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Glacier Family Chiropractic and Wellness

Kalispell, MT



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Dr. Hailey Axberg, Owner

Dr. Dr. Hailey Axberg is a young Chiropractor and founder of Glacier Family Chiropractic & Wellness in Columbia Falls, MT. She graduated in October of 2021 and opened her family clinic the following February. Dr. Hailey and her fianc initially planned to work as associate doctors after their graduation. When those plans fell through, they decided to explore options of opening a practice in their ideal location.

As Dr. Ryan finished chiropractic school, Dr. Hailey began researching options to open their family chiropractic clinic in Columbia Falls, MT. Dr. Hailey was referred to Dan Gorton for assistance at the Small Business Development Center through a local recommendation. Due to the unexpected nature of forming her business immediately after graduation, she needed guidance with all the business basics. She required assistance forming an LLC or S-Corp, tax guidance, accounting guidance, and other formalities of launching a small business.

Dan assisted with the process by providing free counseling related to Dr. Hailey's inquires. She was impressed with Dan's timely, thorough responses to her questions and his continuous availability by phone and email. With minimal business education, Dr. Hailey felt much more confident legally forming her family's business through Dan's guidance. In less than a year and without a business loan (or a family fortune!), Glacier Family Chiropractic & Wellness was established in December 2020 and officially opened to the public in February 2021. The clinic originally opened in 15'x10' office space and then expanded to its current building in downtown Columbia Falls in July of 2021. It has since grown into a thriving community of health-centered folks in the Flathead Valley, serving all ages and stages of life.

Offerings at Glacier Family Chiropractic & Wellness range from whole-family wellness chiropractic care, beginner yoga classes, holistic health education, as well as supplements and essential oils. The philosophy at Glacier Family Chiropractic & Wellness is centered around a salutogenic approach towards health, one that empowers people in their ability to be healthy and well. Drs. Hailey and Ryan have plans for expansion within the next three years to include increased patient care space, an infrared sauna, and a digital x-ray room. Dr. Hailey continues her education in pediatric, prenatal, and postpartum chiropractic care, and Dr. Ryan is expected to join the staff as a full-time chiropractor in 2022. The couple is so thankful that they were able to successfully formulate their business amidst a pandemic, despite unexpected circumstances. They are grateful for Dan's guidance in creating Glacier Family Chiropractic & Wellness.