



40th Annual
**CHILD
LIFE**
Conference

MAY 26-29, 2022
NATIONAL HARBOR, MD
& VIRTUAL



Conference at a Glance

In-Person Conference:

May 26-29, 2022

Gaylord National Resort &
Convention Center
National Harbor, MD

Virtual Conference:

June 2, 3, 8, 9, 10

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In-Person Conference Experience

Full in-person conference registration includes:

- Access to the virtual conference sessions for one year
- Up to 30 PDUs
- Ability to view and earn PDUs for the online poster presentations for one year
- Access to the Exhibit Hall
- Entry to all networking and receptions

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In-Person Conference

Day 1: May 26

7:30AM-6:00PM

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

8:30AM-3:30PM

FULL DAY INTENSIVES:

A Live Clinical Supervision Group

Gloria Mattera, MEd, CCLS & Diane C. Rode, MPS, CCLS, LCAT, ATR-BC

Intro to Adverse Childhood Experiences

Nekeya Irby, MA & Ashara Shepard-Lance, Ed.S

8:30AM-11:30AM

HALF DAY INTENSIVE:

Biopsychosocial Factors in Play

Jeanine Clapsaddle, MA, LMFT, CCLS & Laura Sufka, MA, CCLS

1:00PM-4:00PM

HALF DAY INTENSIVE:

Navigating Difficult Conversations: Child Life Specialists as Facilitators

Stephanie Barta, MA, CCLS, Amanda Linz, MD, MS, FAAP & Joanna Lyman, MA, CCLS, CPMT

5:00PM-7:00PM

WELCOME RECEPTION IN EXHIBIT HALL

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In-Person Conference

Day 2: May 27

7:30AM-6:00PM

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

8:30AM-10:00AM

EMMA PLANK KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:30AM-12:00PM

SESSIONS:

Promoting DEI in Child Life Practice

Emilia C. Crnjak, MS, CCLS & Lauren
Dulude, MS, CCLS

**Beyond A,B,C and 1,2,3: When Grief
Comes to School**

Laura Jeanne Moore, EdD, CCLS, CHES &
Anna Powers, LMSW

Trials and Tribulations of Transplant*

Jessica Tyndall, CCLS & Kathleen Wallace,
CCLS, CEIM

12:00PM-2:00PM

LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

2:00PM-3:00PM

SELF-CARE SESSIONS

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In-Person Conference Day 2: cont.

3:30PM-5:00PM

SESSIONS:

Breaking Down the ABCs of Burn Care

Jessica Baker, MS, CCLS & Allison Della
Pena, BS, CCLS

Far From Home: Collaborative Care for Children Hospitalized While Awaiting Social Services Placement

Morgan Ford, MS, CCLS & Susan J.
Simonian, PhD, ABPP

It Came out of COVID-19 Facilitated Panel Discussion

Kendall Malkin, MS, CCLS, Lucy Raab,
MA, CCLS, Lauryn Rozum, MS, CCLS &
Hope Wright, BS, CCLS

Mentorship Collaborative Series - Friday

5:00PM-7:00PM

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Day 3: May 28

8:00AM-6:00PM

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9:00AM-10:30AM

SESSIONS:

Establishing Emotional Safety for Unaccompanied Migrant Children at Emergency Intake Sites*

Lisa Romero Gronroos, BA, CCLS & Tracy Serrano, BA, CCLS

Stitching the Quilt: DEI in Child Life Academic Programs*

Troy Pinkney, MA, CCLS

Tiny Humans, Big Impact: Reframing NICU Child Life Interventions Through a Trauma-Informed Approach*

Anthony Borzi, MA, MT-BC, Linda Lacina, MSN, RN, HN-BC, NIDCAP Trainer, & Emily Martin, MA, CCLS

Mentorship Collaborative Series - Saturday AM

11:00AM-12:00PM

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In-Person Conference Day 3 cont.

12:00PM-2:00PM

LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL

2:00PM-3:30PM

SESSIONS:

Leadership - "It's Everyone's Business"

Cristie Clancy, MS, CCLS & Stephanie
Hopkinson, MA, CCLS

**Moving Beyond the Walls of a Hospital:
The Application of Child Life Professional
Skills Across Various Community-Based
Contexts**

Stephanie Barta, MA, CCLS, Lisa
Ciarrocca, CCLS, RWWP, Vicky Isaacson,
MA, CCLS, NCC, Emily Margolis, MS, CCLS
& Allison Moore, MS, CCLS

**Pediatric Medical Traumatic Stress &
Secondary Traumatic Stress: Signs,
Symptoms, & Interventions***

Caitlin Axtmayer, LSW, MPH, Melissa
Lusk, CCLS, Katherine Okonak, MSW

**Mentorship Collaborative Series -
Saturday PM**

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In-Person Conference Day 3: cont.

4:00PM-5:00PM

SESSIONS:

"What Do You Even Do?": Clarifying Myths of Child Life in Critical Care*

Brooke Ratliff, MBA, CCLS & Jill Van Stright, BS, CCLS, CTRS

Anxiety: Partnering with Nursing Colleagues to Improve Assessment & Physical and Emotional Outcomes*

Dee Baddley, MS, CCLS & Dana Kim, MA, MT-BC, NICU MT, CIMI

Racial Disparities in the Provision of Pediatric End-of-Life Services: A Systematic Review with Recommendations for Child Life Specialists*

Kathryn Cantrell, PhD, CCLS, Sarah Foster, BS, & Mashal Kara, MS, MAT, CCLS

You've Got Mail! A Sibling Support Program*

Taryn Johnson, BS, CCLS & Jessie Kington, MEd., CCLS, CIMI

5:30PM-6:30PM

TOWN HALL

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In-Person Conference

Day 4: May 29

9:00AM-10:00AM

SESSIONS:

"Thrown out of a Moving Train":
Caregiver Experiences of Transition
from Intensive to Acute Care*

Jessika Boles, PhD, CCLS & Emily
Boulos, MEd, CCLS

Are You Engaged? Staff Engagement
Within Teams and Facilities*

Erin Bailey, MA, CCLS

Research for All: Conducting Valuable
Inquiry Without an Institutional
Affiliation

Kathryn Cantrell, PhD, CCLS

10:30AM-11:30AM

SESSIONS:

A Day in the Life: A Premie Experience

Catherine Ney, MS, CCLS

Health Equity: Using Research to
Analyze Child Life Services*

Melissa Haun, MS, CCLS

Showtime! How to Develop Therapeutic
Closed-Circuit TV (CCTV) and Other
Digital Content in the Hospital Setting

Teresa Bunkers, MS, CCLS & Britta
Johnson, MEd, CCLS

12:00PM-1:00PM

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

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In-Person Conference Pricing

	ACLP Member	Student Member	Retiree Member	Non Member
Rate	\$550	\$49	\$199	\$650



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Virtual Conference Experience

Virtual conference registration includes:

- Access to view the full virtual conference on-demand for one year
- Up to 15 PDUs
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- Access to the virtual exhibit hall
- Virtual networking opportunities
- Q&A with presenters

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11:00AM-12:30PM

SESSION:

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1:30PM-2:30PM

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Day 3: June 8

11:00AM-12:00PM

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Day 4: June 9

11:00AM-12:30PM

SESSION:

Pediatric Medical Traumatic Stress & Secondary Traumatic Stress: Signs, Symptoms, & Interventions

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Day 5: June 10

11:00AM-12:30PM

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	Early Bird (till 3/31)	Regular (4/1 - 5/1)	Late (after 5/1)
Member	\$299	\$299	\$299
Student / Retiree Member	\$49	\$49	\$49
Non Member	\$499	\$499	\$499



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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster Presentations will be available to in-person and virtual attendees. All poster presentations will be pre-recorded and available to view on-demand for one year.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

"When You Have a Person Who is There Just for You": Influence of a Child Life Specialist on Patients' Future Career Development

Ethics and Moral Distress Among Certified Child Life Specialists

Exploring Knowledge of Adult Emergency Room Nurses Regarding Childhood Development & Children's Responses to Healthcare Experiences

Legacy Building: Cut It Out!

Maintaining Sibling Bonds During an Involuntary Separation

Parents' Perceptions of their Child's Primary Care Provider: A Comparison Between Parents of Autistic and Neurotypical Children

Storytime Snuggles: A NICU Reading Program

This Couldn't Have Been an Email: The Benefits of a Daily Team Huddle

FAQs

Will all the in-person sessions be recorded? Virtual Sessions?

Not all the live sessions will be recorded. The sessions marked with an * in the schedule are the ones that will be recorded and available to view on-demand for one year. All virtual sessions will be recorded and available to view on-demand for one year.

How long will the session recordings be available to view?

All recordings will be available to view and earn PDUs for one year.

What safety provisions will be in place for the in-person portion of the conference?

Each individual who participates in the Child Life Conference will be required to provide proof they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or an exemption letter. If you present an exemption letter, a negative COVID-19 test result must be submitted within 48-hours of arriving at the conference.

Will masks be required at the in-person conference?

ACLP will follow federal, state, and local county COVID guidelines, as well as the hotel guidelines. At this time, masks are required when gathering indoors, with the exception of eating and drinking.

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FAQs

What is the registration cancellation policy?

All cancellation requests must be received in writing (send to conference@childlife.org)

Full, Fri, Sat, & Sat/Sun Conference Registrations:

- Requests received on or before 3/31/22, will be refunded minus a \$50 admin fee
- Requests received between 4/1/22 and 5/1/22, 50% of reg fees paid will be refunded
- No refunds will be honored for requests received after 5/1/22

Intensive Registration:

- Requests received on or before 3/31/22 will be refunded minus a \$25 admin fee
- Requests received between 4/1/22 and 5/1/22, 50% of the fees paid will be refunded
- No refunds will be honored for requests received after 5/1/22

Virtual only Registration:

- Requests received on or before 5/1/22 will be refunded minus a \$25 admin fee
- No refunds will be honored for requests received after 5/1/22

Will virtual sessions have closed captioning available?

Yes. To turn on closed captioning, select the CC button on the Zoom toolbar.

Other questions?

Please email conference@childlife.org

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