



### **Child Life Fellowship**

The child life fellow works in conjunction with our team of child life specialists to provide psychosocial support to pediatric inpatients and outpatients. This includes providing normalizing playroom and bedside activities, procedural preparations and support, sibling support, educational diagnosis teaching, bereavement support, teaching positive coping techniques and much more.

A child life fellowship is another opportunity for learning and growing as a child life specialist once a child life internship has been completed and the candidate is eligible for certification. The fellowship position is for an individual with a commitment to advance professionally as a certified child life specialist, giving the new child life professional a chance to improve their child life skills before entering the workforce. It also increases knowledge of the medical field in general including diagnoses, procedures, and the value of being part of a multidisciplinary team.

The child life fellowship is a year-long position, beginning in the fall, and is a paid and fully-benefited position. Fellows are also encouraged to attend funded conferences and symposiums pertinent to the child life field. The fellow works 8 hour days, Tuesday through Saturday. The position may include an area/population that is covered by the fellow along with the support of a seasoned child life specialist in an existing coverage area. The position also involves monitoring playroom sessions, supervising visiting groups, and participating in special events. Our child life fellow also works with our interdisciplinary team of music and art therapists, school programs coordinator, facility dog program coordinator and child life zone and technology programming.

### **Child Life Mission Statement:**

The Child Life Department advocates for and assists in meeting the psychosocial needs of patients and their families. By providing developmental support, preparation for medical events and maintaining a normalized environment; the department strives to minimize hospital induced stress, maximize positive coping and promote a family centered culture throughout Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Health.