

## **Certified Child Life Specialist II**

### **Organization Overview**

Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) is a non-profit organization located in Kuwait City, Kuwait. It was founded in 1989 to help children and their families cope with the stresses of hospitalization. KACCH advocates for the provision of optimal conditions for children and their families in hospitals, in order to reduce the adverse effects of healthcare experiences and hospitalization on their development and well-being.

KACCH operates six child life programs across six government (public) hospitals in Kuwait. The six child life programs are led by Child Life Specialists, who are supported by trained Play Leaders (Child Life Assistants).

### **Job Summary**

A KACCH Child Life Specialist II is responsible for the implementation of evidence based comprehensive child life services for children and their families. They support and lead the KACCH child life programs within the hospitals in Kuwait.

### **Key Roles and Responsibilities**

- Responsible for implementing child life services for assigned pediatric unit or hospital service area based on knowledge of child development (neonate to adolescent) and patient and family-centered care.
- Responsible for implementing child life interventions including developmentally appropriate preparation and education, procedural support, and a range of therapeutic, expressive, and normalizing play experiences.
- Assesses and prioritizes patient and family potential risk for stress with consideration for the unique needs of the individual child and family, including coping style, previous experience, developmental level, culture, spirituality, family situation and emotional state.
- Utilizes developmentally appropriate play as a primary tool in assessing and supporting the psychosocial needs of children and their families.
- Shares complex and sensitive information obtained from detailed therapeutic assessments with members of the clinical team.
- Participates in the education of the patient/family and other members of the health care team regarding child life services.
- Updates and maintains child life tools and resources on an on-going basis such as preparation and comfort/distraction materials to support with and meet the psychosocial needs of the child.
- Oversees and assists with child life interventions provided by other Child Life Specialists and Play Leaders (Child Life Assistants) on an as needed basis.
- Assesses the learning and professional capabilities of the staff under their supervision.
- Orients, trains, and supervises child life interns and practicum students.
- Supervises assigned staff by delegating and overseeing their work.



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- Assesses and supports the learning and professional capabilities and competencies of assigned staff.
- Supports the implementation of the KACCH Internship and Practicum program.
- Ensures high standards of child life services are maintained by Play Leaders (Child Life Assistants) and other Child Life Specialists I.
- Ensures high standards of play are maintained by KACCH Volunteers.
- Supports with the implementation of organization wide child life service delivery activities or initiatives.
- Orients, trains, and supervises new staff joining the hospital program.
- Liaises and collaborates with the BACCH (Palliative Care) child life and clinical team on the child life services provided to the patient and their family.
- Prioritizes own caseload in accordance with the individual child / service needs.
- Communicates with other KACCH Child Life Specialists in other hospital programs to ensure continuum of delivery of child life services.

### **Essential Requirements**

- Bachelor's Degree in child life, child development or related field; \*Masters Degree preferred
- Minimum of 5 years of relevant clinical child life experience
- Certification from the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP)-Child Life Certifying Committee
- Member of the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP)
- Fluent in English (written and verbal)
- Advanced skills in Microsoft Office applications
- Proficiency in Child Life Core Competencies (ACLP)
- Culturally competent

### **Apply**

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