

2019-2021 Strategic Plan



ACLP advances psychosocial care and the emotional safety of children, youth, and families impacted by healthcare and significant life experiences.



ACLP fosters child life

professionals through:

- Standards and credentialing
- Connection, collaboration and community
- Evidence-based practice
- Professional development
- Championing the child life profession



CORE VALUES

- Transparent communication
- Professional credibility
- Humanistic approach
- Relational impact
- Focus on members
- Cultural humility
- Resiliency
- Education



AREAS OF FOCUS

- Diversification of membership
- Research
- Thought leadership
- Expansion of, and access to, services and settings



AUDIENCES

- Child life professionals
- Students
- Academic faculty inclusive of internship/ practicum coordinators
- Leaders (clinical and program)
- Complementary organizations

The Four Pillars of ACLP

PILLAR #1:

Membership

Build an empathetic, supportive, responsive and equitable environment for the present and future ACLP community.





- Increase value of membership
- Increase recognition of members' work
- Increase member engagement
- Increase in diverse governance representation
- Investigate supply and demand of the profession

PILLAR #2:

Certification

Maintain standards — by the Child Life Certification Commission (CLCC) to help ensure the protection of the public from entering into a relationship with an unqualified individual.





GOALS

- Attain accreditation of the Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) credential by the National Commission for Credentialing Agencies (NCCA)
- Recognize knowledge/ skills evident in advanced practice above entry-level positions

PILLAR #3:

Education

Provide opportunities for life-long learning that are accessible, affordable, diverse, and high quality.





- Increase advanced-level content for clinical CCLS and leadership CCLS
- Provide targeted professional development content across learning platforms for:
 - Students
 - Academic professionals
 - Internship supervisors and coordinators
 - Community-based/ non-traditional role practitioners
 - CCLS professionals

PILLAR #4:

Partnerships and Non-Dues Revenue

Establish relationships in alignment with the mission, vision, and core values of ACLP.





GOALS

- Increase complementary partnerships
- Solidify expertise in the pediatric experience
- Grow non-dues revenue to keep membership fees stable and reasonable
- Increase recognition of ACLP academic endorsement and internship accreditation
- Develop internship portal for centralized submission of applicant materials