

FOUR PEAKS MEDICAL CENTER FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY FACULTY 2025



Allison Kaplan, MD, FAAFP
Program Director

Dr. Allison Kaplan is a Board-Certified Family Physician from Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Then, Dr. Kaplan returned to Texas for her medical degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, TX. She then completed her graduate training from Scottsdale Healthcare Family Medicine Residency Program (now known as HonorHealth).

After completing residency, Dr. Kaplan practiced family medicine in the East Valley while also working part-time in various roles such as an urgent care physician, clinical research investigator, and assistant hospice director. In addition, she continues actively teaching medical students since 2008 with University of Arizona School of Medicine – Phoenix and later in 2017 with Midwestern University in Glendale, AZ.

Starting in 2016, Dr. Kaplan joined the Mountain Vista (now Four Peaks Medical Center) Family Medicine Residency Program as a faculty member. Then in 2023, she assumed the role as Program Director with her interests being academic scholarship, well-being, and mentorship. Dr. Kaplan has published a few articles in the American Family Physician peer-reviewed journal and been given awards for her clinical research.

Dr. Kaplan is married with 4 children and enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and learning about history.



Kent Hatfield, DO
Associate Program Director

Dr. Kent Hatfield is a seasoned family medicine physician based in Mesa, Arizona, with over 35 years of experience in the medical field. A proud Mesa native, Dr. Hatfield dedicated over 20 years in private practice to caring for families in the community he calls home. He earned his undergraduate degree in microbiology from Arizona State University, where he developed a deep-rooted loyalty to the Sun Devils that endures to this day. He went on to complete his medical training at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, graduating in 1990.

Throughout his career, Dr. Hatfield has built a reputation for compassionate, comprehensive care and a commitment to building lasting relationships with his patients. Before joining the Family Medicine Residency program as the Associate Program Director, Dr. Hatfield was with the HonorHealth network for eight years, where his ability to communicate fluently in Spanish was a valuable asset to the diverse community he serves.

Outside of his administrative duties, Dr. Hatfield is a devoted father of five and enjoys spending time with his family. He's an avid mountain biker and finds joy in exploring Arizona's rugged trails. Deeply committed to his faith, he looks forward to serving a mission for his church in the near future.

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Dana Farris, MD **Associate Program Director – Continuity Clinic**

Dr. Farris practiced full spectrum family medicine in a small agricultural community in Nebraska for 35 years before coming to Arizona. This included obstetrics, emergency medicine, nursing home, inpatient, and outpatient care. He has been ABFM board certified in family medicine continuously for the last 40 years.

Dr. Farris' special interests include dermatology and geriatric medicine and he is passionate about preventative care.

He has been the Associate Program Director for clinical medicine at the Mountain Vista (now Four Peaks Medical Center) Family Medicine residency program for nearly 6 years. Dr. Farris is very proud of the specialty of family medicine and tries to instill a love of medicine, the importance of strong, doctor- patient relationships and charges his residents

to "Make the World a Better Place" every day.

Dr. Farris most enjoys spending time with his wife and family as well as anything outdoors.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Megan Thorstenson **Family Medicine Program Coordinator**

Megan Thorstenson is our dedicated full-time Program Coordinator for the Family Residency Program. Megan earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Experience Design & Management and Non-Profit Administration & Management, from the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University. She has previously worked in various Project Management positions, including secondary education and large-scale events, as well as in multiple clinical settings of medicine.

As a Family Medicine Program Coordinator, Megan utilizes her strengths to support our residents and faculty. She makes use of her experience in logistics, training, and administration by overseeing the recruitment and onboarding of new residents, managing the oversight of accreditation within the program, as well as coordinating the numerous schedules and clerical tasks within the residency program. Her commitment to ensuring the residents get the training they need, as well as consistently seeking opportunities to improve the program's support, has been greatly beneficial.

In her spare time, you can find Megan spending quality time with friends, serving the community, and being greatly involved in her church.