

CHILD LIFE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Saint Joseph's Hospital and Marshfield Clinic are located in the center of Wisconsin. Saint Joseph's Hospital is a 524-bed tertiary care teaching hospital, level II trauma center, and major referral center for the state of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In 2006, Saint Joseph's Hospital achieved recognition as a Children's Hospital within a Hospital by the National Association of Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI). The Pediatric and Pediatric Intensive Care Units consist of 35 beds with a charming Northwoods theme throughout.

The Child Life Program provides services to patients between the ages of 0-18 years old within Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital and Marshfield Clinic Children's, with varied diagnoses. These include, but are not limited to: surgical, orthopedic, oncology, cardiac, GI illnesses, renal, respiratory illnesses, hepatic, neurology, abuse/neglect, psychosocial/emotional complaints including overdose, failure to thrive, traumas, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, neonatal conditions and other various infectious diseases of children. Patients may have additional needs relating to mental retardation, learning disabilities, and emotional or physical handicaps. Child Life also provides services by consult to NICU and children of adult patients that are facing a new diagnosis of cancer or being treated in the ICU, CCU or Palliative Care Unit for a traumatic or life threatening illness. The Child Life Program also provides full-time services to our Outpatient Specialty Clinics at Marshfield Clinic Children's.

The Child Life Program offers three 16 week internship opportunities annually. Our staff is dually certified in Therapeutic Recreation and Child Life. The Internship Program does meet the requirements of both Child Life and/or Therapeutic Recreation Students. Below is a listing of services offered by Child Life at Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital.

Specialized Child Life Services include:

- ⌘ Therapeutic Play, including "Medical Play"
- ⌘ Preparation and support for medical tests, procedures, and surgeries
- ⌘ Pre-Admission Surgery Tours
- ⌘ Developmentally appropriate group and bedside activities
- ⌘ Infant Stimulation
- ⌘ Family Support
- ⌘ Developmental Information and Intervention
- ⌘ Crisis Intervention and Support for Siblings
- ⌘ Organization of Special Events and Visitors
- ⌘ Supervision and Training of Adult and Teen Volunteer Programs

Other Pediatric Services at a Glance:

- ⌘ Teen lounge, playroom, oncology solarium, outdoor patio
- ⌘ Participants of Children's Miracle Network
- ⌘ Ronald McDonald House
- ⌘ 50+ physician specialists
- ⌘ Multi-disciplinary team approach with primary nursing
- ⌘ Family focused care
- ⌘ 24 bed level III NICU
- ⌘ State-of-the-art equipment and clinical practice

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