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Trillium provides 1,000 gun locks to Juvenile Justice offices

New Director of DJJ Systems Engagement making deliveries

GREENVILLE, N.C. – Trillium Health Resources is delivering 1,000 gun locks to Juvenile Justice offices within our 28 county region. These deliveries follow a successful campaign to place 1,000 gun locks with Department of Social Services offices earlier this year.

“Our DJJ offices work with youth and their families to reduce recidivism and safely engage with their communities. According to the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management, 55% of high-risk juveniles recidivate within five years¹, “stated Edward Hall, Trillium’s Director of DJJ Systems Engagement. “Trillium engages with these offices to make sure justice-involved youth have the services, supports, and tools they need to lead fulfilled lives. Reducing gun violence with these locks is one way we are reinforcing that goal.”

According to NC State Center for Health Statistics, more than half of firearms stored at home are not secured, leading to preventable crimes¹. Initiatives such as NC S.A.F.E. (Secure All Firearms Effectively) emphasize how simple steps like locking firearms can reduce violence and crimes.

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¹ 2021 BRFSS Survey Results: North Carolina Regions Firearm Safety:
<https://schs.dph.ncdhs.gov/data/brfss/2021/nc/nccr/LOADULK2.html>

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 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.

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ⁱ Juvenile Justice: <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/operational-excellence/north-carolina-results-first/juvenile-justice>