



Durham Crisis Intervention Team

Observe, listen, create a plan, communicate and connect

Great news! BJA Grant...

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The Durham Police Department, Center for Child and Family Health, The Durham Center and The Criminal Justice Resource Center have been awarded a \$312,500 grant to develop a Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP). This will serve as an enhancement

and extension to our already recognized Crisis Intervention Team, and North Carolina Child Response Initiative.

This will include one and a half positions of a Mental Health Clinician/Case Manager that will be available to officers 7 days a week. This position will be housed at the Criminal Justice Resource Center, but will be imbedded in the Durham Police Department



"Mindstorm" Experiencing Schizophrenia....

ment in the Community Services Bureau, and will work exclusively with our officers.

Our primary goal is to reduce the number of arrests and incarcerations, reduce repeat 911 calls, and assist officers with those challenging people that need alternatives to 219 S. Mangum Street.

Our target population will be individuals 16 years and older with a serious mental health and or co-occurring (mental health/substance abuse) disorder who have not successfully engaged in services and are non-violent. We will give special attention to transition age youth (18-21) who have difficulty transitioning from youth to adult

systems, as well as female offenders.

We are excited to be able to conduct training for the police academy, emergency dispatch communicators, patrol officers and special units in order to recognize and acknowledge mental health symptoms and offer a quicker link to services that traditionally take time.

Collaborating Agencies:

- Durham County Sheriff's Department
- City of Durham's Police Department
- Veteran's Administration
- Duke University Campus Police
- N.C.C.U. Campus Police
- NAMI
- The Durham Center

Collaborating Agencies Contact Information

Durham County Sheriff Office: Captain R. Padgett

919-560-0097 or 621-3020
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Durham Police Department:

Sgt. L. Ray 919-560-4438 x 29227
lori.ray@durhamnc.gov

Duke University Police Department: Captain M. Linton

919-681-4370 or 812-2920;
Michael.linton@duke.edu

North Carolina Central University Police Department: Captain A.J. Carter 919-530-7365; acarter@nccu.edu

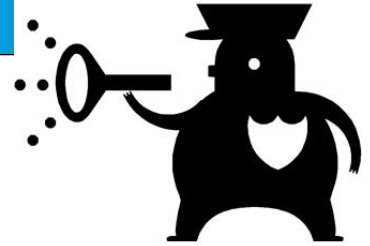
Veterans Administration Police: Sgt. J. Fordham 919-286-0411 x 4078

The Durham Center 560-7100 or Jennifer Meade 919-560-7201
jmeade@co.durham.nc.us

NAMI Durham Hotline- 919-231-5016 (non-crisis)

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crisis_intervention_team](http://www.durhampolice.com/units/crisis_intervention_team)

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



Officer F.A. Kearns (2B) responded to Guess Road in reference to a subject having thoughts of hurting his family. When he arrived the male was acting erratically, had stripped down to his underwear, and identified himself as **first name**, **"insanity"**, **last name**. While en-route to DCA the subject was speaking gibberish and clearly exhibiting bizarre behavior which led Officer Kearns to transport the male to Duke Hospital. He was then sent to Central Regional Hospital for extended treatment. Officer Kearns returned to the residence and

gave detailed information to the wife about what had taken place. Officer Kearns completed a report and sent an email to Sgt. Ray asking for further follow-up. Officer Rodriguez, Sgt. Ray and a clinician from the Durham Center completed two follow-ups in order to get the male and the family into an emergency care review. It was determined that the family had a myriad of needs that would have gone unmet if it were not for the concern and dedication of Officer Kearns .

"Officer Kearns was so very calming and it was so nice for him to come back and reassure me that things were going to be fine. He

made sure I was ok, and he took a step that he did not have to do. He gave me a printout of where **"name"** was and the contact information for the hospital" stated the wife. "I did not always like the police, but I know now that they are there willing to help. I have a whole new respect for officers" (quote from consumer).

The family now has a support team in place to further assist them. We are proud of Officer Kearns and his continued dedication to the CIT efforts!

NEW! Come visit our

Durham CIT web link at:

www.durhampolice.com

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Come and watch a movie with us... FREE!

NAMI Durham

will be sponsoring the
award winning
Documentary

UNLISTED

by Delaney Ruston, MD

October 13th

at 7:30pm

The Carolina Theater
Cinema One 309 W.
Morgan Street, Durham

The movie is completely
FREE to the public.

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A STORY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

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OFFICIAL SELECTION PORT TOWNSHIRE FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTION RAIN DEVOUS WITH THE MADNESS FILM FESTIVAL

One woman's journey, as daughter, and now as a doctor, to reconnect with her father after 10 years of hiding.

There will be a panel discussion at 8.30 pm following the film with Dr. Eric Elbogen, Forensic Psychologist at the Department of Psychiatry at UNC; Troy McLean, Director of Adult Mental Health Services at Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia; Karen Curran, Mental Health advocate and local photographer and through skype technology, Delaney Ruston, MD, Producer and Director of *Unlisted*.

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PRODUCTIONS

CIT-Around the Country...

**Judge Jan Krocker Receives
"Judicial Advocate of the Year Award"**

The Honorable *Jan Krocker*, of Harris County's 184th Criminal Court in Houston, Texas, received the *Judicial Advocate of the Year Award* at the First Annual CIT International Conference held in San Antonio, Texas in June 2010. *Judge Krocker* received the award for her leadership role in Harris County in dealing with the large number of criminal defendants with mental

illness who continually cycle



in and out of the criminal justice system.

The Harris County Jail averages 2,500 inmates a day on psychotropic medications

making it the largest mental health facility in the state. To address this issue, a Felony Mental Health Court was unanimously approved in 2009. *Judge Krocker* is leading this effort and was designated by the Criminal District Court Judges to preside over it. *Judge Krocker* will volunteer her time to preside over the Felony Mental Health Court in addition to handling her regular docket. Funding is being sought for the court.

**Tell us about the
great job your
officers do every day.
We want to know!!
Sgt. Ray**

CIT TIPS: THANKS TO SGT. GUNTER

Sgt. Gunter and his squad ran into a "transport paperwork only" quandary. An officer was not comfortable signing off on involuntary commitment papers never seeing the person much less having taken the person "into custody". Sgt. Gunter asked the police attorney to look into the matter in order to avoid future legal ramifications. Attorney Toni Smith investigated and a resolution was given:

"Officers should not just take the word of the facility that the individual is there. Simply put, the officer completing the return of service needs to lay eyes on the re-

spondent at the facility in order to serve the paperwork. This can occur in one of two ways. First, the officer in possession of the paperwork may request to see the respondent. If the respondent is unable to come to the officer, and there are confidentiality issues with the officer going into parts of the facility where the respondent is located, then the officer working at Durham Access should confirm the presence of the respondent and complete the return of service. When the respective officer sees the respondent and then serves the paperwork, at that moment, the person is technically in custody. Therefore, completing the block in the Return of Service section which states:

I certify that this Order was received and served as follows:

(Date Respondent Taken Into Custody)(Time) (Name of LEO) (Signature of LEO)" is appropriate. The return of service does not actually certify that the respondent was ever transported; only that he or she was taken into custody. Officers should make a note at the bottom of the page indicating "Respondent was voluntarily at (name of facility) at time of service." That will just help clarify the situation. While these forms were not designed exactly for this type of situation, with minimal effort they may be appropriately adapted and used.

SPOTLIGHT RESOURCE: Durham Center Access

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THE GOALS OF DCA

- Reduce State hospital utilization
- Support community-based treatment
- Coordinate with outpatient providers to help ensure ongoing care and a positive outcome for consumers

Located at:

309 Crutchfield Street

Durham, NC 27704

(on the Durham Regional
Hospital campus)

(919) 560-7100

(800) 510-9132

For more information, cut
and paste the following link:

[www.durhamcenter.org/
index.php/provider/dca/](http://www.durhamcenter.org/index.php/provider/dca/)

Durham Center Access is a twenty-four hour a day facility for stabilization and short term treatment of adults with mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse crises. They provide assessments of adults and adolescents in crisis, 11 crisis evaluation and observation beds, and 16 residential beds. They are also able to assess individuals for possible hospitalization, detoxification or crisis stabilization, provide medication stabilization for those in residence and make outpatient referrals.

All psychiatric, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities emergencies are brought to Durham Center Access unless there is violence or medical issues at the time of admission. Please call 560-7100 to access any mental health services 24 hours a day.

SERVICES OFFERED :

MEDICAL DETOXIFICATION

Crisis Evaluation for Adults and adolescents
Nursing assessment, psychiatric evaluation by trained medical staff
Medical support to taper off from alcohol and benzodiazepine dependence
Non-methadone opiate detox
Peer and staff one-to-one counseling
Psychiatric medication evaluation as needed
Help with long-term residential or outpatient treatment plans

SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE

Assessment/Evaluation
Nursing assessment, psychiatric evaluation by trained medical staff
Peer and staff support groups
12 step-based groups (AA/NA)
Peer and staff one-to-one counseling
Psychiatric medication evaluation as needed
Connection to community outpatient providers

PETITION EVALUATIONS

24-hour medical staff to access involuntary-committed individuals for hospitalization, admission to Durham Center Access, or release to the community

to assist with discharge planning and ongoing care

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Evaluation, assessment and stabilization
Nursing assessment, psychiatric evaluation by trained medical staff
Residential treatment
Help with long-term follow up with community support workers and physicians to ensure ongoing care
Evaluation for hospitalization when appropriate (risk of harm to self or others, active medical issues, unstable detox requiring more active monitoring)

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Limited treatment of chronic and acute medical conditions for residential consumers in mental health or substance abuse crises
Additional supply of outpatient medications brought by individuals and/or a limited formula of over-the-counter and prescription medications for common chronic conditions
Monitoring of vital signs, blood sugar levels and the need for further medical treatment