

**To:** All Providers

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**Subject:** Request for Information: Transitional Living Program-Child, Transitional Living Program-IDD, Transitional Living Program-Adult BH and Trillium Discovery and Enrichment Centers- Inclusive Farming Program-Request for Interest (RFI)

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### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM-CHILD, IDD, ADULT BH

#### STATEMENT OF NEED

Trillium Health Resources (Trillium) is seeking to identify mission-driven organizations that are interested in the development of Transitional Living Programs for Child, IDD or Adult BH\_within Trillium's catchment area.

This Request for Information (RFI) is open to both in-network and out-of-network providers enrolled in NC Tracks who are free of contract sanctions, fraud investigations, and/or current or previous IRS liens. More than one provider may be selected.

This RFI is being used as a means to obtain information about providers that are capable of providing services to Trillium Members who are also involved with the Department of Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, or who maybe in transition between living arrangements, or who are stepping down in levels of care but require transitional living arrangements while needed services and supports are put in place. The Transitional Living Program is a temporary living arrangement that is population specific to Child BH, or IDD or Adult BH populations. These arrangements are typically provided in TFC, IAFT or AFL settings however we are also open to other sustainable proposals.

This RFI should not be interpreted as a contract (implicit, explicit, or implied), nor does it imply any form of an agreement to any potential candidate. In addition, no inference should be made that Trillium will purchase and/or implement in the future any of the programs or services proposed by the respondents.

Written letters of interest should include the following details in regards to how the provider plans to establish a Transitional Living Program:

- 🌱 Brief Overview of experience in supporting desired population.
- 🌱 Proposed city/county location of Transition Living Program site(s).
- 🌱 Proposed services that child and/or adolescent Members will receive while staying in the Transitional Living Program
- 🌱 Proposed type of facility (i.e. TFC, IAFT, AFL) and experience supporting Members.
- 🌱 Proposed timeline for establishing the program.

Letters of interest will be received until end of business *February 5, 2022* and should be emailed to: [Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org).

## **TRILLIUM DISCOVERY AND ENRICHMENT CENTERS - INCLUSIVE FARMING PROGRAM-REQUEST FOR INTEREST (RFI)**

Trillium would like to offer an exciting new Inclusive Farming Program for our members through our community based Discovery and Enrichment Centers. This program is covered as a part of Trillium's Innovative Development bringing a new level of innovation to members in every community. The focus for Inclusive Farming program is to offer people with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain injury or Autism the opportunity to spend time on local farms, participating in the daily routines of farm life and to create employment opportunities. We hope this experience will also spark micro-enterprise development and self-employment options to create more employment opportunities in our rural areas.

Trillium is currently recruiting providers who will build partnerships with local farmers in our communities to provide these opportunities and experience for Trillium members in all 28 counties. Interested providers should submit a letter of interest to [Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org](mailto:Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org) *by February 15, 2022*. Please state in your letter which counties you would like to serve and which specific programming you would be interesting in offering.

Farm life is an exciting, busy and a big part of life in eastern North Carolina for so many. There are activities in which people of all abilities can take part. Our providers and all of the farms they partner with in this program will be integrating with real working farms that set aside time each week to work specifically with our participants for these programs. Each day's activities are geared toward the individual participant and include all the different aspects of daily life on a farm throughout the seasons. While highly productive work is not the goal, it can provide the energy and framework for a fun, fulfilling meaningful day.

All of these programs utilize the farm environment to help participants attain goals and meaningful inclusive experiences and in some cases for those interested employment opportunities. For each member, providers can usually find a program or activity that matches the person.

### **SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TRILLIUM IS INTERESTED IN PROVIDERS DEVELOPING ARE:**

-  **Inclusive Farm day supports programs:** This inclusive farm program offers participants the opportunity to spend days on the farm to work on their specific life- or work related skills, as well as simply improve their quality of life by interacting with others, learning how to care for farm animals, spending time in the outdoors, staying active and engaging in meaningful activities of farm life.
-  **Inclusive Farm Job Readiness Training and Vocational Rehabilitation activities:** This opportunity offers days on the farm that are tailored to build job skills for people who would like to work towards finding community employment in agricultural jobs. This is an opportunity to master skills through non-paid internships. This requires the provider to also have a relationship with Vocational Rehabilitation programs
-  **Easy days Inclusive Farm:** This program targets adults over the age of 62 who are ready to retire but want to enjoy fun at the farm days designed for seniors looking for companionship, for respite and a way to stay active after retirement.
-  **Farmers Market Days:** This opportunity offers market days that participants can be part of the sales team at the local Farmer's market or roadside stand. This program offers a supported employment opportunity to do retail work experience at the market selling the goods grown on the farm.
-  **Farm to Table Inclusive Farming:** Another supported employment program in partnership between providers and farmers that offers individuals real life work opportunities as a grower of fresh produce, herbs or flowers or as a part of the sales team or marketing team to sell produce, herbs or flowers to local vendors.
-  **Fun at the Farm for Children** - This regularly scheduled inclusive farm program offers young children 16 and under the opportunity to spend days on the farm to learn about farm life and work on individual skills, as well as simply improve their social skills by interacting with others, caring for farm animals, spending time in the outdoors, staying active and engaging in meaningful activities of farm life that are fun year round.
-  **Farm@Home- Micro-enterprise development** - This program uses skills and experiences learned during inclusive farming programs or classes at the local Agriculture office to branch out on your own to start your own farming oriented micro-enterprise. Trillium provides funding for members to support small business opportunities and increase employment options in rural eastern NC.