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Greetings,

This year, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Certification Chair of the Child Life Certification Commission (CLCC). Certification has been a passion of mine for many years. What a great responsibility that CLCC owns from identifying eligibility requirements, setting, and maintaining certification standards, to developing and administering an exam reflective of our current practice and knowledge. I cannot thank each of the volunteers that make up CLCC enough for the countless hours and dedication given to ensuring the validity of our credential. With much excitement, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the August edition of the CLCC Connection.

I hope that everyone has been enjoying some much-needed summer fun and sun. I hope each of you have found a few ways to capitalize on those special moments that provide an opportunity for you to recharge and care for yourselves so that each of you can continue to have a positive impact on the patients and families that you encounter. As we persevere through a pandemic that continues to bring uncertainty to our lives, both personally and professionally, it is now more important than ever to focus on the strengths of our professional skills and knowledge to provide ethically sound compassionate care to the patients and families that we serve.

Of note in this edition, we are very proud to highlight and introduce Making Ethical Decisions in Child Life Practice 2nd edition. This work by Doris Klein, BS, CCLS and others began in 2000 to provide a foundation and introduction for ethics in the profession of child life. It is our hope that this new edition will introduce a framework for child life specialists to identify ethical dilemmas in current professional practice by working through case scenarios.

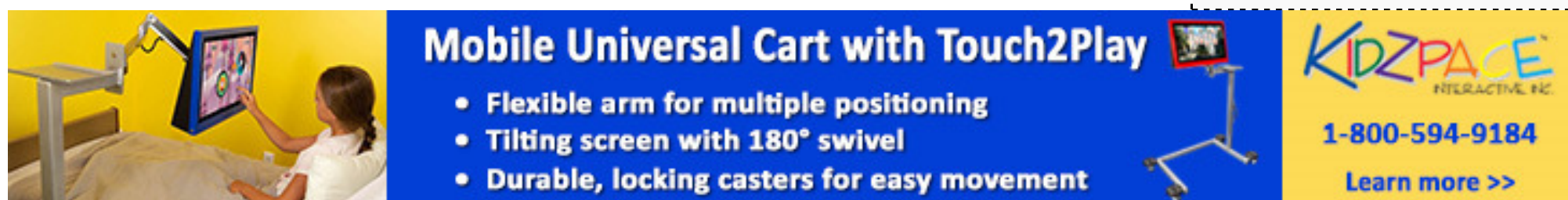
Until our next Connection, CLCC hopes you stay well, healthy, and positive. If you have any concerns, questions, or topics you would like for us to explore, please email us at certification@aclp.org.

Sincerely,
Leslie Daniels, CCLS
Child Life Certification Commission Chairperson

Certification Numbers

Total Current CCLSs: 6320

Residing in:	AK - 8	MS - 24
US- 5829	AL - 83	MT - 7
Australia - 4	AR - 34	NC -233
Brazil - 1	AZ - 129	ND - 15
Canada - 351	CA -580	NE - 38
China - 3	CO - 110	NH - 28
Georgia - 1	CT - 75	NJ-183
Hong Kong - 8	DC - 21	NM -20
India - 1	DE - 25	NV - 23
Italy - 1	FL - 276	NY-305
Japan - 58	GA-170	OH-302
Kenya - 2	HI - 12	OK - 44
Kuwait - 1	IA - 88	OR - 39
Luxembourg -1	ID - 18	PA -212
Mexico - 2	IL - 247	RI - 15
New Zealand - 3	IN - 100	SC - 88
Norway - 1	KS - 46	SD - 15
Philippines - 1	KY - 53	TN-158
Puerto Rico - 2	LA - 66	TX-578
Qatar - 6	MA -258	UT - 82
Romania - 2	MD -113	VA -106
Saudi Arabia - 1	ME - 17	VT - 20
Singapore - 4	MI - 178	WA - 116
South Africa - 1	MN - 165	WI -115
Spain - 2	MO - 180	WV - 9
Switzerland - 3		
Taiwan - 5		
Turkey - 1		
United Kingdom - 7		
Other - 20		



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Important Dates to Remember

AUGUST

- 10 Deadline to apply for the August administration of the [Child Life Professional Certification Exam](#)
- 15-30 [Child Life Professional Certification Exam](#) Administration Testing Window
- 22 Deadline to submit transcripts and other documentation in time to apply for the [2021 Winter/Spring Internship](#)

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Application deadline for the [2021 Winter/Spring Internship](#)

OCTOBER

- 18 Deadline to submit your coursework documents for review in time to register for the November [Child Life Professional Certification Exam](#)
- 27 Deadline to apply for the November administration of the [Child Life Professional Certification Exam](#)
- 31 Deadline to apply to [recertify through PDUs](#)

NOVEMBER

- 1-15 [Child Life Professional Certification Exam](#) Administration Testing Window

DECEMBER

- 20 Deadline to submit transcripts and other documentation in time to apply for the [2021 Winter/Spring Internship](#)
- 31 Last day to [reinstate lapsed CCLS credential](#)



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Research PDUs' Value Increased

CLCC is excited to announce that the number of PDUs for completing a research study has been raised from 2 to 3 PDUs.

Don't forget: an *additional* 3 PDUs can be earned if the research study is published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Detailed information about PDUs can be found in the [Recertification Manual](#).

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Enhancing Your CCLS Credential

It is common for CCLSs to wonder what other certifications are complementary to that of CCLS? Many child life specialists are interested in furthering their education, extending their skills to other avenues and finding other areas in the community that would benefit from the services of a CCLS.

ACLP encourages advancing your knowledge as a CCLS and offers PDUs for taking continuing education course work. You may also be fortunate to have a workplace that provides funding for continuing education.

Before you venture down the road of your time and finances, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I already have these skills as a CCLS?
- Would I benefit from a refresher presentation?
- Should I meet with a mentor (ACLP offers this program and participation gains you PDUs)?
- Do I need this additional certification to safely, ethically and legally provide services to patients and families?

What is your ultimate goal? If you're thinking about larger growth, you may want to consider a master's degree or doctoral degree. A focus on an area such as child/human development, counseling, public health, or healthcare administration are connected easily to that of child life.

If you are in a newborn/infant unit and are interested in growing your specific practice, you may consider an IBCLC-International Board Certified Lactation Consultant or CEIM-Certified Educator of Infant Massage. These certifications can assist families in growing their connection to their infant and furthering patient and family-centered care.

Pursuing certification in complementary and alternative medicine techniques such as hypnotherapy, Reiki, or aroma therapy would deepen your practice in the realm of non-pharmacological interventions.

Depending on your level of education, you may want to build on your passion for therapy and play; consider pursuing becoming a RPT-Registered Play Therapist. Recently there was forum conversation regarding the pathway to becoming a Certified Grief Counsellor Child/Adolescent (GCCA-C) to deepen the practice in supporting children and adolescents experiencing loss.

Because Certified Child Life Specialists touch the lives of so many in a range of avenues, the list goes on and can be endless. Is it that you are wanting to further your education, do you need a new challenge or seek the desire for change? Reflect on your current skills and practice as a CCLS, ask questions of each other on ACLP Connect, and consider a mentor from the ACLP Mentorship program or through your place of employment. The ACLP is here to support our members; let us know what we can do for you next.

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Making Ethical Decisions in Child Life Practice 2nd Edition Available

CLCC is thrilled to announce the release of the 2nd edition of Making Ethical Decisions in Child Life Practice. This foundational booklet was authored by leaders in healthcare ethics and child life. It begins with the history of pediatric healthcare ethics, the tenets of ethics, and the Child Life Code of Ethics. Other chapters discuss informed consent, navigating social networking, diversity, global ethics, self-reflection, and self-care. The 2nd edition introduces a framework to navigating ethical situations that can help students and professionals in their daily experiences. With updated case scenarios and an emphasis on using ethical tenets and the Child Life Code of Ethics every day, Making Ethical Decisions in Child Life Practice helps students and professionals analyze and resolve ethical dilemmas in child life practice.

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How to Access the All-Access Pass

Due to considerably reduced conference prices and the flexibility of virtual offerings, many ACLP members were able to take advantage of this year's Annual Conference. If you registered for the Annual Conference and took advantage of the All Access Pass, all of the content from this year's conference is ready and waiting for you in the Online Learning Portal! Here are the instructions to start taking advantage of your All Access Pass:

1. Sign into the ACLP website
2. On the top bar, select 'Professional Development'
3. Scroll down and select 'Online Learning'
4. On the left side, click 'My Dashboard'
5. Scroll down and under 'Packages' you should see and click '2021 Virtual Conference'

At this point, you'll be able to see a list of all of the conference sessions that you'll be able to attend virtually. Selecting each individual session will give you the details on that particular session and you can watch and

ACLP is Moving its HQ August 30!

THE HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1

On August 30, 2021, ACLP is moving its headquarters. The office will be closed August 30 through September 1 as we set up the new space.

Beginning in September, please send all invoices and correspondence to the new address:

Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP)
7600 Leesburg Pike,
Suite 200 West
Falls Church, Virginia 22043

Don't forget to update your records with this new address.

ACLP Headquarters' Hours, Phone Numbers, and Email Addresses remain the same.

You will find a list of Email Addresses on the [Contact Us](#) web page.

ACLP Headquarters' Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (EST)
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

ACLP Phone Numbers:
Phone: 571-483-4500 or 1-800-252-4515
Fax: 571-483-4482

We appreciate your ongoing support of the child life community.

Classification of PDU's Relating to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subject Matter for Recertification

The mission of the Child Life Certification Commission (CLCC) is to maintain a quality certification program for the child life profession. As the certifying body of ACLP, the CLCC recognizes racial discrimination as a key social determinant of health and driver of racial/ethnic health inequities. The American Academy of Pediatrics statement on the Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health (2019) President Sally Goza, MD, FAAP, states "Racism harms children's health, starting from before they are born... a growing body of research supports this, and we cannot ignore the impact." According to the Child Life Code of Ethics, Certified Child Life Specialists have an obligation to maintain an environment that respects variations in culture, age, gender, race, ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, religious affiliation, veteran status, and socioeconomic status.

As CCLS, we recognize that diversity, equity, and inclusion have always been integral to the scope of practice of a CCLS. CCLSs utilize stress assessment and family variables that "focus on support systems and resources, family needs, language and cultural beliefs and values, life stressors, opportunities to understand and participate fully in their health care." (Thompson, 2018, pp. 50). Issues surrounding racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion are implicit throughout all domains of the exam content outline.

ACLP is currently offering many webinars and annual conference opportunities addressing DEI at both the introductory and advanced levels. As stated in the CLCC Recertification Manual, for an educational event to qualify as a Professional Development Unit (PDU), the content must relate to one of the three professional domains from the Exam Content Outline: 1) professional responsibility, 2) assessment, and 3) intervention.

CLCC recognizes that many CCLSs are following the ACLP DEI call to action and seeking continuing education and self-reflection opportunities related to DEI.

CLCC supports CCLSs in their quest to further their knowledge and understanding of how racism can impact the practice of and ability to care for children and families that they serve. Therefore, CLCC is accepting DEI PDUs in any of the 3 domains for recertification: Professional Responsibility, Assessment, and Intervention, provided that the PDU has met the necessary requirements for PDUs. At this time, CLCC has not placed a limit on the number of DEI PDUs that can be obtained by an individual applying for recertification.

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Emotional Safety Initiative

Have you heard about ACLP's Emotional Safety Initiative? This is a movement to prioritize emotional safety in pediatric care at the same level as physical safety. The best resource for more information is the separate website: <https://emotional-safety.org/>. The site is filled with resources for healthcare professionals and caregivers. For those interested in educating themselves further, there is a five-webinar package available that can be found by following this link, <https://education.childlife.org/products/emotional-safety-series-package>. ACLP members that complete the webinar series will be recognized as emotional safety leaders.

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Certification Highlights

Certification Exam Administration

The Child Life Professional Certification Examination was administered in March with the following results:

# Candidates	# New CCLSs	% Passing
163	135	82.2%

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Certification Maintenance

CCLSs are required to pay a certification maintenance fee by January 31 of each of the first 4 years of each certification cycle. If unpaid as of April 1, certification becomes inactive. One hundred forty individuals currently have an inactive certification status due to non-payment of the 2021 certification maintenance fee. Existing annual maintenance fees are due by 12/31/2021 to avoid loss of the CCLS credential.

[Reinstatement](#) applications will be accepted through December 31, 2021.

Roughly 97% of CCLSs who owed this fee have made their payment.

Thank you for maintaining your certification!

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Recertification

Number of CCLSs due to recertify in 2021: 993

215 applications to recertify through PDUs have been received in 2021 (as of 7/28/2021)

For a revised list of ideas for how to earn PDUs, please click [here](#).

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CLCC would like to recognize the team of volunteers who serve on the CLCC Communications Committee and make this newsletter possible! Thank you!

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