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Tyler Rex Named as Thrive Upstate's Executive Director

Tyler Rex has been named executive director for Thrive Upstate, formerly Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. He will assume the position on November 27.

Thrive Upstate provides services to more than 2,000 Greenville County residents with intellectual and related disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries and has 500 employees.

Rex has more than 14 years of leadership experience in the disability field, having served as Executive Director at the Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board since March 2016. He also served at the Oconee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board for six years as Assistant Executive Director and seven years as its Finance Director and Supported Living Coordinator. He earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University.

Bob Ariail, Board of Directors chair, said, "Tyler Rex is a seasoned professional who brings to Thrive Upstate a wealth of relevant experience and management skills, and most importantly, a passionate commitment to the individuals and families we serve."

Tyler is married to Heidi, and they have four children.

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Photo Caption: Tyler Rex is named the new executive director of Thrive Upstate.