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OCHN's Ashley Sansom Selected for Oakland County 40 Under 40

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (March 13, 2024) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is recognizing Ashley Sansom, LMSW, for her selection in the Oakland Together 40 Under 40 program.

Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter's Oakland Together 40 Under 40 program recognizes and spotlights dynamic leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in Oakland County and beyond. In its twelfth year, the 2024 class is comprised of individuals who live or work in Oakland County and are born after December 31, 1983. To learn more about the Oakland County 40 Under 40 program, click [here](#).

Ashley Sansom, LMSW is the Youth Mental Health Liaison for Oakland Community Health Network. She serves as the clinical liaison for Juvenile Mental Health Court (JMHC) and Juvenile Drug Court (JDC). In addition to her responsibilities with JMHC/JDC, Sansom assists youth involved in the juvenile justice system connect to mental health services. Previously to this role, Sansom was instrumental in establishing the Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Diversion Project (MHA/JJD) which administers a brief mental health screening to help youth connect to mental health supports. This resulted in referrals for over 1,300 youth in Oakland County.



Sansom received her Bachelor of Social Work from Saginaw Valley State University. She then went on to obtain her Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. It was during her time at Wayne State University that she discovered her passion for juvenile justice. Since entering the social work field, Sansom has worked as a home-based therapist and children's trauma therapist.

In addition to her role at OCHN, Sansom volunteers as part of OCHN's Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team. She also was part of the volunteer team that provided clinical support after the Oxford tragedy. Sansom is devoted to providing services to youth throughout the Oakland County community.

Help us recognize Ashley for her accomplishments and continued dedication to the individuals we serve!

To learn more about OCHN, visit www.oaklandchn.org. Non-emergency Access services can be reached at (248) 464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

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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