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**The HAP Foundation announces partnership with Child Life Hospice and Palliative Network**

The HAP Foundation is proud to announce a recent partnership with the national Child Life Hospice and Palliative Network (CLHPN), a professional group for child life specialists in hospice and palliative care. CLHPN provides child life specialists working in hospice and palliative care access to resources, education, and community to establish and provide best practice care for patients and families experiencing a serious illness. The HAP Foundation's commitment to pediatric end-of-life care aligns with the mission of CLHPN.

"The HAP Foundation's dedication to pediatrics is strong and unwavering," said Joseph Matty, President, The HAP Foundation. "By partnering with the Child Life Hospice and Palliative Network, we are supporting child life specialists, which will transcend to increasing hospice and palliative care for seriously ill children."

Collectively, CLHPN will advocate for the role of child life specialists in hospice and palliative care to ensure best practice quality care of patients and families. Professional development through education, evidence-based collaboration, and research will be shared among its members. CLHPN creates a community of likeminded professionals to collaborate and connect.

Jennifer Mangers, Founder of the Child Life Hospice and Palliative Network reflected, "CLHPN began as a way for Certified Child Life Specialists working in hospice and palliative care programs to connect with one another, share their practice experiences, and learn from one another. We started as a group on Facebook. In the past years, our members have worked with several people at The HAP Foundation to raise CLHPN's profile in our profession and elevate CLHPN's education offerings. I am proud that we have formalized our partnership with HAP."

CLHPN Steering Committee member Alyssa Friedberg explained, "Together, we are engaged in research that will inform CLHPN's future goals. We are excited for our continued efforts to promote Child Life professionals and their unique care for children and families experiencing serious illness or death. Announcing this partnership seems a fitting way to recognize Child Life Month in March."



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# The HAP Foundation

Hospice and Palliative Care Research & Education

Through this partnership, The HAP Foundation aims to increase inclusion of Child Life Specialists in hospice and palliative care programs and support research about Child Life Specialist in serious illness, end-of-life, and grief care. HAP will provide additional advice, assistance, operational support, administrative services, and fiscal agency services to CLHPN.

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*About The HAP Foundation:*

*The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research on hospice, palliative care, and grief for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life. Also, The HAP Foundation offers association management and consulting services.*



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