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Network Communication Bulletin #286

To: All Providers

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Subject: JCB#443 - Mobile Crisis Management State Plan and Clinical Coverage Policy Update, NC EVV Home Health Stakeholder Meeting Information (New Link), Upcoming Assistive Technology Pop Up Events, Parents as Collaborative Leaders (PACL) Training, Recruitment Opportunity Announcements: Open Enrollment for Child Treatment Providers, Opioid Remediation Programs Request for Funding, RFI: Trillium Juvenile Justice Psychological Assessment and Evaluation Network, Open Enrollment Announcement: Respite, Victory Junction Spring Dates!, Disaster Planning, Need to Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse?

JCB#443 - MOBILE CRISIS MANAGEMENT STATE PLAN AND CLINICAL COVERAGE POLICY UPDATE

Please find attached [Joint Communication Bulletin #J443](#) titled, "Mobile Crisis Management State Plan and Clinical Coverage Policy Update". If you have any questions concerning the Medicaid clinical coverage policy, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 919-527-6604 or stephanie.wilson@dhhs.nc.gov. For questions concerning the State-Funded Mobile Crisis Management Services, please contact Lisa DeCiantis at 984-236-5050 or Lisa.DeCiantis@dhhs.nc.gov.

You can see [previous bulletins here](#)

NC EVV HOME HEALTH STAKEHOLDER MEETING INFORMATION (NEW LINK)


Please register for the NC Medicaid Home Health Care Services EVV Stakeholder Meeting on Feb 28, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST.

 [For Registration](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. **Note:** The last provider registration link is no longer available, please ensure you register through the link above.

UPCOMING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY POP UP EVENTS

Upcoming Assistive Technology (AT) Pop Up events (open to the public) on Accessible Recreation and Gaming.

 **March 25th** in **Winston-Salem**

 **April 21st** in **Wilmington**

 **May 19th** in **Sanford**

[Registration info HERE](#)

Check out the [NCATP Events page](#) for more info.

PARENTS AS COLLABORATIVE LEADERS (PACL) TRAINING

Trillium will be hosting the Parents as Collaborative Leaders (PACL) Training on February 16, 2023 and March 16, 2023. The time for both trainings is 10:00am-11:30am. This is in collaboration with the State. We are having Module 3 and Module 4 again because of low attendance when we first offered these trainings. These trainings are for parents/caregivers and advocates of our members. Below is a link to the flyer. The flyer includes the registration links and those links are listed below as well for your convenience.

Module 4: Stages of Group Development will be held on March 16, 2023

 [Register for this Module](#)

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING: The Whole Child Health Section of the N.C. Child Division of Child & Family Well-Being has assembled a group of parent leaders and trained them to facilitate the nationally recognized, research-based curriculum, Parents as Collaborative Leaders.

These parents are passionate about teaching others who have children with a variety of special healthcare needs and/or developmental concerns to become effective leaders in their communities, at the state level, and at the national level.

These trainings have been used to support parents and caregivers being more active and confident at the table in a variety of educational, medical, and community settings. These trainings are offered at no cost.

 [More information and registration links](#)

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR CHILD TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Trillium, as a partner in the *NC Child and Family Improvement Initiative*, is developing a statewide network of child treatment providers to ensure that children and families engaged with DSS have continuity of care without delay or interruption when moving from one area of North Carolina to another. Trillium currently has providers located throughout NC to best meet the needs of its members, especially members who are children engaged with DSS for foster care programs, kinship placement, or adoption.

Effective 7-25-22 Trillium will expand its existing statewide Network through an *Open Enrollment for Child Treatment Providers* statewide to ensure that children and adolescents have access to the services they need across NC.

Providers must be enrolled and credentialed with NC Tracks for NC Medicaid and meet service eligibility requirements, including licensure and accreditation, when applicable. To clarify, providers must have any applicable license in place prior to application in order to qualify for the recruitment opportunity.

Open enrollment will close on March 31, 2023.

Please visit the Trillium Health Resources [Recruitment Opportunities](#) webpage to learn more.

OPIOID REMEDIATION PROGRAMS REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Trillium is accepting proposals to support opioid remediation programs throughout the 28 county coverage area. Requests for funding are due February 28, 2023. These funds are restricted to the following uses:

1. To purchase low-cost naloxone and other supplies like lock boxes and distribute them free of charge to harm reduction programs located in the 28 counties covered by Trillium for the purpose of reducing the number of opioid-related overdoses and deaths.
2. To purchase all forms of medications approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid use disorder and distribute them free of charge to jails located in the 28 county coverage area.
3. To fund community-based opioid treatment programs located in the 28 counties that provide opioid agonist treatment or facilitate the provision of opioid agonist treatment from other providers.
4. To purchase equipment for local opioid use disorder treatment programs located in the 28 counties to enable rapid analysis of opioids and other drugs causing overdose and overdose related deaths.

Trillium is focused on increasing health equity and will prioritize funding in counties that are Tier I and programs operated by historically underutilized providers. Tier I counties include Columbus, Bladen, Jones, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Bertie, Pasquotank, Chowan, Hertford, Northampton, Halifax and Nash. Trillium will focus resources on programs that address marginalized populations to include the uninsured and underinsured, people with disabilities, black, indigenous or people of color and areas that experience health care disparities throughout our 28 covered counties.

Trillium is requesting proposals from our counties, community partners, healthcare providers, schools and universities, and faith based communities to provide these options to the people who live, work and play in our 28 counties.

Interested parties should submit a proposal that follows the above funding restrictions to Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org and in the subject line include, RE: Opioid Remediation Request for Funding by **February 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please include the following in your written proposal:

- 🌱 Specific county or counties or cities within the Trillium's 28 counties that you will support
- 🌱 Specific area(s) in 1-4 (above) that you are requesting funding. If you are requesting funding of medications for jails please include a letter of support from the local sheriff.
- 🌱 Please also include the amount of funding you are requesting along with information supporting estimates. For example, if you are going to propose that you will purchase 500 Naloxone kits or other supplies and distribute them free of charge include an estimate for the number of naloxone kits (or other supplies) and the estimated price from the vendor you plan to use.
- 🌱 If you are going to purchase equipment for local opioid treatment programs that enable rapid analysis of opioids and other drugs causing overdose related deaths please attach the estimate from the vendor for the equipment.

RFI ANNOUNCEMENT: TRILLIUM JUVENILE JUSTICE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION NETWORK

Trillium Health Resources is the LME/MCO for individuals with substance use, mental illness, and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 28 counties in eastern NC. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions.

We help every community and individual we serve to reach their fullest potential. By coordinating care across multiple systems, we achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care, and efficient use of resources. Trillium remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time.

Trillium Health Resources is developing a Network for the independent assessment and evaluation of justice involved youth.

We are inviting local licensed psychologist to conduct comprehensive clinical evaluations including when needed psychological testing for youth ages 6-17 years old that are referred from juvenile court services. This request seeks to address gaps in care for youth being referred. Trillium's goal is for this population to have access to a valid, reliable and comprehensive evaluation to determine the best services for these youth given appropriate diagnoses, treatment and placement recommendations. Flexibility and timely responsiveness in scheduling appointments and completion of documentation and reports are both essential. Duties include completing comprehensive clinical evaluations, consulting with juvenile court counseling staff, school staff, psychiatrists, social services, and other agencies as needed, attending required meetings and trainings, writing reports, and providing emergency risk assessments for youth who are being seen at the Division of Juvenile Justice office to determine if that youth poses a safety threat to themselves or others. Applications will be considered from NC Licensed Psychologists (LP) and Licensed Psychological Associates (LPA). Trillium intends to work with Psychologist to cover all costs associated with this work.

Priority Consideration: Overall the rate of referrals to juvenile court and suspensions from school have declined over recent years, however the disparity between minority and nonminority referrals and suspensions has largely remained unchanged, evidencing multi-systemic problems with disproportionate minority contacts, juvenile court referrals and school suspensions. To that end, Trillium Health Resources is particularly interested in providers that seek to work with the population of youth and the adults having authority over them in the home, school and community environments who are disproportionately impacted by involvement across multiple agencies. The willingness to provide services onsite or in close proximity to the county juvenile justice services office location is preferred.

Application Submission Requirements: Psychologist and Licensed Psychological Associates interested in this work please email Cindy Ehlers at Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org for this recruitment and put RFI for Psychologist in the subject line.

OPEN ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: RESPITE

Trillium Health Resources (Trillium) is seeking to identify mission-driven organizations that are interested in providing Respite Services for Children/Adolescents.

This open recruitment applies 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 recruitment is being used as a means to expand the network of Respite Providers that are capable of providing these services to Trillium Members who are also involved with the Department of Social Services.

This recruitment 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.



Interested Providers should submit an application to the link below:

 [Application for Respite](#)

Questions? Please submit here: [Questions Link](#)

VICTORY JUNCTION SPRING DATES!

NEW DATES FOR SPRING 2023

-  March 31 – April 2, 2023 |
Application Deadline: **Friday, March 17, 2023**
-  April 21 - 23, 2023 |
Application Deadline: **Friday April 7, 2023**

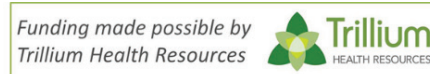


Get ready—the newest session for **Trillium Family Weekend** at Victory Junction is here! We hope our members and families will all take advantage of the inclusive environment and diverse amenities that camp has to offer and join us on a family retreat this spring in Randleman, NC. Programming provides a unique experience for families to connect.

Children of every ability can feel fully **empowered** and try activities adapted for every need. Victory Junction’s amazing staff and volunteers are familiar with hosting Trillium families and even special diets are accommodated. There is no cost to attend.

Open to all Trillium members and their families or natural supports, regardless of age or diagnosis.

Come experience the magic of camp with us! Spots are limited! Sign the [SPRING 2023 INTEREST FORM](#) today for a referral to receive a link to apply OR [check out the flyer](#) on our [Trillium Family Weekend Webpage](#) to learn about the application process!



Covid-19 Statement: For the safety of all individuals on-site, all Victory Junction staff & volunteers will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 during Trillium Family Weekends. Victory Junction highly recommends proof of a COVID-19 vaccination for each person attending in your party who are ages 5 and up who will be on-site during Trillium Family Spring Retreat Weekends, but proof of the COVID-19 vaccination is optional. Self-pre-testing & reporting will be required for all (within 48 hours of check-in). Arrival day testing

(performed by VJ Medical team) will be required for all participants. Masks are required for all participants during indoor activities.

Want to stay in the loop about future Family Retreat Dates?

Visit the [“Trillium Health Resources”](#) and [“Trillium Direct Connect For Enrichment”](#) Facebook pages, and the [“Victory Junction”](#) page on our website for the most up-to-date announcements!

DISASTER PLANNING

As we approach the prime season for hurricanes and flooding disasters, we are sending out this reminder that disaster plans need to be reviewed and updated, staff trained/re-trained, and contingency and communication plans developed.



For 2023 disaster plan submission you will go to a link to share your 2023 Disaster Plan and important contact information.

This requested information includes:

- 🌱 Contact information for your designated “Disaster Point of Contact”
- 🌱 Corporate site address and facility phone number
- 🌱 Any residential sites currently in your contract (address, phone numbers)

Please note, you will need to enter each site as a separate submission. Disaster plans must be submitted through the following link: [2023 Disaster Plan Submission](#)

Disaster Plans are due **no later than May 1, 2023**. If no updates are needed to your 2023 Disaster Plan, you **MUST** still resubmit the plan with a new cover page displaying the current year and disaster contact info. Failure to submit your Disaster Plan for 2023 by the deadline (May 1, 2023), may result in an audit and/or plan of correction.

The Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted guideline requirements for all entities that receive Medicaid funds and this applies to all of our Medicaid providers. For your reference, we have attached the Final Rule that will assist you in locating the requirements to the federal rules that apply to each of your situations.

Our contract with providers requires that you have an adequate disaster planning and training process in place within your organization. While it is our desire that no one has to contend with all that a hurricane or flood brings, the reality is that eastern North Carolina has dealt with its fair share of these kinds of disasters in the past.

Living in this part of North Carolina, we know that the best way to cope when a disaster strikes is preparation. Please connect with your local emergency management services, know your local resources, and stay connected with Trillium in the event of an emergency. In addition, Trillium has a list of disaster preparedness resources listed on the [Community Crisis and Disaster Response webpage](#).

 [Final Rule](#)

NEED TO REPORT FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE?

EthicsPoint is a secure and confidential system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for reporting suspected violations of fraud, abuse and confidentiality breaches. You can access EthicsPoint through website submission at [EthicsPoint - Trillium Health Resources](#) or by calling toll free 1-855-659-7660.

Any questions about this Communication Bulletin *that does not already have an email listed for questions from that specific section*, may be sent to the following email: NetworkManagement@TrilliumNC.org. These questions will be answered in a Q&A format and published on Trillium's website.