

Madison Newton Ard
Curriculum Vitae

Education

Auburn University	2022	M.S.W	Social Work
Auburn University	2020	B.S.	Human Development/Family Studies

Professional Designation

Certified Child Life Specialist 2021 - Present Association of Child Life Professionals

Academic Positions

2022-Present Instructor, Human Development and Family Sciences, Auburn University,
Auburn, AL

Teaching Experience

Instructed Graduate Courses

- ◆ Practicum in Child Life

Instructed Undergraduate Courses

- ◆ Practicum in Child Life
- ◆ Internship in Child Life

Professional Experience

2022 – Present Practicum Coordinator, East Alabama Health, Opelika, AL.

- ◆ Maps Child Life curriculums for undergraduate and graduate level students.
- ◆ Assesses student’s skill implementation from an educational and theoretical background.
- ◆ Helps students apply developmental theory into real world practice.
- ◆ Provides guidance for students to utilize psychological interventions and provided oversight while implementing these skills.
- ◆ Assist’s Graduate Student Child Life Coordinator’s in learning mentorship skills

2020-2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University, AL.

- ◆ Mentored undergraduate students in conflict resolution, positive reframing, designing developmentally appropriate educational materials, and honing job specific professional skills.

- ◆ Assisted in preparation for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recertification at Auburn University's Early Learning Center (ELC).
 - ◆ Provided care and guidance to children ages three to five at the ELC and helped develop social, emotional, and behavioral recognition as well as development of skills to enter a kindergarten environment.
 - ◆ Assisted in daily program planning, preparation of lessons and provided instruction and supervision.
 - ◆ Completed rotations in Children's Hospital Pediatric Critical Care, Emergency Department, and Hematology and Oncology Units
- 2022 Social Work Intern, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, Pensacola, FL
- ◆ Completed rotations in Children's Hospital Pediatric Critical Care, Emergency Department, and Hematology and Oncology Units
 - ◆ Empowered families during hospitalization by providing bedside psychosocial care
 - ◆ Coordinated durable medical equipment, outpatient services, and other needs for discharging patients
 - ◆ Facilitated care conferences for families and doctors to discuss plan of care for patients
 - ◆ Connected families with community resources
- 2021 Social Work Intern, Spencer Cancer Center, Opelika, AL
- ◆ Conducted psychosocial assessments to help determine needs of adult oncology patients
 - ◆ Provided external resources to patients needing assistance beyond cancer diagnosis
 - ◆ Planned Relay for Life to accommodate safety of patients during pandemic
 - ◆ Emotionally supported patients and their families during hospice and palliative care referrals
 - ◆ Facilitated weekly support group with oncology survivors and patients undergoing treatment
- 2020 Child Life Intern, Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital, Maco, GA.
- ◆ Decreased the anxiety and/or trauma of hospitalized children and their families with illness and hospitalization through developmental assessment, interventions, promotion of play, learning, mastery, self-expression and peer interaction.
 - ◆ Individually provided education, preparation and therapeutic intervention for medical events to help children and families cope based on the developmental and emotional needs of the individuals.
- 2019 Child Life Practicum Student, East Alabama Medical Center, Auburn, AL.
- ◆ Advocated for individual children and collaborated with doctors and nurses who worked in conjunction with a start-up Child-Life program,

including explanation of the importance and role of child life in a medical context, procedure preparation, and the benefits of child life services.

- ◆ Implemented a child centered care approach for children entering the emergency room to ensure that patients had a positive hospital experience.

- 2018-2020 Co-founder and Co-director, Camp Kesem at Auburn University, Auburn, AL
- ◆ Established Auburn's Camp Kesem chapter, a camp for children of adult oncology patients
 - ◆ Formed and trained Executive Board, Advisory Board, and Counselors
 - ◆ Served as a camp counselor for University of South Alabama during two consecutive summers
 - ◆ Adapted traditional camp plans to host fun-filled week during COVID-19 pandemic via Zoom

Professional Memberships

Association of Child Life Professionals

Professional Development Units

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Certified

BLS, AED and First Aid Certified

Trauma Informed Practice Trained

FEMA Active Shooter

Needs of Our Children: Pediatric Care Before, During, and After Disasters

Cultural Competency for Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response

Skills for Psychological Recovery

Research Interests

- Effects of psychosocial interventions on children's resiliency and coping in relation to their parent's cancer diagnosis
- Effects of child life interventions of siblings of oncology patients