

# OHIO CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) CONFERENCE



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## AFTERNOON PLENARY: LIVED EXPERIENCE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF MENTAL ILLNESS

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Collaborative & Comprehensive Mental Health Programs within Police Departments
- Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Youth
- Mitigating Crisis Situations in Correctional Settings
- Interacting with Individuals Experiencing Psychosis
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
- Coordination of CIT at the Program Level
- Self-care for Public Safety Telecommunicators & Call Takers
- De-escalation Training for Law Enforcement

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

10:00am - 4:00pm  
(check-in opens at 9:30am)

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IN COLUMBUS

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We are excited to bring you this year's Ohio CIT Conference at The Conference Center at OCLC in Columbus! Along with our Ohio CIT Awards presentation, this year's agenda boasts two keynote speakers and a variety of breakout sessions for CIT coordinators, law enforcement, corrections, and public safety telecommunicators.



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**ON MARCH 31, 2023.**

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## OHIO CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) FEATURED CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



### KEYNOTE: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Matt Dorgan, Building Bridges for Brianna

Matt Dorgan was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania. He graduated from York Suburban High School in 1998 after which he moved to Key West to pursue an occupation in Marine Engineering. While in Key West, he worked many different jobs that catered to the tourism industry, but it was his experience working in a nightclub that reignited his childhood dream of becoming a police officer. After graduating from the police academy in Key West, Matt was hired by the Key West Police Department where he worked on patrol for many years. Matt finally left to join the private sector in security and loss prevention which brought him back to Pennsylvania. While in the private sector, Matt built partnerships with many law enforcement agencies and was successful in lowering drug overdoses, robberies, attacks on retail workers and members of the community. He has always been driven to protect others and make changes for the better. It was after the loss of his daughter Brianna to suicide, December 3, 2020, that Matt decided that things need to change. Matt wanted to channel his grief into something positive for the community so others would not have to suffer the way Brianna suffered and so other parents would not have to suffer the grief of having to bury a child. In January 2021, Matt started putting together an awareness and fundraising event called Building Bridges for Brianna. After several weeks Matt decided we need to build the bridge between people that need help and people that can provide help. That was when Matt realized that this cannot be an event, it needs to be a movement and expanded the organization to reach as many people as he can. He wants people to know "It's ok to not be ok, we just can't stay that way". Matt was a featured speaker at the 2022 Crisis Intervention Team International Conference.

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Cory Dobbelaere

For the past 15 years, Cory has worked in advocacy in a variety of ways. He has worked with the Ohio Attorney General's Task Force on Mental Illness and the courts serving on numerous committees. Cory has spoken on behalf of mental illness advocacy throughout Ohio, Washington D.C., and in Seattle, Washington. He wrote and published his book, *Harrison's Story*, in 2009, based on his life experiences. The book was sold in 14 countries and details his journey through the criminal justice and mental health systems. He also collaborated with partners in Williams County, Ohio, on a program to connect the schools with local community resources and community members. The program was awarded a \$2.5 million dollar SAMSHA grant. The program has provided social workers and services for youth and families in Williams County, as well as provided professional development for educators. After taking a few years off to focus on his own self-care for his mental and physical health, he feels privileged to return to speaking. His story includes prison, mental health hospitalizations, homelessness, and a lot of gaps that he, and other individuals will mental illness, often fall through. He is a strong supporter of NAMI and the work they and other advocacy organizations do for our communities.



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