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Recognition of Child Life Specialists Month

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are child development experts who work to ensure that life remains as normal as possible for children in healthcare settings; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are trained professionals who help children cope with stress and uncertainty of illness, trauma, injury, disability, and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists in hospital and medical settings address the social, emotional, developmental, and cognitive needs of the patients and families to decrease anxiety and increase understanding; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists promote effective coping through play, self-expression activities, and age-appropriate medical education and preparation; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists introduce coping strategies to help reduce anxiety and enhance cooperation with the health care team; and

WHEREAS patients and families receive Child Life services throughout all areas of Comer Children's Hospital at The University of Chicago Medical Center; and

WHEREAS Child Life Specialists are advocates for family centered care with the goal of empowering patients and families during these challenging situations; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the City of Chicago gathered together this 13th day of March 2013 AD recognizes the work done by Child Life Specialists at Comer Children's Hospital at The University of Chicago Medical Center and dedicates the month of March to the recognition of the hard work they do.

  
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