

# July Newsletter

CR-TTAC Newsletter

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## Note from the Director

July is upon us and we have had a busy summer so far at the CR-TTAC! JDP team members Danielle Larsen, Marissa Garofano and Katelyn Dehey facilitated a workshop at the 8th annual 'Mental Health and Law Enforcement Conference', hosted by the Department of Mental Health.

The break-out session was well attended and over 40 representatives from police and behavioral health agencies learned more about the resources and services that are available through our CR-TTAC.

Get in touch if we can help bring a co-responder program to your community and thank you all for your continued support of our work!

Sincerely,

Sarah Abbott  
Jail Diversion Program Director



Presenting at a breakout session on the TTAC with the Chief's from our new Hudson / Sudbury Regional Jail Diversion Program at the 8th annual 'Mental Health and Law Enforcement Conference'

(Pictured from left to right: Danielle Larsen, Katelyn Dehey, Marissa Garofano, Chief Michael Burks, and Chief Scott Nix)

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## Upcoming Events

### Department of Mental Health Clinical Responders' Meeting

The bi-monthly clinical responders' meeting is an opportunity for clinicians working in or with police departments to connect with others doing the same work. DMH hosts this meeting so that police-based clinicians have a place to discuss their unique roles, to review cases they've worked on and to share best practices.

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month. All clinicians, whether state-grant-funded or funded by other mechanism are welcome – RSVP to Karin Orr ([Karin.Orr@state.ma.us](mailto:Karin.Orr@state.ma.us)) with your interest in participating and/or for more information.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2018: 11:00 AM

Location:

167 Lyman St, Westborough MA  
Hadley building - Talbot Room

## Meet our new team member: **Bonnie Almeida**



Bonnie received her Master's in Counseling Psychology from Anna Maria College. She has been working the behavioral health field for nearly fifteen years. Currently, Bonnie is one of the Jail Diversion Program supervisors and is working as a co-response clinician for the Marlborough Police Department. Prior to this she spent the past five years working at Advocates Community Crisis Stabilization Program, serving in the roles of clinician and clinical director. During this time, she was able to work closely with many people receiving services in the community which has made the transition the JDP program very smooth.

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

We are currently holding the following monthly trainings:

Location: Sudbury Police Department

August 8, 2018: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

September 12, 2018: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To learn more about the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainings, please visit: [www.jaildiversion.org](http://www.jaildiversion.org) or email Marissa Garofano.

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## Jail Diversion Statistics

Quarter 2 data from our five JDP programs revealed the following:

**552 total JDP Interventions**  
**\$780,880 total Cost Savings**

94 Arrest Diversion  
**\$236,880 Cost Savings**

136 ER Diversions  
**\$544,000 Cost Savings**



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