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OCHN Partners for a Resources & Food Distribution Event Prior to the Holidays

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (December 11, 2024) – On Tuesday December 10, 2024, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) partnered with [Forgotten Harvest](#) and [The Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities](#) to host a Veteran and Military Family Drive Through Resource and Food Distribution Event.

This event was the first of its kind for OCHN and aimed to ensure Veterans, Military Families, and the community at large had knowledge of behavioral health resources, food supplies, and Naloxone education prior to the Holiday season.

The distribution offered families/individuals the opportunity to drive up to receive free overdose prevention training, food staples such as potatoes, juice, bread, fruit, etc. and behavioral health resources. Our respective agencies saw over 250 households, encompassing over 675 individuals. More than 30 volunteers from local agencies, community members, and Veterans themselves gathered to support this effort. A total of 38 individuals took advantage of the overdose prevention training and 42 Narcan kits were distributed by The Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities. The [Disabled American Veterans \(DAV\)](#) also had a representative onsite to assist Veterans with filing claims.

The Oakland County Veteran Navigator's Mission is to support Oakland County veterans and their family members by helping them navigate state, federal, and community resources such as re-entry, mental health, employment, etc. To connect with OCHN's Veteran Navigator or learn more about OCHN, visit www.oaklandchn.org or call OCHN's non-emergency Access line at 248-464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call/text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (24/7) at 988. For the [Veterans Crisis Line](#), dial 988, then press 1.

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Pictured: Volunteers distributing food supplied by Forgotten Harvest



Pictured: Cards distributed to Veterans that were handmade by students from Birmingham Public Schools



Pictured: The Alliance provides car-side Naloxone Safe a Life Training to attendees

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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