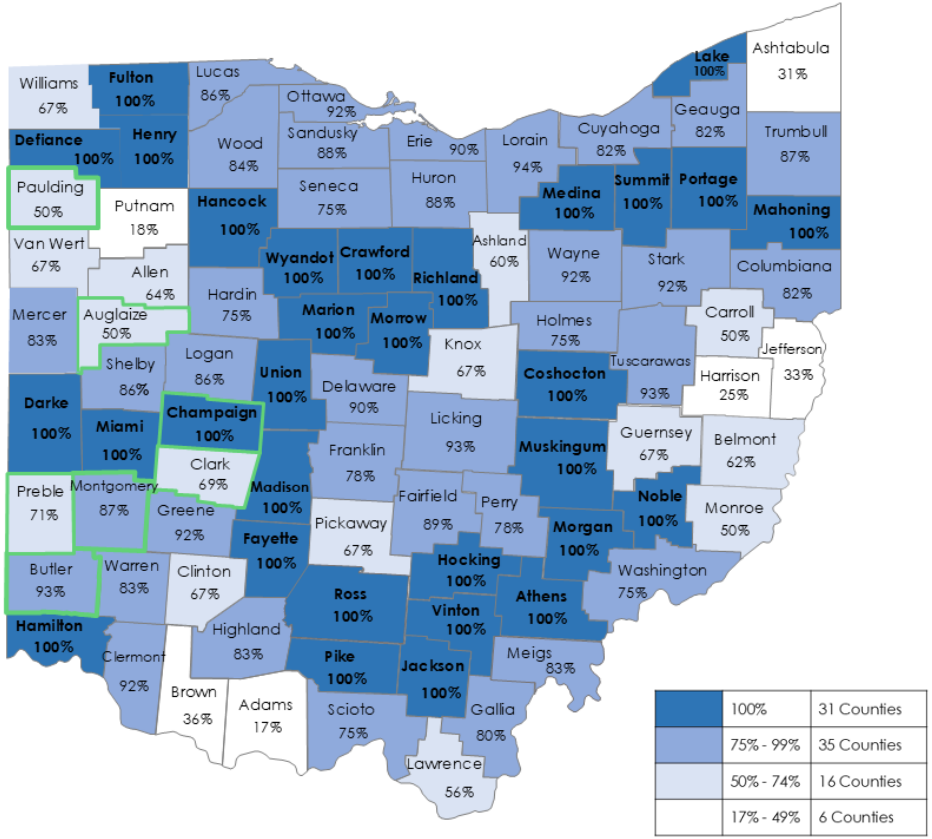


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- Status as of March 2026
- **29,307** people have been trained by Ohio CIT programs
  - **18,419** sworn law enforcement
  - **5,378** staff from the ODRC CIT Program
  - **10,413** other professions including fire/EMS, corrections officers, probation/parole officers, public safety telecommunicators, behavioral health professionals and more



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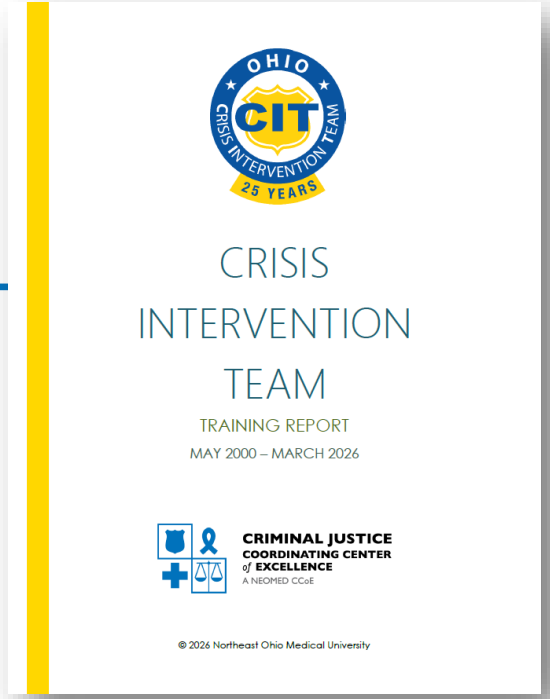
STATUS AS OF MARCH 2026

83% (783) of Ohio LE agencies have participated in CIT Training

Leaves 17% (160) agencies that have not **yet** participated

OHIO CIT TRAINING REPORT
OHIO CIT SUPPORT & EXPANSION

- Released biannually to CIT programs and partners
  - ✓ Breakdown of each CIT program by county and law enforcement agencies
  - ✓ Displays number of sworn law enforcement trained from each law enforcement agency
  - ✓ Displays CIT participation by profession
  - ✓ Identifies CIT Program Peer Review and Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Workshop participation



EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION: REALISTIC APPLICATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Designed and delivered by:

Officer Jeff Futo (ret.) & Commander Chris Bowling (ret.)

Purpose:

To improve officers' ability to make informed custody decisions, apply Ohio's emergency hospitalization law, and achieve the best possible outcomes for all involved.

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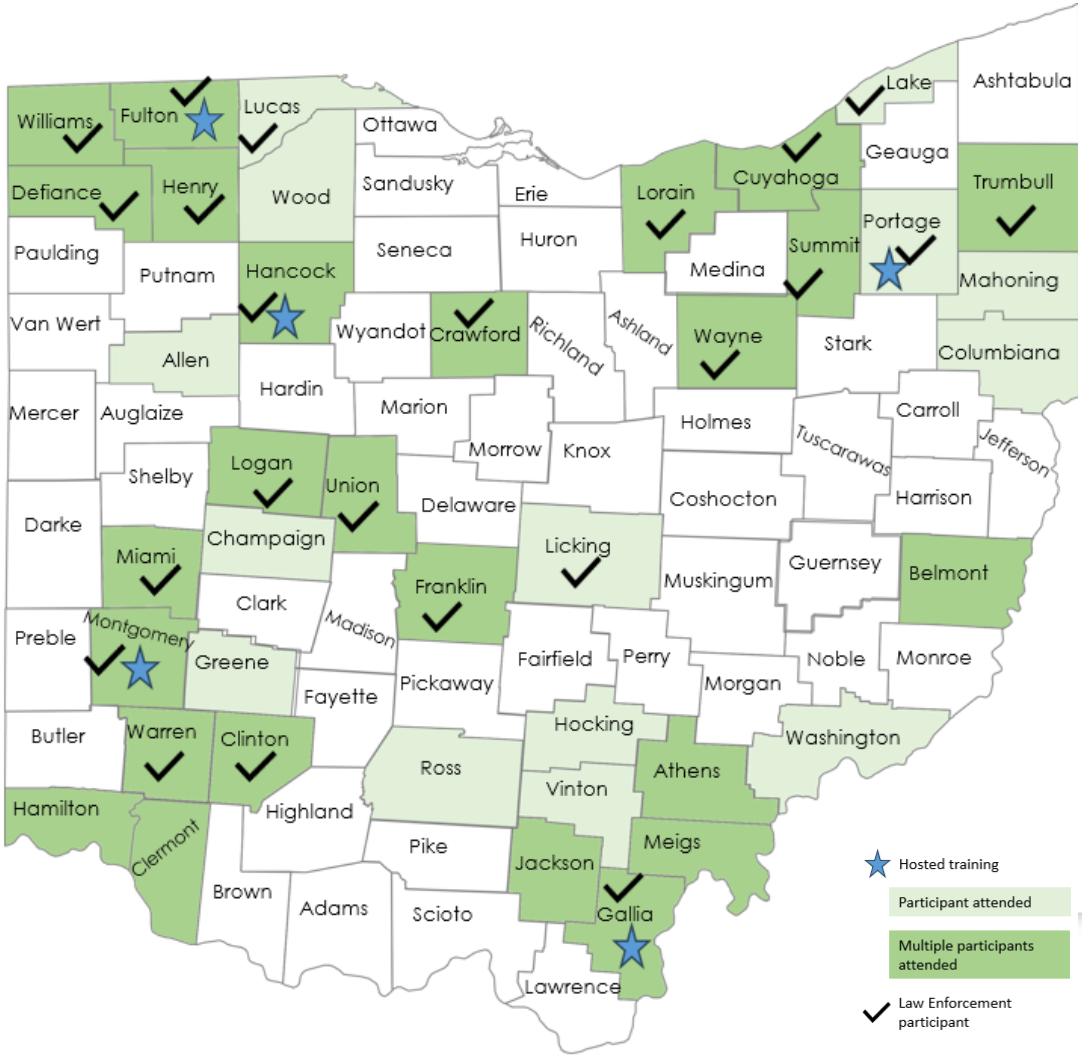
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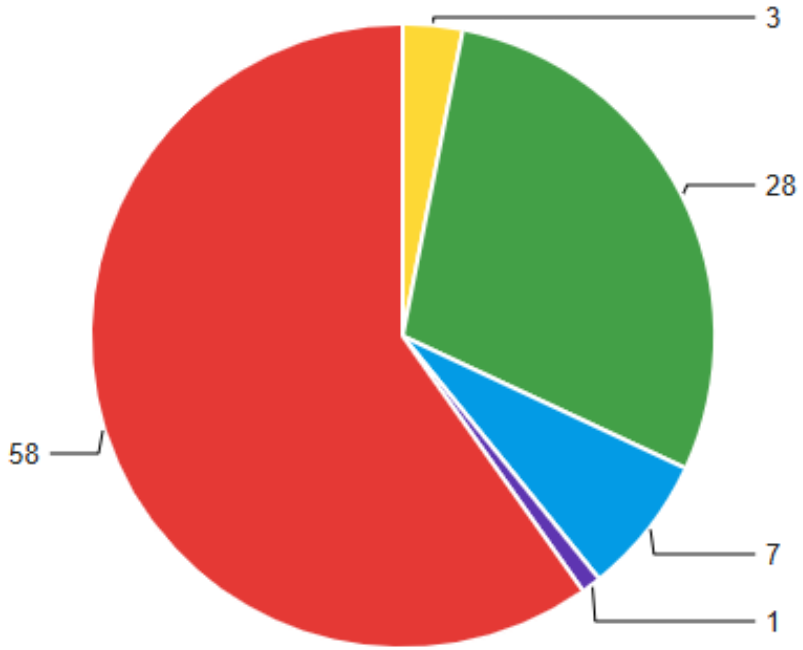
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- Interactive, scenario-based training
- Facilitated group discussions
- Explores the "gray areas" and provides guidance
- Reviews relevant legal standards and court decisions
- Explains the process and its intended application
- Includes a Pre- and Post-Test to assess knowledge change/acquisition

TRAININGS MARCH 2025 – SEPTEMBER 2026

- Northeast (March 2025)
- Northwest (October 2025 and September 2026)
- Southwest (March 2026)
- Southeast (May 2026)





145 Participants

PAIN POINT THEMES

1

Knowledge, Training, and Application

Differences among system partners in training (or lack thereof), knowledge, assessment of risk, and application of emergency hospitalization requirements.

2

Cross-System Coordination

Lack of communication and coordination among system partners, including limited understanding of each other's roles, responsibilities, processes, and expectations. This includes uncertainty regarding transfer of custody and transportation.

3

System Capacity and Treatment Options

Limited behavioral health beds, staffing, emergency crisis services, receiving centers, and other treatment or response options available.

4

Complex Populations and Circumstances

Challenges encountered by system partners when addressing youth, guardianship, co-occurring conditions, IDD, and other complex circumstances.

5

Policy and Procedure Misalignment

Policies, procedures, and operational practices do not consistently align among system partners, resulting in conflicting processes, responsibilities, and expectations.

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION: REALISTIC APPLICATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

We know it works….

Key Testing Results

- Knowledge scores increased by an average of 3.5 points on a 12-question test
- Participants completed the post-test 1.5 minutes faster on average

Takeaway

- The training improved both knowledge and efficiency, suggesting participants left the course better prepared to apply the emergency hospitalization process

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION: REALISTIC APPLICATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

What's Next?

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION: REALISTIC APPLICATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Develop and administer a post-training survey to evaluate how participants apply training concepts within their agencies and when working with crisis response partners

- Develop and provide ongoing law enforcement emergency hospitalization Training of Trainers and an accompanying performance support system

Goal = at least one local instructor in ALL 88 counties

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION: REALISTIC APPLICATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Southeast Ohio

In Hamilton County

Registration closes January 29, 2027

Northeast Ohio

In Lorain County

Registration closes Friday April 2, 2027

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PINK SLIP TRAINING SERIES

WWW.NEOMED.EDU/CJCCOE/CIT/OTHER-TECHNICAL-ASSISTANCE

Pink Slipping 101 (Basic)

- 10 Key Points to a Better Understanding of Ohio's Emergency Hospitalization Law

Pink Slipping 102 (Intermediate)

- 10 Key Points to Better Apply Ohio's Emergency Hospitalization Law

Pink Slipping 103 (Advanced)

- Ferreri v. City of Strongsville(2011), U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio: A case study with takeaways from published documents

Pink Slipping 201 (Advanced)

- Emergency Hospitalization: Understanding Force Application in Crisis Encounters

OTHER SUPPORT FOR OHIO CIT PROGRAMS

- CIT Support and Expansion Funding
- CIT Training Course Performance Objectives
- Annual Ohio CIT Conference (April 7, 2027)
- Ohio CIT Coordinator Course
- Public Safety Telecommunicator Training of CIT Trainers (2027)
- Standards from the Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act
  - Monitor, review, and provide guidance for Ohio CIT Programs
- On going consultation, technical assistance, guidance, and support

OHIO CIT DOESN'T EXIST WITHOUT PARTNERS

- Ohio Department of Behavioral Health
- The Peg's Foundation
- Office of Criminal Justice Services
- Attorney General's Office
- Stepping Up Ohio
- Mental health boards
- Ohio Supreme Court and Judicial College
- Law Enforcement Leadership
- CIT Program Coordinators and local partners
- Cordata Healthcare Innovations
- CIT International
- NAMI Ohio and affiliates
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
- And more…

FIRST EPISODE PSYCHOSIS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT: A CRITICAL INTERCEPT FOR EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL



SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS TRAINING

Criminal Justice systems benefit from psychosis training

The **Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center**, a NEOMED CCoE, focuses on promoting recovery to improve the lives of as many individuals with psychosis through workforce training.

- ✓ Experts in psychosis care strategy training for any field
- ✓ Innovating programs to deliver state-of-the-art care to people affected by psychosis and their families
- ✓ 13 specially trained teams in Ohio for First Episode Psychosis

ENGAGING PSYCHOSIS IN THE COMMUNITY

Training for criminal justice systems in:

- How to engage someone experiencing psychosis
- Keeping someone safe
- How to refer someone to treatment
- Community resources and system navigation



- The BeST Center tailors training for professionals in the criminal justice field. Learn psychosis skills to help vulnerable citizens get the help they need. bestcenter@neomed.edu
- Visit: https://www.neomed.edu/bestcenter

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