

*The Stepping Up Initiative, continued...*

In the past year, Chester County has held three CIT trainings, with more than 65 law enforcement and corrections officers certified. The 40-hour, week-long training is a key component for the county's Stepping Up call to action.

Led by the National Association of Counties, the American Psychiatric Association Foundation and The Council of State Governments Justice Center, Stepping Up provides counties with a framework and tools for creating a collaborative, system-wide plan to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in the county jail. The aim is to not only improve public safety, but promote positive outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses, their families and their communities. Chester County is one of more than 415 counties across the country to have passed a resolution to join Stepping Up.

Pictured below is the most recent CIT training class, held May 7 – 11 at the West Goshen Township Building.

