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Trillium Health Resources Provides Funding to Digital Literacy Labs

Funding will help minimize the digital divide through access and skill development

GREENVILLE, N.C. – Trillium Health Resources is excited to announce funding to Life Springs Dream Center and ADLA Inc. to support the creation of two Digital Literacy Community Labs, part of these organizations Community Opportunity Centers. Trillium provided a total of \$500,000 in funding to the two organizations to assist in construction, internet access, and equipment costs. As in many other places, Trillium's rural counties can experience a digital divide for accessing the internet and proper equipment. Projects like these Digital Literacy Labs, and Governor Stein's recent announcement of the [Stop-Gap Solutions program](#), will both increase the skills and connections necessary to achieve digital literacy.

However, providing dependable Wi-Fi connections and devices is only the start. True digital literacy and access means having an email address so you can apply for new jobs. It means being able to connect to a provider via telehealth if you don't have reliable transportation. It teaches parents about potential concerns and preventative steps to protect your child's online safety. Along with physical access and equipment, ADLA and Life Springs Dream Center will also support teaching opportunities to support these skills and more. The podcast and YouTube video options in particular are already causing interest from younger community members.

Both locations will have the capacity to serve hundreds of people through job training, digital skill development, creative expression, and coding courses. Trillium will track future metrics and outcomes including how many people use the facilities for telehealth or digital skill development. As Northstar Digital Literacy Training sites, the



facilities offer no cost digital education, creating a wider network of accessible digital literacy training and certification programs across North Carolina.

To learn more about these organizations, please visit their websites:

<https://adlainc.org/>

<https://lifespringsrestorationcenter.org/home/>

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Trillium Health Resources is an innovative health plan for individuals with serious behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury in 46 counties in North Carolina. Through contracts with NCDHHS, we serve Medicaid members on the Tailored Plan and NC Medicaid Direct, state-funded recipients who are uninsured, and members on the Innovations Waiver. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions. We take an integrated 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 dedicated to meeting 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.

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