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## **OCHN Connects with Veterans & Military Families at Annual Resource Event**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (May 14, 2024)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veteran and Community Resource Event on Saturday May 11, 2024.

This annual event aims to bring Veterans and their families together with the intention of connecting them with resources, benefits, and information. The event was kicked-off by OCHN's Director of Access, Tradina Taylor, and featured 45+ vendors, family-friendly activities, onsite Veterans Affairs (VA) health screenings, and more!

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. The services provided by the Veteran Navigator supports:

- All Veterans regardless of discharge status
- Veterans who do not meet service eligibility due to time-in-service
- Veterans who are not eligible for VA services
- Veterans who do not wish to seek traditional support paths

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 OCHN or Veterans services, visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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**Pictured (Left to Right):** Patrick Morton; OCHN Access Supervisor, Chaka McDonald; OCHN Veteran & Military Families Navigator, Isaac Cortes; OCHN Veteran Peer Support Specialist, Tradina Taylor; OCHN Director of Access.



**Pictured:** Lillian McCoy; OCHN School Mental Health Navigator.

## **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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