

November Newsletter

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JDP Directors Corner

Welcome to the November 2018 Newsletter! We are thrilled to announce that we recently received multi-year support and grant funding from the Department of Mental Health to launch our newest Co-Responder Jail Diversion Program, at the Natick, MA Police Department. We are currently screening well-qualified candidates for this position- see our website for more information: <http://www.jaildiversion.org> and please share this opportunity with colleagues and friends! I hope that you enjoy the November newsletter!

Sarah Abbott Ph.D.

Jail Diversion Program Director

Mental Health First Aid News

During October 2018 we completed Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training for all of the officers and dispatchers at the Framingham MA Police Department. Officers and dispatchers who participate in the 8-hour course learn a 5-step action plan that enhances their skills and knowledge of the available resources to help an individual experiencing a mental health crisis. Participants in the Framingham training demonstrated an increase in confidence when speaking to someone who is suicidal after taking the course and view themselves communicating with someone with a mental health problem to be a more rewarding experience.

Feedback from the class includes: *"I wish we had this course 10 years ago. It was much needed then as it is now. Great course!!"* - MHFA participant

With 100% of their sworn officers and dispatchers now trained, The Framingham, MA Police Department is well on their way to achieving the goals of the International Association Chiefs Polices' (IACP) **One Mind Pledge**. For more information on the One Mind Campaign please click [here](#).

Pictured below are members of the Framingham Police Department and our MHFA trainers following a successful training day!



Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety Trainings

Our final training for 2018 is listed below. We will post training dates for 2019 very soon!

Location: Sudbury Police Department
December 12, 2018: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To learn more about the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Trainings, please visit: www.jaildiversion.org or click below.

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Law Enforcement Pink Patch Project

October was breast cancer awareness month. Breast cancer does not discriminate by age, race, ethnicity, gender, or religion. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and the chances that a woman will die from breast cancer are approximately 1 in 37. In addition, while it is less common, it is estimated that by the end of 2018, 2,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in men; approximately 480 men will die from the disease.

Many of our partner police agencies participated in the **Pink Patch Project** this year. The Pink Patch Project began in 2015 in Irwindale, California with the, 'simple goal of increasing awareness about the life-saving benefits of early detection and early intervention in the fight against breast cancer'.

Participating police agencies had specially designed uniform patches made in the vibrant pink that represents Breast Cancer Awareness. Members of each department then wore them on their uniform through the month of October in the hopes of generating conversations in the community about early detection and intervention. In addition, they sold their unique pink patches to the public to raise funds that go directly to finding a cure. To date the Pink Patch Project has raised over \$100,000 through the distribution of 900,000 patches with help from over 1,000 police departments across all 50 states.

Check out what the Holliston, MA Police Department accomplished in their Pink Patch Campaign:

"We have provided the patches for "free" to anyone that displays proof or a receipt of a \$10.00 (or more) donation to a cancer charity of their choice. The total amount the community has raised for various charities is at **\$1,561.00** which is really impressive! We are also asking that people take photos with the patch and tag us with #HollistonPinkPatch and #PinkPatchProject. So far, we've received pictures from all over the country and Massachusetts, including South Carolina, Washington D.C., Vermont, Arizona, New Hampshire, Florida, Cape Cod, and even Fenway Park and Gillette Stadium. The response has been great and we're proud to be participating in this amazing project that helps raise awareness for early detection and funding for cancer charities" (Holliston Police Department Website, 2018).



The picture above is from Ravenel Bridge in South Carolina which connects Charleston to Mount Pleasant.



We Want to Hear From You!

Are you a co-response or police based clinician? We want your help in developing some upcoming clinician training modules!

Please click the link below to a brief survey for to help us assess the needs of your program!

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