

Changing Lives Through Opportunity: The Orthopedic Clinic and The Chiles Academy Partnership

Student internship program leads to full-time career, highlighting a shared commitment to second chances and workforce development.

DAYTONA BEACH, FL, UNITED STATES, April 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Orthopedic Clinic](#) is proud to highlight its ongoing partnership with The Chiles Academy, a relationship focused on mentorship, education, and creating meaningful career pathways for students.

Through this collaboration, students are provided hands-on internship opportunities that foster both personal growth and professional development in a real-world healthcare setting.

This partnership recently celebrated a meaningful milestone with the hiring of Mattie Waybright as a full-time Medical Assistant in Dr. [Eric Villarreal's](#) clinic. Mattie, a Chiles Academy student for over two years, completed her second internship with The Orthopedic Clinic before officially joining the team.

Mattie's journey is one of resilience and determination. After facing significant personal challenges at a young age, including becoming a parent as a teenager, she found herself at risk of leaving school permanently. With the encouragement of mentors and the support of the Chiles Academy, Mattie was given a second chance, leading to her ultimately graduating early during Thanksgiving break of 2025.

Through her time at Chiles Academy, Mattie discovered a supportive environment where she felt understood, encouraged, and motivated to stay on track. Her experience at The Orthopedic Clinic further solidified her passion for healthcare and her long-term goal of becoming a Physician Assistant one day.



Shannon Stewartson, CEO; Mattie Waybright, MA; and Jason Carey, HR

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Jason Carey, HR Manager, added, “Our company values people who are willing to go above and beyond for their customers. We are looking for someone who is a team player and can work well under pressure. If you are interested in this position, please send us your resume and a cover letter explaining why you are a good fit for this role.”

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The Chiles Academy is dedicated to helping teen parents stay in school, graduate, and build a stable future for themselves and their children. Through its partnership with The Orthopedic Clinic, students are given the opportunity to take the next step beyond graduation through hands-on internships in a real clinical setting.

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The Clinic plans to deepen student engagement by introducing mentorship from team members whose personal journeys reflect the resilience and determination seen in many Chiles Academy students, including Revenue Cycle Manager Allison Abrusci, who became a mother as a teenager and went on to build a successful career in healthcare. By creating structured pathways from education to employment, both organizations aim to empower students to build stable, fulfilling futures.

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Serving the Daytona Beach region for decades, The Orthopedic Clinic provides comprehensive orthopedic, sports medicine, and pain management care. With a strong commitment to community engagement and workforce development, the Clinic partners with local organizations to create opportunities that extend beyond healthcare and into meaningful life change.

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