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CMHA-CEI Invites the Community to the 2026 CMHA-CEI In-Person Community Annual Event

Lansing, MI - Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) invites the community to the **2026 CMHA-CEI Annual Community Event**, which takes place on **March 23rd from 9am to 12pm** at the Lansing Center, located at 333 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48933. The theme for this year's event is **Hope Grows Here**. CMHA-CEI will also be honoring **NAMI-Lansing** with a **Distinguished Service Award** in celebration of 50 years of service to our capital area community.

The event will include the presentation of the CMHA-CEI 2025 Annual Report to the Community. Sara Lurie, Chief Executive Officer, details the significant projects that the report will entail, including some big announcements coming to the Greater Lansing area:

“Hope Grows Here. At CMHA-CEI, we remain deeply committed to planting and nurturing seeds of hope for the individuals and families we serve. As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, this past year has focused on strengthening our capacity to meet the growing behavioral health needs of our communities. The CMHA-CEI 2025 Annual Report to the Community highlights initiatives that advance evidence-based and trauma-informed practices, strengthen integrated care, and create welcoming and inclusive environments for all.

Featured stories include the Crisis Care Center, set to open in the summer of 2026; the 2025 launch of the Children's Integrated Treatment Clinic and Cedar Roots Recovery; and a spotlight on the vital role of the CMHA-CEI Consumer Advisory Council in ensuring that our policies and programs are guided by real experiences, meaningful feedback, and authentic partnership with the people we serve,” explained Sara Lurie, Chief Executive Officer.

Following the presentation of the Annual Report, attendees will hear from Kevin Fischer, who is the Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Michigan and Crisis Intervention Team International (CITI) Michigan. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Crisis Intervention Team International is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, Individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families, and other partners to improve community responses to mental health crises.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m., breakfast will be served, and the event will start at 9:30 a.m.

To register for the event, please visit <https://bit.ly/2026CMHACEIAnnualEvent> or by emailing Sarah Botruff at sbotruff@cmham.org.

To learn more about CMHA-CEI's services and programs, please visit www.ceicmh.org.

About Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI):
The Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) provides, directly and through partnerships, a comprehensive set of person-centered, high quality, and effective behavioral health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services to the residents of this community.

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