CIT Development and Sustainability

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Questions we all have

- Am I doing the right thing?
- Is it supposed to be this hard?
- How in the world can I do this with the limited mental health resources in my community?

State of the Art

- Arc of program development: Programs are combined and revised over time.
- Iterative process things change
- Statewide implementation
- Data collection efforts
- Support/resources:
 - PMHC Toolkit
 - CSG Justice Center

Keys to Sustainability

- Collecting data
- Revising and revising
- Top down and bottom up
- Political support
- True collaboration

Common Challenges

- Collecting data
- Partner changes
- Training limitations
- Availability of Resources- in the police department and/or the mental health service provider
- Information sharing across systems
- Customizing to jurisdiction characteristics

Overcoming Challenges

- Persistence is key this is an iterative process
- Change/expand existing data collection tools (RMS and CAD systems) – collect data "in stream"
- Dedicate staffing
- Invent
- Others?

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