

# June 2018 Newsletter

CR-TTAC Newsletter

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## A few words from our JDP Director

June 2018 is off to a strong start with the launch of the first of its kind Co-Responder Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) here at Advocates! Located in Harvard, MA and funded by the Department of Mental Health MA, the TTAC provides support to police and behavioral health agencies wishing to develop a co-responder jail diversion program. In addition to these services, the TTAC staff are now delivering monthly Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings for public safety and are planning specialized training modules for co-responders working in police departments to roll out this fall.

Having recently returned from the American Society of Evidence Based Policing conference in Philadelphia, I am encouraged to see the conversation (both locally and nationally) focusing on best practices for police responses to individuals in crisis and the urgent need for evidence-based strategies to guide law enforcement agencies in these efforts. Looking forward to sharing more information on the work of the TTAC through this monthly newsletter.

Best wishes ~

Sarah Abbott Ph.D.,  
Jail Diversion Program Director

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## Our Newest JDP Program



In February of 2018 we launched the Hudson/Sudbury Regional Co-Responder Jail Diversion Program.

Our newly hired JDP clinician Taylor Hayden works 1pm-9pm and is available to both communities for 40 hours a week. Taylor has been warmly welcomed into these departments and performs ride alongs, wellbeing checks, suicide/risk assessments and de-escalation on police calls for service.

Welcome to the JDP team Taylor!

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

We are currently holding the following monthly trainings:

### **Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety**

Location: Hudson Police Department

July 22, 2018: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Sudbury Police Department

July 11, 2018 : 8:00am — 4:00pm

August 8, 2018: 8:00am — 4:00pm

Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8-hour course that teaches a 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources, and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional, peer, and self-help care. Participants learn the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health conditions, build an understanding of the importance of early intervention, and, most importantly, teaches public safety/police officers how to help someone in crisis or experiencing a mental health condition.

To learn more about the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainings, visit: [www.jaildiversion.org](http://www.jaildiversion.org) or request more information by clicking below to email Marissa Garofano, our TTAC Research and Training Coordinator.

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## Latest News



Our first Mental Health First Aid class was held on May 17th 2018 at the Watertown Police Department. Representatives from the Framingham, Watertown, Marlborough and Hudson police agencies were present.

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## 2018 First Quarter JDP Statistics

Data from our five Jail Diversion programs reveals...

**367 total JDP Interventions**  
**\$626,800 total Cost Savings**

90 Arrest Diversion (85%)

**\$226,800 Cost Savings**

100 ER Diversions

**\$400,000 Cost Savings**





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