

Four Attend Online Training on Aug 1



Four new facilitators completed the August 1 training and became our newest members. All came to us with experience in this type of ministry.

Starting at the top left is Lisa Washington. Lisa recruits medical workers for the US Army. She also facilitates classes at the Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala, FL. Lowell is now closed to volunteers like us due to the Corona epidemic. To her right are pastors Don Struble and Darrell Phillips. Both have extensive experience in pastoral counseling. Dr. Don is Administrative Pastor at Resonate Life Church in Bradenton, FL and plans to use the curriculum with the young men in his church. Pastor Darrell wants to use it to help those coming out of prisons.

In the middle row are FIT trainers Don Pratt and John Ringleb, assisted by Norine Hodder.

Last, but not least, is David Stewart. He is case the men's case manager at the Path [recovery house] in Beverly Hills, Fl. Some of the women leaders of that facility were trained in May.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED ONLINE TRAINING IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7.
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Brief History of the FIT Program

and how we have survived this long

Except for a small office staff, FIT has always been an all-volunteer organization. We have depended almost entirely on retirees and chaplains over the years to advance our program and services. We still do. We provide free professionally-prepared leader and client books and certificates to everyone in our program that needs them and that is just about everybody. That is because our leaders pay their own expenses and donate huge blocks of time to fulfill our mission. The chart below summarizes our history.

Date	Activity
2005	Formulating the curriculum
2006	Began training leaders
2007	Field-testing with three pilot programs – in a juvenile state prison, a jail, and a halfway house--and started programs in about 3 different locations. In late 2007, classes were begun in Bradenton, FL to meet the needs of those needing our courses for court purposes.
2008	125 facilitators had been trained and 116 course graduates in 8 different locations with as many as 5-10 teams working in a single location. In 2008 the Florida Department of Corrections approved our entire program as meeting their 100-hour re-entry requirement.
2009	By April 2009, the number of trained facilitators increased to 210. FIT was incorporated as a 501(c) corporation as Florida Integrity Training Inc. on June 1, 2009.
2010	There were nearly 350 trained facilitators, 1600 graduates, and over 23,000 contact hours with clients. Over 25 agencies had used our materials.
2011	FIT's name was changed to Family Integrity Training Inc. on October 21, 2011
2012	By May 2012, there were 4,700 graduates, and 72,000 contact hours
2013	By September 2013, there were over 7,000 course graduates and 115,324 contact hours. Over 850 facilitator-volunteers had been trained.
2015	By December 2015, there were over 11,834 course graduates and 195,346 contact hours. A major revision of <i>Financial Success from Scratch</i> was completed, the board was expanded to 16 members from several different denominations.
2016	As of December 31, 2016, FIT had recorded 13,709 course graduations across Florida 224,701 contact hours with clients. 2016 was a busy year in terms of upgrading and modernizing the curriculum. With increasing emphasis of private, state, and county agencies requiring accountability and evidence-based criteria, most FIT course books were upgraded to reflect these requirements and additional lessons were added. Development was started for a new course, <i>Change of Heart</i> .
2017	The initial press runs of new courses <i>Change of Heart</i> and <i>Coping with the Losses of Life</i> was made available and partially funded by the Baycross Family Christian Foundation. The <i>Coping</i> book was a joint project of FIT and Living Free of Chattanooga, TN.
2018	Leaders were trained for ministry in North Carolina, New Hampshire, Florida, and Mexico. Board members are active in Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire, and North Carolina.
2019	By the end of the year, the accumulated course graduations had reached 19,740. and contact hours had grown to 330,477. Publication rights of our <i>Dating and Marriage</i> and <i>Financial Success</i> courses were turned over to Living Free with royalties to FIT from their sales. Work began on new course <i>Starting Over</i> course.
2020	Work continued on the <i>Starting Over</i> course.