Crisis Assessment Team (CAT)
Who We Are

C.A.T. began in 2003 as a program of Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) Behavioral Health Services (BHS).

The team consists of:
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Behavioral Health Nurses
- Behavioral Health Specialists
Who we serve

Any Adult with a perceived behavioral health crisis in Orange County
We Serve

All Orange County cities and unincorporated areas.

The team can respond to private residences, police stations, health clinics, private doctor/therapist offices, and in the field.
Referral Sources

- Law Enforcement
- Social Service Agencies
- Families/Significant Others
- Community Providers
What We Do

• Crisis Intervention Services
• Provide evaluation for involuntary psychiatric hospitalization (5150)

Risk Assessment for:
  Danger to self (DTS)
  Danger to others (DTO)
  Gravely disabled (GD)
What We Do

• Provide follow-up and linkage to appropriate services
• Provide referrals, information and community support services to family members
Crisis Assessment Team

Hours Available:
24 hours / 7 days

Phone Numbers:
1-866-830-6011
or
714-517-6353
Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)
Collaborative PERT Partnerships

Westminster - 2003
Garden Grove - 2005
Orange - 2007
OCSD - 2007
Fullerton - 2012
Costa Mesa - 2012
Newport Beach - 2013
Irvine - 2013
Anaheim - 2013
Tustin - 2015
Laguna Beach - 2015
Huntington Beach - 2016
Santa Ana - 2016
Buena Park - 2016
Fountain Valley - 2017
Seal Beach - 2018
PERT - A Collaboration

AOABH
- Provides a trained clinician who rides with patrol 1 to 5 days a week

Law Enforcement
- Provides a team of trained officers

AOABH/Law enforcement provide ongoing training and program evaluations.

AOABH/Law enforcement strive to continue to improve the program.
Program Benefits

• Increase efficiency in identifying the needs of individuals living with behavioral health issues
• Increase police officers knowledge in assisting individuals living with mental illness
• Prevent unnecessary arrest or hospitalization
• Reduce the number of repeat contacts or calls for service from law enforcement
• Shorten the amount of time that police officers spend with individuals living with mental illness
• Increase community relations
Cultural Shift

• Change in Officer perception of individuals living with mental health challenges
• Increased awareness of law enforcement concerns by collaborative members
• Better understanding of the various agencies procedures
• Increased community satisfaction due to agencies working together
• Willingness of officers to request help from outside agencies
• Better problem solving skills from the officers
CAT Contact Information
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Questions