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Senator Amedore Secures \$25,000 for Wildwood Programs

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Senator George Amedore today joined Mary Ann Allen, Executive Director of Wildwood Programs, to announce he has secured \$25,000 in state funding in the 2015-16 State Budget to help support Wildwood's Adult Education programs.

"I am so happy to secure this funding to help support Wildwood's adult education programs, which help encourage continuing education and independence of adult-aged people living with developmental disabilities," said Senator Amedore. "Wildwood is truly a gem in our region that does so much to provide services and assistance to people of all ages with developmental disabilities, and I'm proud to be able to help support them in their mission."

"This wonderful support will enhance Wildwood's ability to deliver quality educational programs for adults living with developmental disabilities," said Wildwood Program's Executive Director Mary Ann Allen. "At the same time, it will allow our organization to redirect private fundraising dollars toward the desperately needed repairs for our school age summer education program. The impact of this funding will benefit both programs for many years to come. We are very grateful to Senator Amedore for his continued advocacy and commitment to people and families living with disabilities."

Wildwood's Adult Education Program serves individuals with developmental disabilities and complex learning disabilities who are over the age of 18. Its purpose is to actively engage adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in lifelong learning. Both classroom instruction and "real life" experiential learning are offered in such areas as reading, GED preparation, financial literacy, vocational exploration and training, computer skills, cooking, wellness and fitness activities, social skill development, leisure skills and fostering independence in activities of daily living.

The program collaborates with all other programs at Wildwood and networks with local disability organizations in 14 counties, as well as local, state and national organizations.

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