

# CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) ECHO RESPONSE TO OPIOID USE DISORDER

## CIT ECHO Sessions

With funding from the NM Human Services Department, Behavioral Health Services Division, State Targeted Response Grant (SAMHSA), the CIT ECHO increased knowledge and awareness of Opioid Use Disorder and Medication Assisted Treatment among public safety.



### Session Topics:

- OUD 101 for Public Safety
- Medication Assisted Treatments
- Introduction to Addictions
- Needle Exchange Programs
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Suboxone vs. Methadone
- OUD, Naloxone, and Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl

## SHARPS Needle Exchange Program

CIT ECHO partnered with the City of Albuquerque's SHARP program to place five additional needle exchange kiosks in public spaces throughout the city.

Needle exchange kiosks were placed in the community and **within ten days approximately 82 lbs. were collected.**

Albuquerque Fire & Rescue estimates that at **over 8,000 needles.**



## CIT ECHO Training on OUD Works

*I learned that opioid abuse is actually a disorder and not necessarily a moral issue.*

— Non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 15 to 20 years of experience

*I will now know where to direct someone or a family member to go to dispose of needles.*

— Non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 15 to 20 years of experience

*Gave me additional resources to give to people suffering from drug induced mental illness.*

— Uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 10 to 15 years of experience



CIT ECHO is a continuing education model developed to improve law enforcement interactions with people living with mental illness. Online sessions are held weekly and last 90 minutes.

## MISSION

The mission of the CIT ECHO is to improve law enforcement interactions with people living with mental illness with the aim of increasing the safety of law enforcement and individuals in behavioral health crisis, fostering connections with the mental health system, and raising the level of community policing.

## FORMAT

The CIT ECHO hosts weekly sessions which are divided into two parts: a brief educational presentation and case debriefing. The educational portion is taught by a mental health professional or member of law enforcement. Presentations last no more than 45 minutes and cover topics specific to law enforcement interactions with people living with mental illness. During case debriefings members of public safety agencies present real cases for discussion by the network, and receive recommendations consistent with CIT best-practices, including guidance on how to implement the recommendations, from the Hub Team of subject matter experts.

## PARTNERS:

