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OCHN Celebrates Disability Employment Awareness Month

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (October 22, 2025) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) celebrates October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

Observed each October, NDEAM highlights the contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's NDEAM theme "Celebrating Value and Talent" recognizes the value and talent American workers with disabilities bring to the workplace and highlights both past and present achievements. For more information on NDEAM and the 2025 initiatives, click [here](#).

OCHN encourages participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) this October — and year-round — with the following tips:

- **Review Your Policies:** Use NDEAM as a time to evaluate your organization's policies and reaffirm your commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).
- **Support Supervisor Training:** Since supervisors are often the closest link to employees, consider offering training during NDEAM to help them foster a more inclusive and supportive workplace.
- **Educate employees:** Reinforce your organization's dedication to disability inclusion by providing ongoing education. NDEAM is a great opportunity to host disability awareness training or informal learning events for employees.

For more resources on how to engage employees / employers and advance disability inclusion, click [here](#).

"At OCHN, we believe that a truly inclusive workplace is one where all individuals' unique abilities are recognized, respected, and empowered," states OCHN's CEO and Executive Director, Dana Lasenby. "National Disability Employment Awareness Month is a powerful reminder of the vital contributions people with disabilities make across the workforce."

OCHN is proud to be an equal opportunity employer that embraces and encourages our employees' differences and is committed to building a diverse team and fostering an inclusive and equitable culture. If you are interested in career opportunities at OCHN, click [here](#) or visit 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 30,000 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.

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