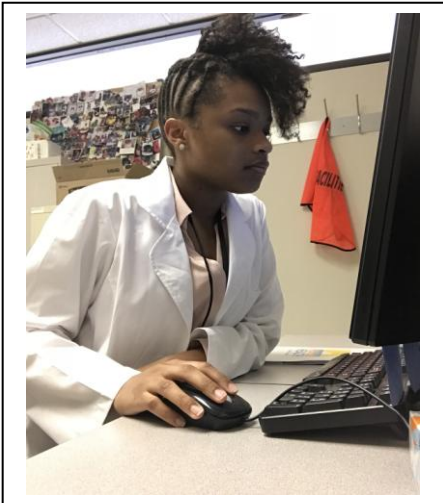


## Kaylin Walker

Aspiring Pediatric Physical Therapist



My six-week internship, with the Annie Ruth Foundation, was a very great experience. I rotated between three different doctors, Dr. Pope, Dr. Wells, and Dr. Johnson-Foy. All three of these doctors have impacted my life tremendously. One thing that they all taught me was the importance of research. They would talk about something then make sure I knew what they were talking about and then tell me to research when I get home to get a better understanding.

Dr. Akilah Pope, Dr. Carol Bowen Wells, and Dr. Trachella Johnson-Foy allowed me to go into the patient's rooms and watch as they provided care. With Dr. Pope I watched her examine children, prescribe medications, and input information into the computer. Dr. Pope even allowed me to go into some of the rooms first to ask them the preliminary questions before the examination. Dr. Bowen Wells allowed me to follow her around. I watched her put dressings on wounds, sometimes I was even able to hand her some of the things she needed. Dr. Wells even allowed me to go into the Operating Room. I watched as she did a skin graft. Dr. Johnson-Foy let me shadow her while she examined her adult patients. She allowed me to peek in the patient's rooms and introduce myself and to make sure they didn't need anything. I was also able to help other people in the office as well.

Being selected as a 2018 award recipient has allowed me to see the behind the scenes process of patient care and a wide range of patient needs. I'm still deciding on my career aspiration, but this experience has been helpful because I no longer have to imagine what this career would be like. Thanks for this wonderful opportunity!