




Taking Off  
On Your  
Child Life  
Journey



**2024 Student Symposium  
& Educator's Meeting**



# March 22-23, 2024

Dayton Children's Hospital  
+ GLACLP

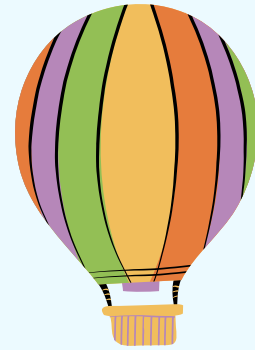
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**REGISTRATION OPEN 1/18/24-2/22/24**

- **In-Person Event Only**
- **Networking**
- **Interview Preparation**
- **Educational Presentations**
- **Self-Care Activities**
- **Educator-Specific Sessions**
- **Up to 6 Professional PDU opportunities**

# Friday, March 22nd

- **Educator's Meeting:  
*Roundtable Discussion***
- **Pizza**
- **Self-Care Activities**
- **Meditation**



# Saturday, March 23rd

- **Keynote Presentation**
- **Educational Sessions**
- **Networking Opportunities**
- **Interview Preparation**
- **Professional PDU opportunities**
- **Educator-Specific Sessions**

# Friday, March 22nd

\*Time reflects Eastern Standard Time (EST)\*

## 4:30-5:15 PM: Optional Tour of Dayton Children's Hospital

*Meet at hospital main entrance: 1 Children's Plaza, Dayton, OH 45404*

## 5:30 PM: Check-in at Innovation Center & Enjoy Dinner

*Rear Parking for Main Entrance: 241 Taylor Street, Dayton, OH 45404*

## 6:00 PM: Welcome

## 6:15-8:00 PM: Self-Care Activities

*Giant Coloring Pages - Child Life Themed Games - Meditation - Q&A "Connected" - and more!*

## 6:30-8:00 PM: Educator's Meeting

Professional Roundtable for Academic Faculty, Internship Supervisors/Coordinators, and all professionals working with students

The focus of discussion will be on topics that are the top priority of the ACLP, and how we can be an integral part of positive change and growth.

## 8:00 PM: Closing/Get Some Rest!

# Saturday, March 23rd

8:00AM: Check-in at Innovation Center

8:30AM: Keynote Address

9:30AM: Break

9:45AM: Two Sessions (opt one)

- **Title:** *It Takes a Village: How the Behavioral Health Team and Child Life Department Have Come Together to Provide the Best Care for Patients*
- **Title:** *Music Therapy 101: What to Know About Pediatric Music Therapy*

10:45AM: Break

11:00AM: Session

- **Title:** *"Guiding Wings: Strategies for Supporting Patient with Sensory Processing Differences"*

12:00PM: Lunch & Learn/Network

1:00PM Split Session

- **Students ONLY** - *Speed Mentoring & Interviewing Skills*
- **Professionals ONLY** - *Educator's Meeting Part 2*

3:00PM: Break

3:15PM: Two Sessions (opt one)

- **Title:** *"Inviting Yourself to the Party": The Skill of Advocating for Child Life while also Working in Collaboration with Other Modalities*
- **Title:** *Child Life at Camp: A Transforming Experience for All*

4:15 PM: Closing/Drive Safe/Optional Tour

# Saturday, March 23rd

## 8:00-8:30 AM: Check-in at Innovation Center & Enjoy Breakfast

Rear Parking for Main Entrance: 241 Taylor Street, Dayton, OH 45404

## 8:30 AM: Keynote Address (1 PDU)

**Title:** *Champions for Children's Vision and Striving Beyond Children's Vision With the Support of Child Life: The Impact of Child Life on Eye Exam Success Rate in Ophthalmology and Optometry Clinics*

**Description:** Our mission at Dayton Children's Pediatric Ophthalmology and Optometry is to make sure every child who steps foot in our clinics, develops his or her full visual potential and beyond. The way we do this is by timely detection of visual disorders in children and prompt access to treatment such as glasses, patching and surgery. Our patients have a multitude of needs and diverse medical conditions such as developmental delay, autism, speech delay and neurological disorders to mention a few. Often, our children need further support to quantify their vision and we have found that child life has served as a catalyst for this purpose. Child Life has been instrumental in supporting such patients while in the outpatient setting so our clinical providers are able to assess, quantify and treat their visual disorders. It is the team work between our clinic expertise and child life's ability to make our patients feel safe that allow us to maximize our patients vision. We are all champions for children's vision jointly!

Dr Luxme Hariharan MD, MPH

Janna Ives BFA, ABO

1 PDU Intervention

## 9:30-9:45 AM: Break

# Saturday, March 23rd

9:45-10:45 AM: Two Sessions (opt one)  
(1 PDU)

**Title:** *It Takes a Village: How the Behavioral Health Team and Child Life Department Have Come Together to Provide the Best Care for Patients*

**Description:** This presentation will discuss the collaboration that takes place between these departments in providing care for shared patients on the unit. During this presentation attendees will learn common goals that are shared and the skill sets that each department brings to care for their shared patients. Patient scenarios will be used to provide examples of collaboration and what this looks like on a daily basis.

Megan Calabro, MA, LPCC-S and Kristie Schram, MS, LPCC  
*1 PDU Intervention*

**OR**

**Title:** *Music Therapy 101: What to Know About Pediatric Music Therapy*

**Description:** Music Therapists and Child Life Specialists work together closely to help patients cope and heal. The presenter will provide a brief overview of what music therapists do and how music therapy can support patients during their hospital stay. They will also provide some insight into the differences between music therapy and the therapeutic use of music, which may inspire you to use music in your future practice. In true music therapy fashion, this presentation will also include music experientials- don't be afraid to get a little silly!

Shannon O'Hara, MT-BC  
*1 PDU Intervention*

# Saturday, March 23rd

10:45-11:00 AM: Break

11:00 AM: Session (1 PDU)

**Title:** *Guiding Wings: Strategies for Supporting Patient with Sensory Processing Differences*

**Description:** This presentation will explore sensory processing differences and helpful strategies for supporting patients with sensory processing differences in the hospital setting. By looking at the effect of sensory processing differences on a child's experience in the hospital setting, attendees will learn strategies to support these patients in any setting. Attendees will also learn how the presenter's hospital uses adaptive sensory environments to support these patients during their hospital encounters.

Elise Huntley, MA, CCLS

*1 PDU Assessment OR Intervention*

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn/Network

Grab your lunch and engage in conversation with professionals and students on designated topics



# Saturday, March 23rd

## 1:00-3:00 PM: Speed Mentoring & Interviewing Skills - Students ONLY

**Title:** *Putting your Best Foot Forward: Skills that will Help Prepare You for the Next part of Your Child Life Journey*

**Description:** This presentation will provide attendees with skills that are essential to becoming and being a child life specialist. The first part of this presentation will focus on interview readiness to help prepare attendees for the process of beginning their professional journey.

The next part of the presentation will discuss the importance of needing to be prepared to present personal and professional experiences in a short amount of time also known as an “elevator speech.” Attendees will then have the opportunity to create, present, and receive feedback on their speech, “speed mentoring” style, to a panel of child life professionals.

Kristy Greer, BS, CCLS

Other Dayton Children’s Child Life Department staff

# Saturday, March 23rd

## 1:00-3:00 PM: Educator's Meeting Part 2 - Professionals ONLY (2 PDU)

**1-2PM:** *Time, Energy, and Ingenuity: A Children's Hospital and Community Non-Profit Organization Come Together to Provide a Comprehensive 50/50 Child Life Internship*

Tammy Else, CCLS  
Erin's House for Grieving Children  
Fort Wayne, IN  
*1 PDU Intervention*

**Description:** There's not just one way to complete an internship anymore! With the approval of ACLP, two Certified Child Life Specialists created a 600-hour internship that gives students a multi-faceted experience and perspective.

**2-3PM:** *The Child Life Academic Society: Who, What, Why?*

Jenny Chabot, PhD, CCLS  
Ohio University  
*1 PDU Professional Responsibility*

**Description:** Become familiar with this ad-hoc, volunteer group of full-time child life academic professionals who function in higher education. Clinical preparation of students is at the center of their work.

# Saturday, March 23rd

## 3:15 PM: Two Sessions (opt one) (1 PDU)

**Title:** *"Inviting Yourself to the Party": The Skill of Advocating for Child Life while also Working in Collaboration with Other Modalities*

**Description:** Often times, Child Life services can be overlooked in the healthcare setting. Being a Child Life Specialist means not only advocating for your patients, but also yourself and the services you can provide. Collaborating with other modalities can be the first step in care and also the foundation of success for you and your patients. The Emergency Department could not function without input from all modalities and Child Life can be successful if you "invite yourself to the party".

Lerin Raines, MS, CCLS and Katie Fringer, MA, CCLS  
*1 PDU Assessment OR Intervention*

**OR**

**Title:** *Child Life at Camp: A Transforming Experience for All*

**Description:** Learn about the benefits of camp and volunteering to expand your child life skill set. A child life specialist will share her experiences volunteering, which also includes a medical camp setting. And more specifically, learn about how Flying Horse Farms in Mt. Gilead, Ohio helps to support children, siblings, and families of various serious or chronic illnesses. A social worker and child life specialist on the psychosocial team from Flying Horse Farms will be sharing about their amazing camp and how you might be able to get involved!

Rachel Trego, MSW, LISW-S  
Rebecca Gordon, MA, CCLS  
Jamie Talicska, MS, CCLS

*1 PDU Professional Responsibility*

## 4:15 PM: Closing/Drive Safe/Optional Tour

# More Information

## Dress Code

Friday 3/22 - Casual Attire

Saturday 3/23 - Professional Attire

## Lodging Information

There is a first come, first serve block of 25 rooms at the Tru by Hilton Beavercreek **until 2/22/24.**

**Price:** \$179/night + taxes/fees  
Two Queen Beds/room

Tru by Hilton Beavercreek  
3813 Colonel Glenn Hwy  
Fairborn, OH 45324

Direct Link to reserve your room:  
[Click here](#)

## Other Nearby Area Choices:

AC Hotel  
124 Madison St.  
Dayton, OH 45402

Courtyard Marriott  
2777 Farifield Cms  
Dayton, OH 45431

**\*\*If you are interested in rooming with another attendee, please indicate this on your registration form and we will do our best to connect you before reservations are closed.\*\***

