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## OCHN Acknowledges July as Disability Pride Month

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (July 1, 2024)** – This July marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as the annual celebration of Disability Pride Month. Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is joining in on the nationwide efforts to celebrate, uplift, and encourage those of the disability community this month, and all year long.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into office by President George W. Bush on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1990. It was introduced with the aim to prohibit discrimination based on disability. This act guarantees those who belong to the disability community equal and ample opportunities in society. The ADA prevents discrimination on disabilities in various sectors in life, including employment, government, and public transit.

To honor the act being signed into place, Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July. This month serves as a celebration, while also as a means of acknowledging the history, struggles, and experiences of the disability community.

OCHN is celebrating these observances through social media platforms by utilizing the hashtags *#DisabilityPride* and *#ADA34*. OCHN can be found on all social media platforms *@oaklandchn*.

To learn more about The ADA and Disability Pride Month visit: [Celebrating the ADA](#)

For non-emergency Access services, call (248) 464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. For more information on OCHN, visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

## **About OCHN**

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 29,000 Oakland County residents at more than 400 service sites across the county. People who receive public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health concerns, or substance use disorder. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, as well as ensure their engagement in full community participation. Its mission to "inspire hope, empower people, and strengthen communities" reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People." Programs and supports provided by OCHN's service network are available at [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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