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Child Life Licensure for the State of California

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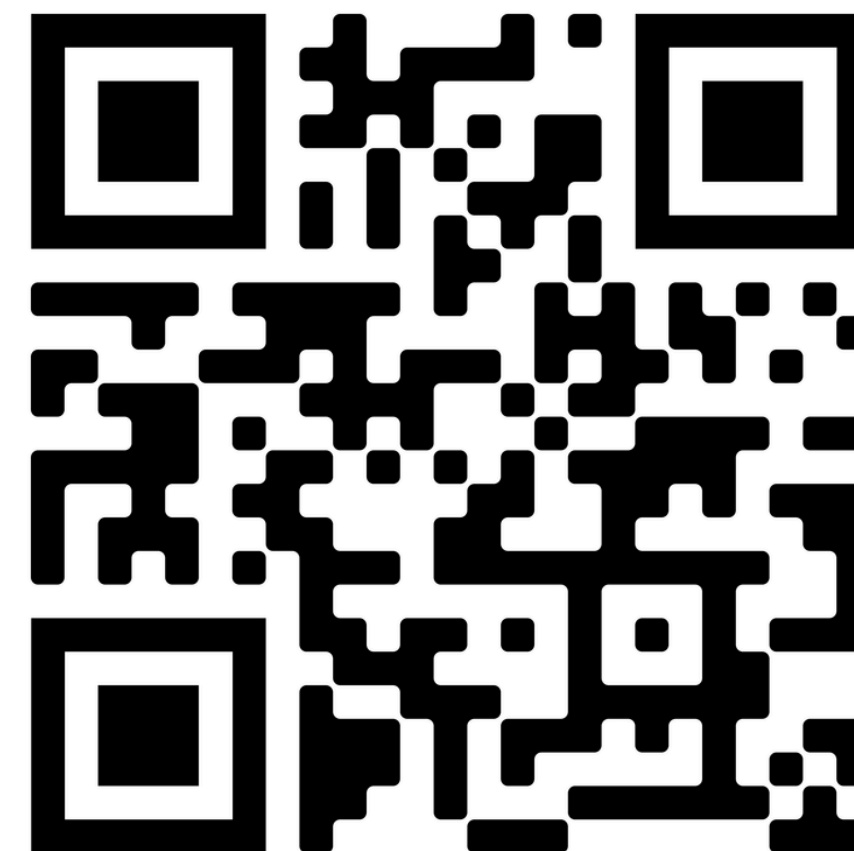
Your Voice Matters



**Complete the California
Child Life Licensure Survey**



**Sign the Petition for California
Child Life Licensure**



Why Are We Here?

To protect children and families in California.

Families should be able to trust that anyone using the title **Child Life Specialist** has met established standards for education, clinical training, competency, and professional practice.

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Why Licensure Matters for Healthcare Systems

Qualified Professionals. Clear Standards. Accountability.

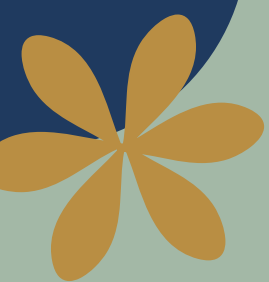


- Prevents unqualified staff from filling child life roles
- Reduces title and role substitution
- Sets clear expectations for healthcare organizations

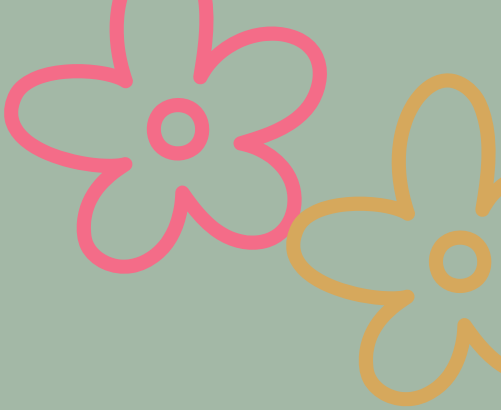
Bottom Line

Licensure helps protect children and families by making professional standards enforceable.





Child Life Licensure: What It Does—and Doesn't Do



DOES

Protect children &
families

Protect the Child Life
Specialist title

Create accountability

Support quality
psychosocial care

DOESN'T

Require additional
schooling

Require another exam

Change how CCLSs
practice

Guarantee
reimbursement





What's Next?

Building the Path to Licensure

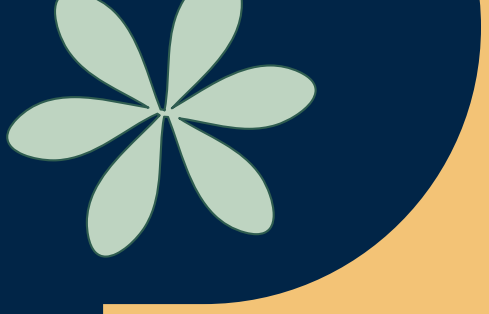
- Working with legal and legislative partners to shape a California proposal
- Preparing for potential legislation
- Identifying the appropriate licensing and regulatory structure
- Continuing to gather data and professional support



Bottom Line

This is a long road — and we are building the framework as we move forward.





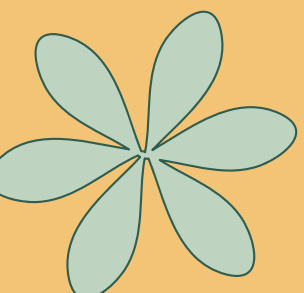
Important Decisions Ahead

There are still key pieces to determine:

- Who will oversee licensure?
- What will the licensure requirements be?
- What will renewal requirements look like?
- What will licensure cost?
 - Current working estimate: approximately \$100/year
- Should an advanced degree be required?



**How do we maintain strong
professional standards
without creating
unnecessary barriers?**



Endorse the Effort

**Your support can help strengthen the
case for California child life licensure.**

Child Life Programs • Healthcare Leaders •
Educators • Universities • Nonprofits •
Community Partners

Examples available on californiacclsforlicensure.com



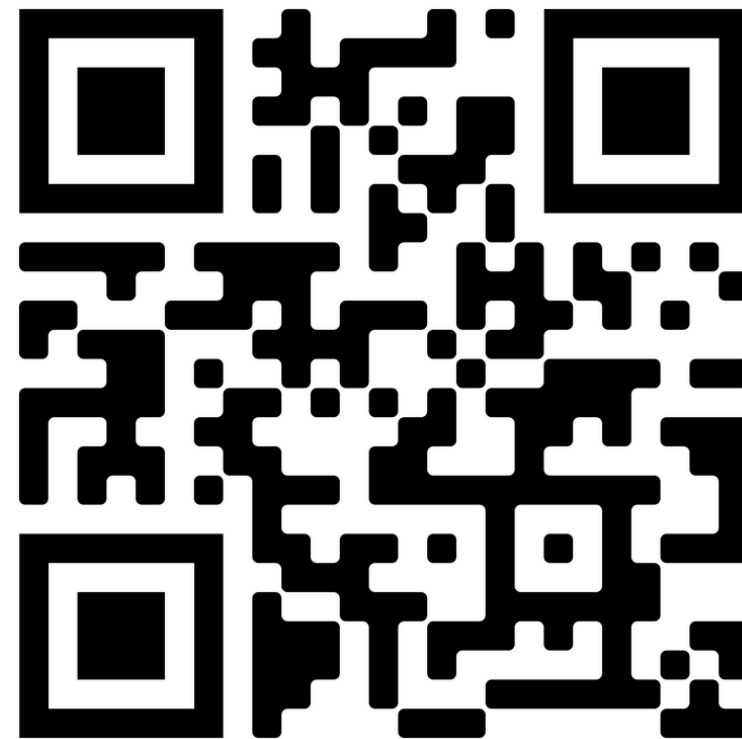
What We Need From You



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Sign the Petition



Provide an Endorsement Letter



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