



## News Release

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### **New Inclusive Playground Opens in Bladen County**

*Joins 32 other playgrounds launched by Trillium*

CLARKTON, NC: A new, all-inclusive playground at the Bladen County Playground opened today. Equipment includes a rubber surface to allow for smooth transport with wheelchairs, doublewide ramps to access slides and other elements, and equipment that will appeal to children with sensory issues. The playground will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to play together outside.

Trillium provided \$500,000 to the Bladen County Parks and Recreation Department for the playground, located at 172 Doug Evans Rd. in Clarkton. GameTime®, the recreation and playground installer selected for the project, uses research-based programs and education to deliver the most tailored play and recreation environments in the world.

“Today we unveil this playground to bring inclusion here for our children and families who experience intellectual and developmental disability, autism, and traumatic brain injury. This playground allows children of all abilities to play together ... this playground, unlike other playgrounds, gives every kid a chance to just be a kid,” shared Cindy Ehlers, Chief Operations Officer with Trillium.

Children, their families, county employees, and Trillium staff enjoyed snow cones and music by DJ Smooth after the ribbon cutting.

Trillium first offered these grants in 2015, and has since constructed 32 playgrounds across our region. Each location received a grant amount appropriate for the scope of work and land space allocated for developing or updating a playground. To learn more, [please visit our website](#).

### **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 28 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

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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, visit [www.TrilliumHealthResources.org](http://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org).

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