



Oakland Community
Health Network

Developmental Disabilities • Mental Health • Substance Recovery

Justice Initiatives

Inspire Hope, Empower People, & Strengthen Communities

Oakland Community Health Network

Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) leads a provider service network that assists approximately 29,000 Oakland County citizens at more than 400 service sites across the county. Most people who receive services through Oakland County's public mental health system, which is managed by OCHN, have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's mission to "Inspire Hope, Empower People, and Strengthen Communities" reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People."



Dana Lasenby
Executive Director & CEO

"OCHN is proud to be at the forefront of Justice Initiatives programs in the State of Michigan. Comprehensive initiatives like the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and co-response program help deescalate crises and divert individuals to treatment when possible. The success stories shared with OCHN by our law enforcement partners and the data continue to indicate positive outcomes for people."



Vasilis K Pozios, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

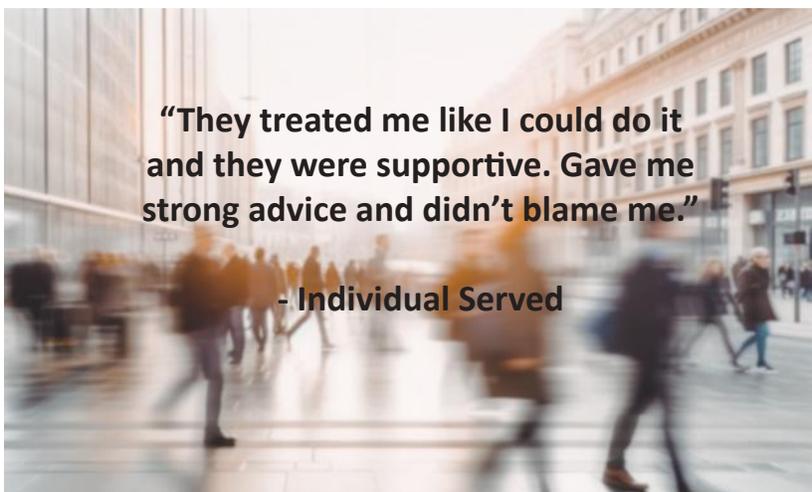
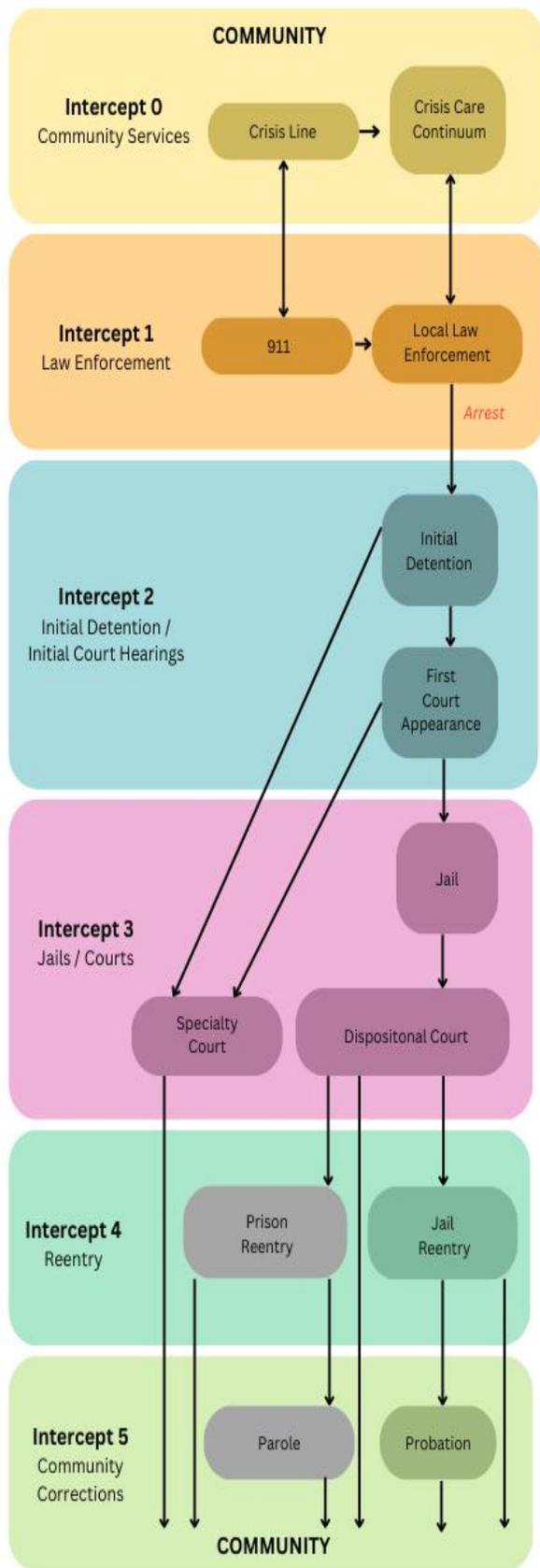
"Our Justice Team is uniquely positioned to help communities identify resources and fill gaps in services to meet the needs of justice-involved individuals in Oakland County. We work with partners from various stakeholders to implement creative solutions intended to divert people with mental and substance use disorders away from the justice system and into treatment. OCHN promotes early intervention and treatment as more humane alternatives to detaining people living with behavioral health conditions."

Justice Initiatives Background & History

When alternatives are made available to youth and adults involved with the justice system, paths to recovery are created. OCHN offers a variety of services and supports that address individual's needs prior, during, and after justice system encounters.

Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) has long-standing partnerships with law enforcement, Oakland County Jail, Community Corrections, and local courts on justice initiatives to positively impact individuals served by the public behavioral health system, as well as those experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

OCHN uses the Sequential Intercept Model, developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) GAINS Center, to develop programs that connect individuals with mental health and substance use disorders to treatment.



“They treated me like I could do it and they were supportive. Gave me strong advice and didn’t blame me.”

- Individual Served

CIT Oakland

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Oakland is a community partnership of law enforcement, behavioral health, individuals with lived experience, and other advocates. It is a model to help individuals access treatment and divert from the justice system.

Jail Diversion

Pre-booking jail diversion offer persons diagnosed with a developmental disability, mental illness, or substance use disorder the opportunity to receive treatment within the community instead being charged with a criminal offense for a non-violent misdemeanor.

Mental Health Access and Juvenile Justice Diversion

Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Coordinators assist with early identification of mental health needs for at-risk youth (age 6 -17). Partners include Oakland Schools Truancy Department, Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division, and several Oakland County schools.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Assisted Outpatient Treatment is a legal mechanism to provide outpatient treatment for individuals with serious mental illness and whose non-engagement in treatment is a risk for negative outcomes.

Juvenile Mental Health Court

The Oakland County Juvenile Mental Health Court uses alternative legal procedures to aid non-violent youth offenders with mental health needs.

Jail-Based Services

OCHN and Oakland County Jail have partnered to provide crucial mental health and substance use services for individuals who are incarcerated.

- Jail Alliance With Support (JAWS)
- Mental Health Services
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Prosecutor's Office

Mental health and/or substance use resources are provided through an on-site Liaison by screening, linking, and referring individuals to service providers. Early diversion opportunities are explored.

Treatment Courts

OCHN's Liaisons support the courts' efforts to give individuals an opportunity to seek treatment and utilize services, while reducing reencounters with the justice system.

“Adult Treatment Court (ATC) has been like a family to me. I would not have got this far in my sobriety without the support and accountability that ATC has provided me. Before I joined this program, I struggled to stop drinking alcohol for years. In the program, I was able to reflect and understand my stress and come up with other ways to handle the stress in my life. ATC has changed me as a human being. Those people are just the most understanding and calm people.”

-Individual Served



Co-response Community Outreach (CoRe) Initiative

The OCHN CoRe initiative has licensed clinicians co-respond with law enforcement to calls requiring mental health / substance use related support. Crisis intervention is provided, along with service coordination and resources, including mental health and substance use services.

Jail Re-Entry

To assist individuals with their transition from the Oakland County Jail into the community, OCHN addresses person's needs on an individual basis through a team of embedded Liaisons. For assistance, email reentrysupport@oaklandchn.org.

Probation / MDOC

An OCHN Liaison provides case consultation, troubleshooting, and direct assistance to individuals on probation or parole in Oakland County. OCHN provides a web-based referral system that allows Oakland County MDOC Agents to submit referrals for individuals to be screened for Higher Level of Care Substance Use Disorder services.

We are proud to partner with OCHN and our neighboring communities to provide a mental health co-response program. This program has significantly improved our level of service when responding to people in crisis, meeting them where they are, providing profession help and resources, and reducing the need for future law enforcement intervention."

**- Chief Ryan Gagnon
Auburn Hills Police Department**

"Having individuals in our community trained to assess and potentially prevent violence before it occurs is crucial, and we're excited to be at the forefront of the efforts."

**- Dana Lasenby
OCHN Executive Director & CEO**

OCHN offers specialty initiatives to meet the ongoing needs of our community.

Special Projects

Critical Incident Stress Management

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a formal, highly structured, professionally recognized process. This process helps those involved in a critical incident share their experiences, emotions, learn about stress reactions, symptoms, and given referral for further help if required.

Behavioral Threat Assessment

OCHN facilitates a community threat assessment team that brings partners together from mental health, law enforcement, schools, courts, SUD, and more. These partners provide an effective approach to behavioral health interventions and treatment for individuals who may be on the pathway to violence.

Success stories let us know our initiatives are having a positive impact on the community.

Co-Responder Success Story

An adult with children was referred to the Co-Responder Clinician due to being homeless and living in their car. The Co-Responder made contact, listened to their story, and began working with them to locate temporary housing through Community Housing Network. In the meantime, a police department bought the family groceries and gifted them a car seat. In addition, OCHN's CARE Committee paid for a hotel for one week while the family transitioned into temporary housing. The family remained in contact with the Co-Responder until they were able to obtain their own house. The adult was elated and overjoyed to have their own house, where the children could be raised in.





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Services Offered

Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) promotes independence, choice, and community inclusion for adults and children with intellectual/ developmental disabilities, mental health concerns, and substance use disorders.

- Adult Mental Health
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Crisis Resources
- Children's Mental Health
- Serious Emotional Disturbances
- Employment & Skill Building
- Housing
- Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities
- Jail Diversion / Criminal Justice
- Peer Support
- Substance Use Disorder
- Veteran's Services

Keep OCHN in Your Contacts!

1. Scan the QR code with a smartphone
2. Select "Save Contact"
3. Scroll down and tap "Create New Contact"

Access: (248) 464-6363
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988



Connect with the Justice Initiatives team
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