



Improving the Health of Our Students

Mission:

A new service of the Four Rivers Foundation will be to bring focus on improving the health of your child. The primary goal is to improve access and the quality of the healthcare that youth of all ages receive from pre-K through graduation of high school. Healthy students are better able to stay in school and get the most out of their education to help them reach their fullest potential in life leading to long term success, happiness, and good health as adult.

Services:

At this time the program is evolving to improve services that the school can provide for your child's needs when ill. Dr. Alex Wright of Murray, Kentucky will be the medical director of the program focusing on providing additional guidance on certain conditions, working with the school nurse at times in person and virtually offsite. Due to multiple schools that the Four Rivers Foundation serves, Dr. Wright will rotate through the schools to provide on site services that may assist your school nurse. Because of this, he will at times assist in providing physical examinations for school for students unable to obtain the service through their primary care provider. In addition to acute illnesses, Dr. Wright may provide additional guidance for the school nurse on treatment recommendations and care plans if the school nurse requests. Furthermore a goal will be to provide possible follow up exams for various conditions that are considered complicated or high risk. The goal with this care is not to substitute a child's primary care provider but rather to supplement access to healthcare when needed.

Further focus will be on prevention. This will include help guiding health curriculum and education for self-care, preparing for life after high school in regards to understanding health care responsibility, and learning how to navigate the healthcare system properly.

Further services will include reviewing curriculum for high school health related preparedness programs for those thinking of pursuing a career in health care. The goal is to help maintain an up to date health care education program.

Provider Information:

Dr. Wright is a board certified fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians since 2016. He graduated medical school from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, IL in 2013 and completed his family medicine residency in 2016 at Memorial Hospital Carbondale, IL. Currently he practices clinical medicine for all ages from newborn care to geriatric care. In addition, he provides hospice services. Passions in medicine include pediatric care, sports medicine, and caring for special needs.

For Parents:

A permission slip will be sent out soon for the involvement of care for your child with Dr. Wright for these services. If appropriate, there may be some acute treatment that he will provide if needed during which time the permission slip will allow for him to assist your child and contact you for consultation.