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OCHN Celebrates Significant July Milestones

TROY, MI – July 23, 2025 – In recognition of the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Disability Pride month, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is proud to acknowledge these significant milestones as we honor, uplift and advocate for the disability community.

Signed into law on July 26, 1990, the ADA was a pivotal step in protecting individuals with disabilities from discrimination. The legislation ensures equal access to opportunities in employment, education, public transit, and government services.

“OCHN is committed to creating a community where individuals with disabilities are empowered, respected, and supported,” states Dana Lasenby, OCHN Executive Director and CEO. In remembrance of the ADA’s 35th Anniversary, a pivotal milestone in the history of disability rights, and the celebration of Disability Pride Month, underscores the importance of these events in our ongoing commitment to equity and inclusion.”

Disability Pride Month is more than a celebration, it’s a reflection of resilience, history and achievements within the disability community. It also serves as a platform to recognize and amplify the voices of individuals with disabilities, while advocating for continued progress toward a more inclusive society.

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, please visit www.oaklandchn.org.

About OCHN

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 30,000 Oakland County citizens at more than 400 service sites. 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.

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