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CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) 40 HOUR PATROL OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

Held March 2-6, 2026

The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County, along with the Mental Health & Recovery Services for Logan and Champaign County, conducted the annual 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement. A total of 33 participants from 17 different agencies came together to acquire essential knowledge on how to effectively respond to behavioral health crises.

This training equips officers with the necessary tools to handle situations safely, compassionately, and effectively, while connecting individuals in crisis to the treatment and support they require.

A heartfelt thank you to all the presenters and partners that contributed to making this training impactful.



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Mobile Response Stabilization Services

Quick Facts

MRSS IS A NO-COST SERVICE THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS (SPECIFICALLY, YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 20 AND UNDER) IN CRISIS AND THEIR FAMILIES IMMEDIATE SUPPORT WITHIN 60 MINUTES OF INITIAL CONTACT WHEN THAT YOUNG PERSON IS EXPERIENCING OVERWHELMING MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS OR CRISIS.

WHAT IS MRSS?

- **It's mobile, so you don't have to go anywhere;** trained professionals come directly to your home, or to another safe community location.
- **They define the crisis.** No issue is too large or too small. If it feels like a crisis to the young person or family, MRSS is available to provide support.
- MRSS not only **offers immediate de-escalation** but also creates comprehensive wraparound care by providing **up to 42 days of intensive in-home services**.
- **It connects the young person and the family with peer support**, skill-building opportunities, and prevention resources.

HOW IT WORKS

- **Anyone can dial 988** if a young person in their life is experiencing an emotional, mental health, or behavioral crisis. If it feels like a crisis to them, call MRSS.
- A trained professional will answer 24/7 and ask a few questions to better understand the situation.
- A behavioral health specialist will meet the family at their home or other safe location within an hour (8am-8pm, Mon.-Fri.). After-hours tele-response with next-day visit available.
- The MRSS team will help de-escalate the situation and provide opportunities for ongoing supportive services.

LEARN MORE HERE



MRSS

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NEW INITIATIVE THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD

To better support our residents during mental health crises, the Mental Health & Recovery Board has launched a new pilot program at the Marysville PD. We've teamed up with Coleman Health Services to welcome Chelsea Hill as our new embedded social worker.

How it works: When officers respond to a call involving a mental health concern, Chelsea will be dispatched to the scene. Her mission is to keep individuals safe in their own homes while immediately connecting them to the help they need. Chelsea doesn't just stop there—she also provides follow-up support to make sure no one falls through the cracks. We look forward to seeing this program grow to serve the entire county soon!



CHELSEA HILL, LISW-S