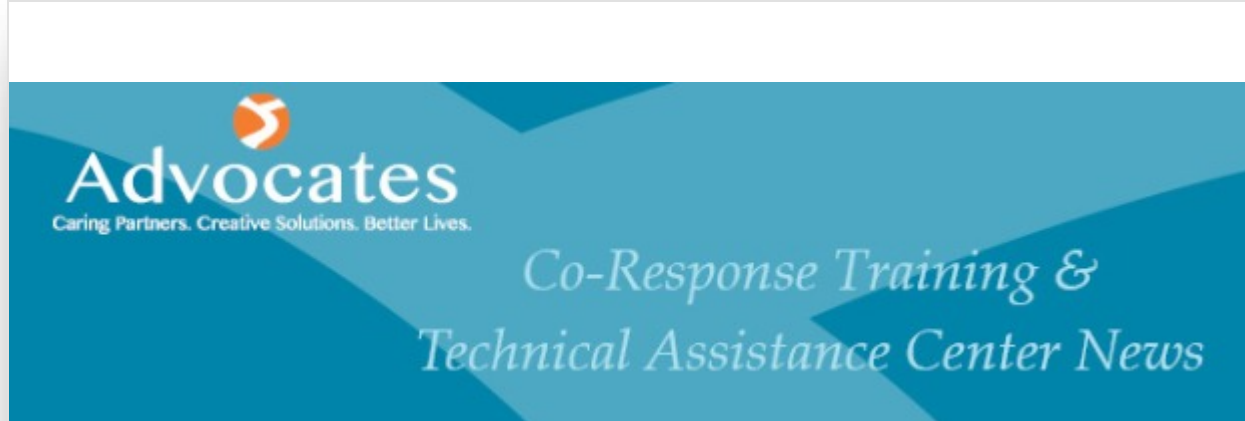


[View this email in your browser](#)



## March — **Advocates CR-TTAC News** — 2023

### Feature Story:

### [Meet Our Team](#) — monthly introductions to our amazing staff:

Good day, community members!

Continuing with our monthly staff introductions, highlighting our **Advocates JDP** team members, we want to take a few newsletter issues to introduce you to our new **Advocates Co-Response Clinicians**. This month, we would like to introduce you to Co-Response Clinician and Supervisor Katelyn Leary. Katelyn supervises the **Mansfield, Franklin/Medway, Sharon/Westwood, and Marshfield/Duxbury/Norwell** programs.

#### **Meet Katelyn Leary, MSW:**

#### *What brought you to this role?*

In my previous position, I had many connections with police officers who were attempting to work with resources in the community to assist those they saw often. I had also been a supervisor for over 12 years and had enjoyed helping build skills and confidence in clinicians. This opportunity provided me the chance to combine several interests, as well as work in a progressive program attempting to meet the needs of various communities.

### *What is challenging about your job?*

The greatest challenges in this job are still the perceptions around what police officers actually do and where their level of responsibility ends. Tied in with this is the perception of what mental health professionals should be doing and helping change the public perception of how those two can work together to provide communities with the appropriate assistance. In a culture so strongly influenced by social media it is challenging to ensure the audience is getting accurate information disseminated.

### *Why do you stay?*

I stay because I believe that I am part of a program making real change in the communities. I am lucky enough to get the opportunity to be part of an innovating solution. I also feel extremely supported in my role by the co-workers and the departments I work with.

## Join Our Team



### **Independent, Motivated, & Enthusiastic Professionals Wanted**

Advocates promotes a healthy work-life balance and offers many generous perks of employment and room for advancement. We are a strong-knit community that values the ideas and contributions of our staff.

Our Co-Response Jail Diversion Team is expanding rapidly and we want you to join us!

The Jail Diversion Social Worker works in conjunction with the designated police department (s) to provide psychiatric and substance use evaluations to individuals who encounter the police while in crisis.

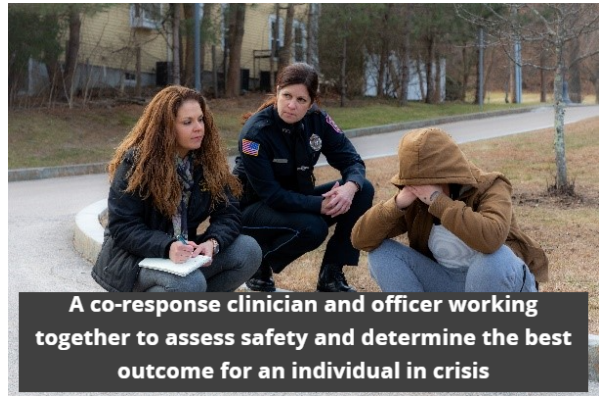
### **Do you...**

- **Have a Master' Degree in counseling or a related field?**

- **Have a minimum of 2 years of experience in crisis intervention?**
- **Like a fast-paced work environment?**

**If so, please email** Vice President of Community Justice Services **Steve Corrigan**, LMHC at:

[SCorrigan@Advocates.org](mailto:SCorrigan@Advocates.org)



**A co-response clinician and officer working together to assess safety and determine the best outcome for an individual in crisis**

---

## **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety Trainings**

**MHFA is an 8-hour evidence-based curriculum as specified in the IACP One Mind campaign.**

**\*\*Please note\*\*  
Certification requires active class participation!**

We are offering our co-taught (police officer & clinician) **FREE 8-hour MHFA for Public Safety trainings for law enforcement.**

Classes are valued by the National Council for Behavioral Health at \$170 per participant; thanks to Department of Mental Health funding, we are offering this class **free** of charge.

**New classes are starting soon!**

To register for a future class, click the "class registration" button below.

[Class Registration](#)

## **Upcoming Course Dates:**

For more information about trainings in your area, as well as the complete schedule of this month's training events, click the "learn more" button below.

[Learn More](#)