

# What is BIT?

- ▶ Behavioral
  - ▶ Intervention
  - ▶ Team
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# BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

Colleges and Universities throughout the country started creating Behavioral Intervention Teams (BIT) as a way to monitor student behavior and provide campus protection and early intervention support services. Generally BIT is comprised of key administrators and faculty that represent various areas of the college. The team does not play a disciplinary role but rather acts as a screening committee. Their role is to review student behavior on campus that appears bizarre or destructive and intervene for safety and support. Often times the behavior of the student being reviewed is not disruptive enough to require disciplinary action, and counseling services may not be welcomed. Becoming more aware of the student and offering support services could prevent future escalation and crisis.

# Mission

- The Mission of the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is to promote safety on campus.
  - Our work includes collaboration, communication, education, prevention and intervention with respect to behavioral wellness, while protecting the privacy and the rights of the individual.
  - BIT monitors problematic behavior by providing consultation, referral and support.
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# What kinds of students should you refer to BIT?

- ▶ Any student who is behaving unusually

## Examples:

Talking to themselves

Not being able to answer simple questions

Extremely argumentative

Hostile or overly sensitive

Pacing back and forth

Frantic

# If I make a referral to BIT, what will happen?

- ▶ BIT will;
  - discuss the student and reasons for the referral as a group
  - attempt to gather more information about the student through committee members
  - may contact the student's other professors or other offices the student may use
  - determine the need for support services
  - advise key offices on campus of the student's need.
  - maintain a record of the student's behavior to determine if additional interventions are needed in the future (disciplinary, medical withdrawal)

# How do I make a referral?

Simply email [BIT@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:BIT@citytech.cuny.edu) This email will automatically be sent to all members of BIT. Offices such as Counseling, Public Safety and Student Affairs will be alerted and will further assess the need to intervene.

# Where can I learn more about BIT?

- ▶ BIT offers various campus presentations throughout the year. Typically a college-wide email is sent notifying faculty and staff of the event.
  - ▶ The Committee is also available to speak to individuals or larger groups. We can help you understand when to refer a student and further explain our role in supporting City Tech's mission.
  - ▶ Contact Student Affairs at 718-260-5430 to ask a question or request a presentation.
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# Don't be confused

- ▶ Safety issues are always immediately referred to Public Safety 718-260-5550 Namm 109.
  - ▶ Students with psychological problems do not always accept, or follow through on referrals to counseling.
  - ▶ Your referral to BIT is needed.
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