

CR-TTAC June Newsletter

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Directors Corner..

Summer is finally here and we are thrilled to be celebrating our 1 year anniversary of opening the CR-TTAC!

During our first year, the TTAC has launched 3 new co-response programs, provided MHFA training to over 400 first responders, moved to our new Boxboro space and developed a law enforcement outpatient counseling service! We have been very busy!

Thank you to all of you for your continued interest in and support of the important work our team is engaged with. I hope you enjoy this edition of the CR-TTAC Newsletter!

Sincerely,

Sarah Abbott Ph.D.
Jail Diversion Program Director

Latest News



Katelyn Dehey, CR-TTAC Manager, puts the Advocates stamp on our new office space in Boxboro.

Happy Birthday to Us!!

The Co-Response Training and Technical Assistance Center (CR-TTAC) Turns One Year Old

CR-TTAC Accomplishments in Our First Year

- Supported the development and launch of three new programs: Natick and two regional programs, one in “The Boroughs” (Northborough, Southborough and Westborough), and another in Franklin and Medway.
- Created an innovative “By Chiefs- For Chiefs” orientation to the Co-Response Model.
- Responded to 65 requests for information, consultation and support regarding the co-response model.
- Expanded capacity to utilize outcome data to strengthen the evidence base for the Co-Response Model.
- Acquired new office space from which to expand and develop more infrastructure capacity to carry out our mission.
- Provided MHFA training to over 400 police officers and dispatchers from 19 police departments statewide; to support their pledge to the 'One Mind' campaign of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (see below for more information on the IACP One Mind Pledge).
 - If your department is interested in participating in the law enforcement-specific Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety, please contact Karen Kieffer at KKieffer@Advocates.org to find out about upcoming training and to register.

[CLICK for more information about IACP's One Mind Campaign](#)

Advocates JDP Accomplishments This Year

- Launched the statewide Co-Response Training and Technical Assistance Center (CR-TTAC) led by Katelyn Dehey as CR-TTAC Manager. Katelyn was formerly a co-responding clinician in Framingham and brings her wealth of practical experience to both the CR-TTAC management as well as the establishment of the LEO Counseling Practice (see below).
- Celebrated the Advocates Jail Diversion Co-Response Program's 16th anniversary. Did you know that we were the first embedded co-response program in the nation? Our model is built on 16 years of learning in the field and innovation!
- Opened our Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Counseling Practice. We plan to expand the practice to include support for spouses/families of officers in the coming months.
 - Are you looking for confidential law enforcement-friendly support or counseling? Contact Katelyn Dehey at KDehey@advocates.org or 508-782-0091 for more information or to complete a confidential intake form.
- The Advocates Co-Response Jail Diversion Programs resulted in a **total cost savings of \$2,300,360** in the last year!
- This was accomplished by **143 diversions from arrest, 485 diversions from hospital emergency departments, and 1,836 total interventions** by JDP co-response clinicians.
- Retired Ashland Police, Chief Craig Davis and Dr. Sarah Abbott, Director for the Jail Diversion Program at Advocates, were awarded the ***Judge Robert C. Champion Award for Community Service*** for the work they did in starting the Jail Diversion

Program in Framingham in 2003 and expanding it throughout the state.

[Click here to learn more about Advocates LEO Counseling](#)

9th Annual DMH Mental Health & Law Enforcement Conference

Co-Response Jail Diversion Clinician Spotlight



We would like to congratulate Jennifer Waczkowski for being this year's recipient of the 2019 "Exemplary Performance for Clinical Collaboration with Law Enforcement Award!" Jennifer was nominated by Chief Craig Calabrese of the Wakefield Police Department Congratulations Jennifer!

[Click here to read Jennifer's Award Nomination](#)

Advocates Jail Diversion Presentations



Director of Advocates Jail Diversion Programs, Dr. Sarah Abbott presented on a panel at the DMH Mental Health and Law Enforcement Conference on June 11th, 2019.

Dr. Abbott presented alongside representatives of McLean Hospital's LEADER program as well as a representative of AdCare's Boston First Responders Program. Dr. Abbott spoke about Advocates' new Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Counseling service.

[McLean LEADER Program](#)

[AdCare Boston First Responders Program](#)

Assistant Director of Advocates Jail Diversion Programs, Danielle Larsen, LMHC presented at the DMH conference; discussing special populations along with Watertown Police.



Watertown Sgt. Sheila Grady-Duguay addressed how co-response can be helpful in addressing the challenges that sometimes arise when working with the elderly population.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety Training

We are currently holding the following monthly trainings at the Hudson Police Department:

- Wednesday August 21, 2019 from 8:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday September 11, 2019 from 8:00am-4:00pm

To register or learn more about the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings, please visit: www.jaildiversion.org or email Karen Kieffer at KKieffer@Advocates.org.

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