

Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health  
and Mental Retardation Services



# First Friday Series

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## ”DEVELOPING NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE POLICE AND CRISIS RESPONSE”

Date: Friday, February 2, 2007

Time: 12:00noon-2:00pm

Location: Community College of  
Philadelphia, Great Hall  
1700 Spring Garden Street

**Bring your own lunch!**

**Space is limited and Registration is required.**

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return to Wendy Williams-Blackson via fax at 215.790.4968.

**Synopsis of Presentation:**

Come and learn about Philadelphia’s new collaborative police-based diversion program. Philadelphia RESPONDS (Respond, Engage, Secure, Protect, and address Ongoing Needs through Delivery of Services) is planning and implementing a pre-booking, police-based diversion program, based on the Memphis Crisis Intervention Team model, which integrates crisis response and stabilization services with linkages to ongoing behavioral treatment programs. Historically, there has been limited communication between the police and the behavioral health system in Philadelphia. However, in recent years, there has been significant and steady progress in bridging that gap. This presentation will describe this unique collaboration of law enforcement, advocates, and the behavioral health system underlying this progress. It will also discuss the steps that were necessary to bring a program such as RESPONDS into existence.