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Mental Health Advocates Call on NYPD to Change Response System for People Experiencing Emotional Distress

– Organizations call on the NYPD to double number of officers receiving Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and redeploy newly trained CIT officers to respond to Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP) calls

(New York, NY, 11/11/16) – A coalition of organizations and advocates led by Community Access – a mental health and housing nonprofit focused on expanding opportunities for people living with mental health concerns – will call on the NYPD to change how it responds to Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP) calls.

The coalition requests that the NYPD increase its crisis intervention training (CIT) to help a total of 10,000 police officers effectively respond to crisis situations involving people experiencing emotional distress. The coalition asks that EDP related calls be connected to CIT trained officers instead of the Emergency Services Unit (ESU). Finally, we urge the establishment of the two drop off centers outlined in the Thrive NYC roadmap in order to support the NYPD

The coalition will be joined by community members and friends of Deborah Danner who was recently killed by the police in the Bronx.

When: Monday, November 14, 2016 12:00 PM

Where: City Hall Steps, New York, NY 10007

Who: Community Access
              National Alliance on Mental Illness, NYC
              New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
              Community Members
              Friends of Deborah Danner
              New Yorkers with experience with police intervention during crisis

About Community Access:
Community Access' mission is to expand opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination through affordable housing, training, advocacy, and healing-focused services. We are built upon the simple truth that people are experts in their own lives.

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