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## **OCHN Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Baby Shower**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (June 10, 2024)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Baby Shower on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Pregnant women, mothers, and families gathered at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac for the event and were provided important information on services related to prenatal, pregnancy, and postpartum care.

The event featured educational presentations including:

- Prenatal Education by Anita Barksdale, BSN, RN, CPST from Trinity Health Oakland and Stork's Nest
- Safe Sleep by Julie Traicoff from the Oakland County Health Division
- Keeping Kids Safe Around Medication by Vanessa Mier, BSN, RN, HNB-BC from Safe Kids Oakland County
- Positive Parenting Program by Susan Fellows, Public Health Nurse BSN, RN from the Oakland County Health Department Nurturing Parenting Program

Over 35 vendors from across Oakland County participated in providing pregnant women, new mothers, primary caregivers, mothers with young children, and their families with necessary information on available services.

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 Women's Specialty Services, please visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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### **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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