

Gray Matter Behavioral Health Caucus Georgia's CIT Program

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CIT Update

- Thanks to Dr. Shelp and Georgia DBHDD for providing funding
- Over 3000 Law Enforcement Officers trained to date.
- Capacity for 30 more classes through June 30, 2010



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CIT Mission

- Improve law enforcement , consumer and public safety
- Divert consumers in crisis to treatment and away from incarceration



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CIT Overview

Organizes communities to address issue of the incarceration of persons with behavioral health issues. Training focused on :

- SMI
- SA
- Treatment/Medications
- DD
- Child and Adolescent
- Treatment Facility Visit
- De-escalation Techniques
- Identification of Community Resources



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Chief Justice Task Force & Sheriff Massee

Jail Mental Health Protocols Training



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Training Components

- Intro to SMI
- Medications/Side Effects
- DD
- AD/Detox Requirements
- SBI
- Intake Screening
- Referral Systems
- Suicide Prevention in a Jail Setting
- Discharge Planning



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Obstacles to Success

- Lengthy waits for consumers in crisis to be seen in emergency facilities
- Limited community resources to divert/refer



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Treatment works, if you can get it.

Law Enforcement wants treatment in the community rather than in jail and prisons



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