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Detroit's Crisis Care Center Will Open in Winter 2023 *Bringing Behavioral Health Needs to the Community*

DETROIT, MI - September 2023 - The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is gearing up for the grand opening of this region's first Crisis Care Center in the heart of the city of Detroit.

"We are very excited to be opening the doors in just a couple of months to be able to bring much needed behavioral health services to the Detroit area," said DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh. "DWIHN is pleased to transform our former headquarters into a Crisis Care Center in which people that need short term crisis intervention whether it's for mental health or substance use disorder, get the help they need and get connected to services and support."

The facility scheduled to open in Winter 2023 will be a place where adults and adolescents in a behavioral health crisis can be evaluated to determine their medical necessity for crisis level services. It will add 36 beds to DWIHN's Crisis Continuum and will be a 24-hour Crisis Care Center.

The goal is to avoid taking someone who is in crisis to the emergency department and get them the appropriate help they need. This Care Center is unique because all the services are under one roof, Crisis Walk-Ins, Crisis Stabilization, and BEST (Building Empowered Supportive Transition).

"Wayne County has approximately 1.6 million people, with a population like that, we should have at least 3 crisis centers," said Doeh. "This is an opportunity to provide access to quality behavioral healthcare services in the community and continue to erase the stigma that comes along with mental health. There is no shame in asking for help. We want services to be accessible for all, no matter zip code, age or race."

DWIHN serves 75,000 individuals in Detroit and Wayne County. It is the largest community mental health agency in the State. DWIHN's Provider Network serves people with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities and those with substance use disorder. For more information, download the myDWIHN mobile app, www.dwihn.org or contact our 24/7 Access Helpline, 800-241-4949.

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