TARGET AUDIENCE
This conference is appropriate and recommended for child life specialists, mental health professionals, play therapists, nurses, allied health professionals, students and anyone interested in psychosocial issues for children, adolescents and their families.

PURPOSE
The Mountain West Child Life Association (MWCLA) strives to enhance and promote the professional development of its members by providing educational and networking opportunities for child life professionals and programs. This September, conference participants will gather for educational opportunities, professional networking, and discussion of current child life issues.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Kathleen McCue, MA, LSW, CCLS has worked in pediatric health care for 43 years. She has published multiple articles and books on the needs of children in health care, and presented nationally and internationally on dying/death, trauma and compassion fatigue, child development, children’s reactions to health care events and the profession of child life.
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

5:30pm  Registration in “The Child Life Zone” at Denver Health

6:00pm  Child Life in Alternative Settings Panel. 1PDU
Tommi McHugh, MA, CCLS
Director of Bereavement and Volunteer Services at Honor Hospice
Roni Vallejos, CCLS
Colorado Plains Child Life and Early Intervention, Bereavement Assistant at Lamar Area Hospice
Heather Hamilton, BA, CCLS
Family Services Manager Nebraska Organ Recovery
Sheri Brasher, MA, CCLS
Denver Family Crisis Center
Peggy D. Baikie, DNP, RN, PNP-BC, NNP-BC
Denver Family Crisis Center

7:00pm  Reception

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

7:30am  Registration and light breakfast
8:15am  Opening Remarks
8:30am  Keynote Address
Is It Ever Enough? Caring for Self While Caring for Children and Families. 3 PDUs
Kathleen McCue MA, LSW, CCLS
11:30am  Lunch

1:00pm - 4:15pm  Track A: Afternoon Intensive
Children and Grief: How Worden’s Four Tasks of Mourning Guide our Practice. 3PDUs
Jennifer Kreimer, MS, CCLS, LPC, RPT

**Track B Afternoon Sessions**

1:00pm - 2:30pm
1. Understanding and Working to Mitigate Toxic Stress and its Lifelong Consequences 1.5 PDUs
Sarah Enos Watamura, Ph.D.
2. Incorporating Child Life into Disaster Relief Services: A Qualitative Look at Role-Transferability, Motivations, Barriers, and Opportunities. 1.5 PDUs
Lindsey Murphy, Med, CCLS, CTS-C
Heather Storey, MS, CCLS

2:45pm - 4:15pm
1. Outcomes of Simulator Use in Pediatric MRI. 1.5 PDUs
Amy LeRoy, CCLS
2. Understanding and Supporting Grieving Youth. 1.5 PDUs
Micki Burns, Ph.D.
Tracy Marrs, BS, CCLS

4:30pm  Closing Remarks

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the
Marriott City Center
1701 California Street
Denver, CO 80202  USA
Mountain West Child Life Association Room Block Rate: $155/night

All reservations will be made, modified or canceled by individuals calling Marriott’s Reservations toll free number. When you call, tell the agent you would like to book a room using the Mountain West Child Life Association Conference Room Block. Reservations for all guests must be received on or before Friday, August 19, 2016. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by credit card.

**CONFERENCE PARKING**

There is a small surface lot that is attached to the building where you are welcome to park.

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