KAITLYN SCHENK

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Experienced Certified Child Life Specialist with specialized experience in the Emergency Department, Hematology/Oncology, Inpatient Trauma, Neonatal & Pediatric Intensive Care, and Labor and Delivery. Areas of interest include trauma, grief and bereavement, as well as supporting behavioral health patients and patients who are neurodiverse.

Skilled in assessing developmental needs of children, implementing creative and effective interventions to promote psychosocial wellbeing, providing emotional support in high-stress situations as well as providing end-of-life support and creative memory-making interventions. Proficient at utilizing clinical experience to educate students on child development, professional scope of child life specialists, impact of illness and injury on children and families, therapeutic play and psychological preparation for healthcare interventions.

EXPERIENCE

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas — *Lecturer of Human Development & Family Sciences*
August 2023 - PRESENT

Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), San Antonio, Texas — *Child Life Specialist*
December 2024 - PRESENT

CHRISTUS Children's, San Antonio, Texas — *Child Life Specialist*
June 2021 - December 2024

Children's Health, Dallas, Texas — *Child Life Internship*
January 2021-April 2021

Bluesprig Pediatrics, San Antonio, Texas- *Registered Behavior Therapist*
January 2019- January 2021

EDUCATION

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas — *M.S., Human Development & Family Sciences*
Concentration in Child Life
August 2019-May 2021

Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas — *B.A., Psychology*
August 2015--May 2019

AWARDS

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals 2023 Child Life Specialist of the Year

March 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Assessing Child Life Specialists' Management of Challenging Behaviors in Autistic Pediatric Patients
Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders