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## **OUCARES to host forum on autism-related community mental health services**

As part of its 2016 Evening Enrichment series, the Oakland University Center for Autism's Outreach Services (OUCARES) is hosting an event focused on the role of community mental health services in supporting individuals with autism and their families.

The event takes place on Oakland University's campus from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Lake Michigan Room of the Oakland Center.

Representatives from the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (OCCMHA) will discuss aspects of the Community Mental Health system and how they relate to individuals with ASD and their families.

"There are so many individuals with autism spectrum disorder who live in Oakland County who don't know what supports are available to them," said Kristin Rohrbeck, director of OUCARES. "The January OUCARES Evening Enrichment event is specifically designed to empower these individuals and their families to learn more about what community mental health services are available so that they can utilize those services and improve their quality of life."

Topics to be covered include the eligibility process and determination for OCCMHA services, the Medicaid and MI Child Autism Benefit and other issues related to the public mental health system.

Please RSVP by emailing [OUCARES@oakland.edu](mailto:OUCARES@oakland.edu) or call (248) 370-2424.



*Community members pictured at a previous OUCARES Evening Enrichment event*