**KINTEGRA HEALTH JOEY PROGRAM**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Kintegra Health is pleased to invite your high school student to participate in a unique volunteer program during the upcoming summer months. The Joey Program is designed to provide excellent exposure to community health, community engagement, and the concept of upstream medicine (addressing the social context of disease and the socioeconomic factors contributing to overall health) to motivated students with an interest in pursuing healthcare careers.

Kintegra Health is a federally qualified health center system, and the largest community health organization in North Carolina. We provide care to nearly 100,000 patients each year and are heavily involved in community service in the 12 counties we serve. We believe we are perfectly positioned to offer high school students an opportunity to experience community health and engagement at its finest.

The Joey Program begins Monday, June 3rd, 2024, and concludes Friday, July 26th, 2024. Participants are required to attend a 2-hour Orientation session on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024, at 5:30pm. A parent or guardian is required to attend Orientation with their student. The session will include introductions to the program and key leaders from participating departments, information about what activities you will participate in during the program, and training on patient privacy and occupational health and safety.

Participating students will work 2 half-days per week (8am to Noon) for 7 weeks within the Program’s duration. Parents or guardians are asked to ensure that their student has adequate transportation to and from the assigned work location. During the program, students will rotate through the following 7 departments and have an opportunity to learn from leading professionals in the following specialties:

* Family Medicine
* Community Health and Prevention
* Health Equity Initiatives
* Community Resource Advocacy
* Pharmacy
* Pediatrics
* Dental

All participants are required to fill out the program application (attached) by Friday, May 3rd, 2024 in order to register for the mandatory training on May 28th. The Joey Program Coordinator will be able to assist you should you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with your student this summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley Ocloo

Chief Medical Officer