



BHC
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE



Save The Date
Next In-person Meeting:
Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

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NEWSLETTER

New BHC Project Coordinator

For the new Bureau of Justice Assistance grant, Scott Kaufmann will be stepping into the role of Project Coordinator for the Behavioral Health Collaborative. Though Scott had been working with the BHC in his previous position, this new role allows him to focus entirely on facilitating BHC projects over the next two years. He'll be facilitating BHC meetings and workgroups, ensuring that progress toward goals is being made, and working as the primary point of contact for the BHC. If you have a colleague or group that you think would benefit from receiving information about the BHC, Scott is available to provide information about BHC individually or present it at a meeting.



If interested, you can reach out to **Scott Kaufmann** at scott.kaufmann@dupagehealth.org or (630) 221-7148 and he'll be happy to work with you!

PCRT 2018 In Review

During the year of 2018, the Post-Crisis Response Team (PCRT) was hard at work, continuing the successful collaboration between the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and the Health Department.

The PCRT team worked with **132 individuals** to provide support and referrals to appropriate resources after a 911 call.

Aside from referrals to mental health care, PCRT referred clients to workNet DuPage, senior services organizations, veterans' groups, and DuPage PADS. 2018 also saw the addition of Westmont Police Department as a partner that refers clients to PCRT for follow-up. The growth will continue into 2019 as the PCRT seeks to increase the number of people served throughout the county.



CIT Training Dates

Crisis Intervention Training has continued to grow in DuPage County through 2018. To date, 32 CIT classes have taken place and a total of 714 officers have been trained. New training dates for the first half of 2019 are listed below. The training is available to all Sheriff's Office deputies and any law enforcement officers from DuPage County municipalities. For more information on the DuPage CIT program, visit the [Sheriff's Office website](#).



- March 4-8
- April 1-5
- April 22-26
- April 29 - May 3
- May 20-24
- June 10-14

Mental Health First Aid Trainings for First Responders

In early 2019, clinicians from the DuPage County Health Department have begun to provide Mental Health First Aid training to Fire and EMS first responders in DuPage. To date, there have been three trainings with different municipal Fire and EMS departments in which 34 staff have been trained. More trainings are scheduled for March. The BHC set a goal of training 160 staff between 2019 and 2021 and are already off to a fantastic start!

If you are interested in receiving Mental Health First Aid training for a Fire or EMS department in DuPage County, please contact **Betsy Boesch** at betsy.boesch@dupagehealth.org for more details.



Trauma-Informed Response Training

On November 8, 2018, the DuPage County Health Department held a Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice Response Training that was conducted by Policy Research Associates, a group that specializes in training criminal justice professionals and improving the continuum of the justice system in communities. The half day training included various group exercises, videos, and discussions to help increase understanding of trauma, create awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior, and how to develop trauma-informed decisions. Funding for the training was made possible by a grant from the Public Health National Center for Innovations.

March BHC Meeting Highlights

As you may already know, the BHC is moving to a quarterly meeting schedule in 2019, beginning with our first meeting in less than a month on March 12! We're looking forward to sharing with you more information about what lies ahead for the BHC and mental health in DuPage County.

Please [register here](#) if you plan to attend the meeting. Below are some of the topics that will be discussed at the March meeting:

- Formalizing the BHC's structure
- BJA grant opportunities
- Decentralized Crisis Response Pilot

Impact DuPage Objectives for 2019-2021

The BHC is a partner with Impact DuPage for the Behavioral Health priority area from 2019 to 2021. Impact DuPage and BHC representatives worked together near the end of last year to formulate the objectives for the three-year period. The overall goal between now and the end of 2021 is to achieve a 10% reduction in the number of incoming jail inmates with a mental health issue. The outcome objectives are listed below.



For more information about these objectives and Impact DuPage as a whole, visit the [Impact DuPage website](#).

- By **December 31, 2021**, implement PCRT program with at least eight new external police department partners
- By **March 1, 2019**, begin implementation of pre-arrest diversion program with pilot sites
- By **March 1, 2019**, implement the universal screening tool to be used at the DuPage County Jail
- By **April 1, 2019**, implement the Jail Datalink agreement between the DuPage County Jail and the DuPage County Health Department
- By **December 31, 2021**, train 160 DuPage County EMS responders in Mental Health First Aid

