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**Public Input Sought for Design of New Community Crisis Response Team**  
*Residents invited to comment at any of three virtual & in-person town halls on Saturday and next week.*

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.** – Mayor Justin Elicker announced a series of three Town Hall events today sponsored by the City of New Haven and organized by the Connecticut Mental Health Center through its Program from Recovery and Community Health. The purpose of the town halls is to gather community input to inform the design and implementation of the [New Haven Community Crisis Response Team](#), an additional first response unit specializing in de-escalation, harm reduction, and providing rapid access to social services during moments of distress. The town hall events are being conducted virtually and in-person on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, Oct 23: Town Hall (Virtual) at 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, Oct 26: Town Hall (Virtual) at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, Oct 28: Town Hall (in-person) at 5:30 PM, at James Hillhouse High School, 480 Sherman Parkway

You can register for the events online at <https://ccrt.newhavenct.gov> or call/text 475-212-2510, or email [ccrt@newhavenct.gov](mailto:ccrt@newhavenct.gov)

Anyone needing sign language interpretation may call 475-212-2510 or email [ccrt@newhavenct.gov](mailto:ccrt@newhavenct.gov) at least 72 hours before the event.

This alternative team will respond to 911 and non-emergency calls to address diverse issues that do not require a law enforcement presence. Mayor Elicker is encouraging everyone in the community to attend.

“We are rethinking what public safety means in New Haven and the creation of the Community Crisis Response Team is an important component of our efforts. It is so important that we have input from the entire community to ensure that this new response team is effective and meets the needs of the residents it is intended to serve,” Elicker said. “Please take some time to participate in any way you can. It is so important that we hear from you.”

Residents unable to make the meetings may submit comments and feedback by going to the website: <https://ccrt.newhavenct.gov>

Submit your ideas online at: <https://ccrt.newhavenct.gov/pages/online-idea-space>

Text or leave a voicemail: 475-212-2510

Send an email: [ccrt@newhavenct.gov](mailto:ccrt@newhavenct.gov)

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