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OCHN Observes January as Social Determinants of Health Month

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (January 18, 2024) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is joining statewide efforts to recognize the impact of social determinants of health (SDOH) not only in January, but all year long.

Social determinants of health (SDOH) are conditions in the environment where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. SDOH can be grouped into 5 domains:

- Economic stability
- Education access and quality
- Health care access / quality
- Neighborhood and built environment
- Social and community context

SDOH have a major impact on people's health, well-being, quality of life, and contribute to health disparities and inequities. To learn more about SDOH, click [here](#).

Addressing SDOH are a high priority for OCHN, and they focus on enhancing the lives of the individuals they serve as seen in their annual strategic priorities and goals. OCHN's priorities, goals, and objectives are crafted to improve quality of life and enhance the service delivery system in Oakland County. OCHN's FY23-25 strategic focus areas address quality systems of care, staffing, retention, administration, service delivery, outreach, advocacy, partnerships, and integrated healthcare.

To learn more about OCHN or to view OCHN's FY2023-24 Annual Plan, visit oaklandchn.org. For non-emergency Access to services, call (248) 464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

Social Determinants of Health



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.

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