

Partner organization name: Clay County Public Health Center

Partner organization website: www.clayhealth.com

Partner organization brief description: Clay County Public Health Center is a local public health department created in 1953 to protect the health of all people in the county by implementing population-based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness is accomplished through programs and services, which not only prevent the spread of disease but also provide wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices.

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Description of partner organization's priority opportunities (APEX activities):

- Research, Development, or Obtain, evidence-based education that can be provided to pediatricians and primary care providers who are not currently Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers. Explore barriers to program participation, possibly design and deploy survey and analyze results. Results or findings should inform education and outreach strategy.
- Engage Community non-VFC pediatricians and primary care providers and distribute or plan distribution of education materials.
- Assist in the formulation of a plan to assess the impact of the initiative.

Timeframe of proposed activities: Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

The activities will be worked on throughout the student's APEX time. The student does not have to do ALL the activities listed but will effectively complete the activities and initiatives in which they are engaged.

Benefit of proposed activities to partner organization:

- Increase access to immunizations to high-risk populations, including clients on Medicaid, uninsured, and underinsured children: Increased access to low-cost immunizations can increase immunization coverage among individuals ages 0 through 18 years.
- Strengthen Community Partnerships: Building stronger ties with local communities and partners.

Benefit of proposed activities to the student:

- Practical Public Health Experience: Applying project management, communication, and community engagement skills in a real-world setting.
- Cultural Competency Skills: Engaging with providers and a program that serves diverse populations and addressing community-specific health equity needs.
- Networking Opportunities: Building relationships with public health professionals and community organizations.

- Evaluation & Assessment Skills: Developing and analyzing pre and/or post-event surveys to measure event success and identify areas for improvement.

Skill sets of students requested:

- Strong Communication Skills: Ability to engage medical professionals, draft clear promotional materials, and build rapport with partners.
- Organizational Skills: Capable of managing multiple tasks, timelines, and resources simultaneously.
- Project Management Experience: Understanding of event planning processes, task delegation, and timeline management.
- Collaboration Skills: Ability to work effectively with both outside and internal teams.
- Adaptability & Problem-Solving: Willingness to troubleshoot issues during planning and activity execution.

Additional Information (format of preferred engagement-virtual, hybrid, in-person; partner organization's location): In-person engagement strongly preferred. Hybrid options possible.