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Welcome to the first edition of the new One Mind Campaign Newsletter. This newsletter will include a variety of topics, including features on the One Mind Campaign, the Law Enforcement Mental Health Learning Sites, the Police Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit, news from a One Mind site, and new resources and webinars. A major focus will be on providing information to help agencies complete the pledge. Those who have already completed the pledge will find information on how to continue improving



their response to persons with mental health conditions.

Expansion of the One Mind Campaign

Every day, new agencies are **pledging** and **completing** the One Mind Campaign - change is happening.

Introducing the One Mind Initiative

IACP is pleased to announce an expansion of the One Mind Campaign, offering additional support and resources for participating agencies. In the near future, the program will provide access to training and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies to enhance their response to individuals with mental health conditions. With this initiative, One Mind has also grown to encompass enhanced responses to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As always, the program seeks to enhance partnership and collaborative responses between local law enforcement and mental and behavioral health service delivery partners.

Keep up with new developments in the One Mind Initiative on the **website**, or you can reach out to the IACP at **onemindcampaign@theIACP.org** for more information.

Upcoming IACP Events

May 16-18, 2022

Public Information Officers Midyear

Cambridge, MA, USA

May 24-26

Technology Conference

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

July 24-27

2022 State & Provincial Police Academy and Planning Officers Section Conference

Denver, Colorado, USA

August 21-23

Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference

San Antonio, Texas, USA

October 15-18

IACP 2022

Dallas, Texas, USA

One Mind Updates

Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Sites

The **Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Sites Program**, hosted by the Council of State Governments Justice Center with support from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, serves as a peer-to-peer learning program for law enforcement agencies seeking to build collaborative responses to people who have mental health needs. The sites are a resource for agencies to learn from each other and tailor successful implementation strategies and response models to address their problems and circumstances.

Each of the **fourteen sites** specializes in different forms of law enforcement-mental health collaboration, and they are available for consultation about how to meet your community's needs. The learning sites can help agencies build their collaborative response in a variety of ways, including:

- E-mail exchanges to provide guidance and resources
- Conference calls to discuss complex issues and strategic planning assistance
- Hosting agency visits or providing on-site assistance

Each upcoming newsletter will feature one of the learning sites and describe their areas of specialization. Visit the **Law Enforcement-Mental Health Learning Sites** now to learn more, or reach out to the CSG Justice Center program manager, Julia Kessler, for more information at jkessler@csg.org.

The Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Toolkit

The online **PMHC Toolkit** is a one-stop shop for information to create and enhance partnerships between law enforcement and service providers, advocates, and individuals with mental health conditions and intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Partners in these working relationships share the goals of ensuring the safety of everyone, responding effectively, and improving access to services and support for people with mental illness and I/DD.

Some benefits of partnerships outlined in the PMHC Toolkit include:

- **Improved Safety:** De-escalation strategies are a staple in all PMHC models and enable the trained officer to neutralize a situation without force or by using the least amount of force necessary. De-escalation results in a decrease in injuries to both officers and members of the community.
- **Increased Access to Behavioral Healthcare:** Officers gain a greater awareness of resources allowing them to connect community members to treatment, services, and other support.
- **Decreased Repeat Encounters with the Criminal Justice System:** When individuals are connected to treatment, they are less likely to engage in unlawful or disruptive behaviors and have fewer contacts with law enforcement and the criminal justice system.
- **Reduced Costs:** Improved safety, increased access to mental healthcare, and decreased repeat encounters with the criminal justice system reduce costs to law enforcement agencies.

- Improved Community Relations: Police-mental health collaboration programs improve relationships between law enforcement agencies and their local partners and citizens.

Sections of the Toolkit include learning about collaboration, implementation, training, program and data management, and more. The Toolkit also features a self-assessment tool to assist agencies in evaluating their collaborative efforts and to generate an action plan.

Each upcoming newsletter will focus on a different feature of the **PMHC Toolkit** to raise awareness of the different resources for law enforcement agencies.

Inkster, Michigan's One Mind Pledge

The Inkster Police Department took the **One Mind Pledge** in 2021 to show a clear and high-priority commitment to mental health concerns in the community. The City of Inkster, located in the western suburbs of Detroit, Michigan, has experienced previous challenges in handling a large number of calls for service involving people with mental health conditions.

The One Mind Campaign allows agencies to have more involvement with people with mental health challenges. Police and city leaders make a commitment to inspire change in the community, and pledge to update policies on how to handle mental health concerns. Many agencies have either outdated policies in place or no policies concerning how to respond to mental health calls and accurately capture related data. The One Mind Campaign helps departments critically examine what they are currently doing with these calls for service, improve the response, and collect data appropriately.

There are many mental health organizations ready to assist agencies in need of help organizing protocols and revising policies on mental health awareness. Such organizations can help develop effective responses to persons with mental health issues and assist in establishing mental health directives for personnel. In some cases, there are non-profit organizations that can provide training and compensation for agencies that adopt policies that provide mental health awareness and programs to better serve their community.

The Inkster department is proud to be part of the One Mind program that, once implemented, can be an agent of change for how police agencies interact positively with people with mental illness.

Visit the IACP's One Mind Campaign Library of Resources to find more resources on mental health and policing, including factsheets, podcasts, webinars, and more.

Upcoming Webinars

Exploring Locative Technology: What You Need to Know to Address Wandering

This webinar, held **May 9, 2022 at 2pm ET**, will be presented by The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability and hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). During this 60-minute webinar and 30-minute Q&A session, participants will hear from law enforcement, family

members, and disability advocates who speak from personal and professional experience about strategies to address wandering by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, as well as the use of locative technology as a last resort.

Speakers include:

- Officer Laurie Reyes: Coordinator and Creator of the Autism, IDD, Alzheimer’s and Dementia Outreach Unit of the Montgomery County, MD Police Department
- Sergeant Stefan Bjes (ret.): Sergeant with the Addison, IL Police Department and Parent of two children on the autism spectrum
- Tauna Szymanski: Founder of CommunicationFIRST, Disabilities Advocate and Parent
- Russell Lehmann: Award-winning and internationally recognized motivational speaker with lived experience and poet contextualizing autism, mental health, and the overall human condition

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