



## News Release

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### **Trillium adding Community I/DD Supports to Columbus County**

*Programs enhance social interaction and independence*

GREENVILLE, NC- As a part of Trillium's work to support social and recreational services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), Trillium offers [specialized inclusive programs](#) such as summer day camps, afterschool care, and social skills training. Trillium will partner with the [Columbus County Parks and Recreation](#) to launch a similar program in the area: the DISCOVER Enrichment Clinics.

DISCOVER Enrichment Clinics are summer day camps that provide an opportunity for school-aged youth with I/DD to enjoy an enriching camp experience. This camp will support a minimum of 30 youth in elementary, middle, and high school (6 – 18 years old) to experience weekly engagement with arts, crafts, music, dance, and other educational activities. This camp will also include special guest presentations and field trips for participants. "I think it is important to have these programs available to the community," shares Julie Strickland, Director of Columbus County Parks and Recreation. "Children with disabilities have very few resources available to them, especially during the summer. These children have a need and a right to continue their learning over the summer break through fun and enriching activities."

[DISCOVER Enrichment Clinics](#) are available for a total of four weeks beginning July 16 through August 10. The camp will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day at Whiteville Parks and Recreation. Participants will be required to pre-register for each week they plan to attend by calling Columbus County Parks & Recreation at 910-640-6624.

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Additionally, Trillium's [Choose Independence](#) initiative will be available to the residents in Columbus County. Choose Independence offers funds to assist with purchases that improve or increase health and safety. Choose Independence can provide supplies and equipment essential for increasing the ability for individuals to live in their own communities successfully. These funds make it possible to obtain supplies or equipment that would otherwise be unavailable due to benefit funding limitations, such as third party insurance, Medicaid, or state dollars.

Trillium's website has pages dedicated to the [Columbus County realignment](#) with sections personalized for members and providers. In addition, the public can use a unique email address for any inquiries: [Columbus@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:Columbus@TrilliumNC.org). There will be a series of listening and info sessions in the area throughout the month of June.

### **ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES**

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 25 counties in eastern North Carolina. Trillium's mission is to transform the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care. We take a person-centered approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources. Trillium is investing in innovation to meet the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information and to see how we are Transforming Lives, visit [www.trilliumhealthresources.org](http://www.trilliumhealthresources.org).

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