

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



2026-2027 ACLP Committees

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Volunteer your skills and expertise with ACLP for the upcoming 2026-2027 committee year! ACLP is seeking passionate volunteers to contribute their expertise and help shape the future of the child life profession. As an ACLP Volunteer, you'll play a key role in developing resources, initiatives, and programs—aligning with ACLP's Strategic Plan to strengthen our profession.

Beyond serving on a committee, you can also contribute through short-term or project-based opportunities such as writing or reviewing content, presenting webinars, or supporting specific initiatives. Your expertise can help support ACLP's work in a variety of meaningful ways. Please indicate through the online interest form if you are interested in a short-term or project-based opportunity.

Timeline:

- March 19 - Call for Volunteers Opens
- April 10 - Call for Volunteers Closes
- May - Applicants Notified of Committee Selection
- June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027 - Committee Year

Eligibility & Expectations:

- All volunteers must be active ACLP members at the time of submitting the Call for Volunteers Interest Form and remain active members in good standing throughout the duration of their term.
- A standard committee term is 2 years.
- A participant may be removed from a committee or task force by the Board of Directors based on non-compliance with the role description, charter, objectives, values, or policies of ACLP.

Read below to see committee descriptions for the ACLP committees actively recruiting in this year's Call for Volunteers. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the future of ACLP and the child life profession!

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ACLP COMMITTEES

Committee Name	Avg. Monthly Time	Committee Description	Students Accepted
Awards Committee	3-4 hours	The Awards Committee is responsible for selecting and recommending recipients for ACLP's highest honors, including the Distinguished Service Award and the Mary Barkey Clinical Excellence Award. The committee is also responsible for reviewing and awarding annual scholarships and awards of the association.	No
Conference Program Committee	Begin at 2-3 hours monthly and increase closer to key conference dates	The Conference Program Committee is responsible for selecting conference presentations and shaping the overall education program for the ACLP annual conference. The committee collaborates with ACLP staff to plan and execute the event, recommends major speakers, and helps to support on-site logistics.	No
DEI Committee	3-4 hours	The DEI Committee guides ACLP's ongoing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, ensuring they align with the organization's strategic priorities and reflect the needs of the diverse child life community. The committee sets priorities, recommends programs and resources, and supports members in developing the skills needed to serve diverse populations effectively. By reviewing DEI efforts, promoting inclusive practices, and helping recruit and retain a diverse membership, the committee fosters continuous progress toward a more equitable and representative profession.	Yes, 2 students



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Endorsement Review Committee	2-3 hours	<p>The Endorsement Review Committee oversees the endorsement process for undergraduate and graduate academic programs, ensuring they meet ACLP Standards through an equitable, transparent, and objective review. The committee develops policies, procedures, and guidance materials; evaluates applications and provides feedback; and continuously improves endorsement processes to maintain the integrity and value of the program. It also serves as a knowledge resource on academic preparation and collaborates with the Child Life Certification Commission on matters related to certification eligibility.</p>	No
The Journal Committee	5 hours over the course of the year	<p>The Journal Committee produces bi-annual issues of <i>The Journal of Child Life: Psychosocial Theory and Practice</i> (JCL) and to develop the publication to become a valuable, peer-reviewed professional resource focusing on issues of interest to clinicians, administrators, educators and students in the child life field and others invested in the psychosocial care of children and families.</p>	No



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Leaders Conference Planning Committee	Begin at 2-3 hours monthly and increase closer to key event dates	The Child Life Leaders Conference Planning Committee serve as subject matter experts in developing a specialized ACLP conference that delivers advanced education, leadership development, and rejuvenation for child life leaders who directly supervise child life specialists. The committee collaborates with ACLP Staff to curate timely content, select speakers, manage logistics, and create a personalized experience for conference attendees.	No
Mentorship	4 hours	The Mentorship Committee oversees and promotes ACLP's formal mentorship program, guiding its design, functionality, and ongoing development to support members at all stages of their careers. The committee manages mentor-mentee matching, develops program materials and learning objectives, evaluates program outcomes, and serves as ambassadors to encourage engagement across diverse mentorship tracks. It also collaborates on conference-related mentorship opportunities and coordinates monthly mentorship webinars to enhance learning and connection within the child life community.	No



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Pathway to the Profession	2 hours	<p>The Pathway to the Profession Committee strengthens the quality, consistency, and accessibility of pre-internship and internship training while supporting alignment between academic programs, clinical sites, and ACLP. The committee develops resources, oversees tools such as the Internship Readiness KSAs and Common Application, and gathers stakeholder feedback to improve equity and functionality across training pathways. Through ongoing evaluation and education, this committee helps to ensure diverse learners are well-prepared to enter the child life profession.</p>	No