



2009 Call for Papers

**16 Annual Professional Development Conference:
November 5, 2009
New York, New York**

Child Life of Greater New York offers a one-day educational opportunity for Child Life professionals, educators and students to come together and focus on issues that relate to Child Life. This year's conference will offer participants a keynote speaker and continuing educational workshops with which to build their professional knowledge and skills. We invite the submission of proposals as outlined below. We have extended this invitation to all Child Life professionals in the northeastern region in an effort to strengthen Child Life networking between the tri-state area and the northeast region.

Proposal Guidelines: Please read and follow these guidelines carefully.

1. Abstracts must reflect one or more Child Life issues as outlined in the [Child Life Council's Standards of Clinical Practice](#). Please note which standard(s) you are using. Topics should be educational and not promotional of certain products or organizations.
2. For abstracts reporting research activities, research must be completed at the time of submission.
3. **PLEASE NOTE. CLGNY uses a blind review process.** Authors and institutions must **not** be identified in the cover sheet, abstract, outline, or summary. The use of institution letterhead is not permitted.
4. Authors whose abstracts are accepted are expected to present and register for the conference. If there is more than one author presenting, please note only one registration will be complimentary, all other presenters will pay the conference fee.
5. Proposals are due March 30, 2009.

Child Life of Greater New York seeks entry to advanced level abstracts on topics including but not limited to:

Alternative/non-traditional settings	Funding programs	Staff development
Bereavement/grief	Holistic health	Supervision
Boundaries	Legacy building	Support groups
Caring for the caregiver	Medical play techniques	Technology
Child abuse and neglect	Pain management	Trauma
Child Life/Creative Arts Therapy	Palliative care	Volunteers
Clinical skills	Practice standards and protocols	
Crucial conversations	Preparation	
Disaster management	Research	
Emergency care	Siblings	
Education: patient/family	Special populations	

Presentation Levels:

Entry - Intended for child life professionals, educators, fellows, assistants and students with less than 3 years of clinical practice. Presentations include broad information, basic theory, skills and interventions.

Intermediate - Intended for child life professionals and educators with more than 3 years of clinical practice. Presentations are based on the understanding that the registrant has experiences in a variety of therapeutic situations and is seeking to enhance his/her knowledge base.

Advanced - Intended for child life professionals and educators with extensive clinical and/or administrative skills. Presentations are based on the understanding that the registrant has considerable knowledge of the subject matter and no minimal introduction is required.

Presentation Format: A presentation in any of the formats below may be submitted.

Two hour intensive: Two hour examination and discussion on a specific issue or topic, may include 1 – 2 authors

Workshop: One hour examination and discussion of a specific topic/issue, may include 1 – 2 authors

Clinical Case Study: One hour presentation of issues through case study, may include 1 – 2 authors

Panel Discussion: One hour examination of specific issues from several perspectives, may include 3 – 4 authors

Skills Demonstration: One hour analysis of techniques for intervention/skill, may include 1 – 2 authors

Poster: A visual display of an innovative program relevant to Child Life. Note: all content must be displayed on the board as no additional equipment or space will be provided, may include 1 – 2 authors

Submission Format:

All Proposal Packets should be e-mailed as attachments within one single e-mail. Please attach the author information sheet separately to ensure the blind review process.

Attached documents for Presentations should include:

1. Author Information Sheet - One author should be listed as the contact person. All correspondence pertaining to the submission will be sent to the contact person. For **each** author list the following:

- 1) Title of presentation
- 2) Full name
- 3) Academic and professional credentials
- 4) Position title and affiliation.
- 5) Mailing address (Home or Work) telephone, fax number, and an e-mail address.
- 6) Author's expertise that qualifies him/her to present this topic
- 7) **30- word summary** describing your presentation.

2. Curriculum Vitae (for each author)

3. Cover Sheet - one page to include the following information:

- a. Title - make it descriptive and engaging
- b. Presentation level
- c. Content area
- d. Standard(s) of Clinical Practice outlined in abstract required
- e. Presentation format
- f. Exact word count of abstract, **must be 300- 400, please do not exceed.**

4. Abstract

Each abstract must be written in narrative form. The abstract must be a **minimum of 300 words and maximum 400**. The abstract must include:

- a. purpose of the presentation.
- b. a description of the originality, innovation, and/or timeliness of the topic.
- c. application of the information to other Child Life programs and benefits it will offer.
- d. any cultural implications.
- e. reference to the theoretical base or research that supports the issue at hand.
- f. references

5. Objectives

Presenters must list at least three behavioral learning objectives.

6. Organization of Presentation

Provide a detailed outline of the presentation with general key points of your topic.

7. Summary

Include a **30 word or less summary** of the presentation. This summary will be printed in the conference program.

Deadline: Submission must be received via e-mail **by March 30, 2009**: Contact Authors will be notified of the acceptance/declination of submissions by first week of May.

E-mail 2009 submissions to hillert@wcmc.com

For additional information or question regarding the call for papers, please call Tricia Hiller@914-493-6657