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OCHN Awarded MHA Bell Seal

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (August 7, 2024) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) has been awarded Mental Health America's (MHA) 2024 Platinum Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health!

The Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health is a national certification program that recognizes employers committed to creating mentally healthy workplaces. Led by MHA's rich history in research and advocacy, the Bell Seal's holistic evaluation of employer practices considers the entire employee experience. Those awarded the Bell Seal have policies and practices in place that support employee's overall wellness. To learn more about MHA's Bell Seal, click here.

In 2024, 271 eligible employers, including OCHN, completed a 54-criteria application, evaluating internal policies and practices impacting workers' well-being, including culture, benefits, compliance, and wellness programs. Only two in five employers are eligible for Bell Seal certification. To view the 2024 Bell Seal Workplace Mental Health Outcomes Report, click here.

OCHN acknowledges that workplaces influence employee mental health and well-being, and they strive to promote organizational practices to address those mental health needs, including strategies that focus on improvement in workplace culture.

The 2024 Bell Seal Workplace Mental Health outcomes showed that worker-led resource groups serve as safe, connected spaces to relate with other peers and receive support. OCHN hosts an employee lead positive work experience workgroup and employs policies that address suicide prevention and secondary trauma for staff members to promote a safe and supportive culture. OCHN's inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) workgroup offers learning opportunities for staff and ensures that an inclusive and equitable culture is fostered. Additionally, OCHN offers trainings to all staff that promote fair management practices, professional growth, and overall wellbeing.

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To learn more about OCHN or view open positions, visit www.oaklandchn.org. 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.

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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