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## **The RISE Center Offers Virtual Help to People in Recovery**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (February 14, 2022)** – Previously offered in a face-to-face space, the RISE Center's (Recovery Information Support and Education) transition to a virtual setting has allowed for this valuable resource to continue support for Oakland County residents in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD).

Oakland Community Health Network launched The RISE Center in 2017 to promote recovery for individuals by connecting them to community-based services. Since then, more than 11,000 people have taken advantage of this important community benefit.

"Knowing where, when, and how to get help is essential for people who want to take those first steps toward recovery from an addiction; the RISE Center helps people with all three," explains OCHN Executive Director and CEO, Dana Lasenby. "The RISE Center is an excellent resource where people are greeted by culturally competent and respectful mental health professionals who prioritize their needs and offer life changing solutions."

Services at the RISE Center are free and available to all Oakland County residents who need support during their recovery journey. This includes offering intervention options for people at risk of relapse.

Skilled case manager and certified recovery coaches help people identify and remove barriers to recovery, as well as promote open and honest conversation about life experiences. Specific services provided at the RISE Center include:

- Access to Health Insurance
- DHHS supportive Services
- Housing Resources
- Food and Clothing Resources
- Education Resources
- Employment Services
- Substance Use/ Mental Health Services

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The RISE Center is available in a virtual setting Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, or to schedule a virtual appointment with a RISE Center mental health expert, call, 248-464-6055 or 734-772-5035.

### **About OCHN**

OCHN leads a provider service network that assists approximately 23,000 Oakland County citizens at more than 300 service sites across the county. People who receive public mental health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health challenge, or substance use disorder. The majority 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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