



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 24, 2017

MEDIA CONTACT
Jennifer Mackethan
Jennifer.Mackethan@TrilliumNC.org
1.866.998.2597

Transforming Lives Awards honorees announced *Thirteen categories recognize action, advocacy and service*

GREENVILLE, NC— The Transforming Lives Awards, a program that highlights local achievements in mental health, substance use disorder and intellectual/developmental disability service delivery and advocacy, were held Thursday, August 24 at the Hilton in Greenville.

Trillium Health Resources hosts the Transforming Lives Awards as a means to recognize providers and community groups in eastern North Carolina serving individuals with behavioral health needs. Nominations were received from throughout Trillium's 25 county service area and highlighted programs, professionals and individuals in the community that are making an impact.

"At Trillium, our provider organizations are our true partners," said Leza Wainwright, CEO of Trillium. "By working with such a valuable team, Trillium is able to accomplish our mission of transforming the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care."

Eleven recipients garnered awards in thirteen categories at Thursday's event:

- 1. Triple "A" Award (Awareness, Advocacy and Assistance)**
[Katie Holler from Autism Society of North Carolina](#)
- 2. Excellence in Implementing Best Practice**
[Pride in North Carolina](#) for the Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS) model
- 3. Partnering in Action**
[Easterseals UCP](#) for the EMPOWER Elizabeth City program
- 4. Member Directed Supports**
[Easterseals UCP](#) for the EMPOWER Ahoskie program
- 5. Exceeding Expectations**
[Autism Society of North Carolina](#)

TrilliumHealthResources.org
201 West First St., Greenville, NC 27858-1132
866.998.2597 Fax: 252.215.6881



6. Direct Support Professional of the Year
[Selena Jackson from Alberta Professional Services](#)
7. Prestigious Community Affiliate
[Ainsley's Angels](#)
8. Impact Award
[Integrated Family Services](#)
9. Care Integration
[Community Care of the Lower Cape Fear](#)
10. New Award: Trillium Innovation Award
[Mark Mathis and RY-CON Service Dogs](#)
11. Excellence in Advocacy by a County or State Elected Official
NC House of Representatives, Dr. Greg Murphy
12. Peer Support Specialist of the Year
[Mike Page, Physicians Alliance Mental Health](#)
13. Continuous Quality Improvement Award
[Integrated Family Services](#)

###

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 24 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, visit www.TrilliumHealthResources.org.

###