

## **Public Member of the Child Life Certification Commission (CLCC)**

### **Position Description**

**About the CLCC:** The CLCC is a 501(c)6 that oversees the Certified Child Life Specialist Credential. The CLCC has authority for making decisions regarding all essential certification activities including policies related to eligibility requirements, standards for initial certification and maintaining certification; disciplinary determinations; the development, administration, and scoring of the examination; and selection of subject matter experts.

**Purpose of the Certification:** The Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) certification is a rigorous, examination-based, professional certification developed to assess the readiness of an individual to enter the profession of child life. Its purpose is to increase the proficiency of child life professionals by identifying a body of knowledge, establishing a level of comprehension and performance necessary for certification, and increasing the value of practitioners to their employers. Those individuals who attain CCLS certification should be able to provide accurate assessments, interventions, and evaluations of children and families. The provision of child life services by CCLSs is a quality benchmark of an integrated child health delivery system and an indicator of excellence in pediatric care.

**About the Public Member Position:** The public member is a voting member of the Child Life Certification Commission. The role of the public member is to ensure that the public's interest and protection is represented in decision-making.

**Term:** Immediately upon appointment through June 30, 2027. Subsequent terms are for two years with eligibility for appointment to three consecutive two-year terms.

**Time and Meeting Commitments:** The public member is expected to:

- Attend monthly (mostly virtual) meetings of the commission. Meetings are typically an hour or two mid-day (EST).
- Attend the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.) Exchange at least once during the term, if not annually.
- Participate in virtual I.C.E. Public Member Network meetings or workshops (approx. once/quarter).

- Serve on commission committees, including, but not necessarily limited to the appeals committee, the nominating committee, and the ethics committee. Meetings for these committees take place as needed and/or are facilitated asynchronously.
- Review materials and prepare for meetings in advance of meetings.

**Experience and Qualifications:** The public member will champion the perspective of the children and families served by child life specialists. Family members, previous patients, or others impacted by child life specialists are encouraged to apply for this important role.

Additional qualifications and attributes include:

- Nonprofit leadership experience.
- Strategic organizational goal setting experience.
- Working understanding of nonprofit boards.
- Confidence to freely voice thoughtful input into discussions.
- Commitment to the mission of the CLCC.

**Exclusions:** Applicants may **not** be:

- A current or former child life specialist or student aspiring to be a child life specialist.
- A supervisor, manager, co-worker, employee, employer, or subordinate of individuals in the child life profession.
- An employee of any Certified Child Life Specialist or of employers of Child Life Specialists.
- A person who currently receives or has received within the last five years income from the child life profession.

**Selection Process:**

- Apply for the position by completing this short application:  
<https://form.jotform.com/242394725645060>
- The commission will appoint a public member within the next 30-60 days.

**Note:** While there is no cash compensation for service as public member, the CLCC does cover the cost of travel, meals and accommodations for all commission-related travel.