



COE Bear Tracks



COE Bears Make an Impact and "Leave Our Mark"

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The Child Life Student Advisory Group

Missouri State's undergraduate and graduate child life programs are home to 70+ students. With both programs rapidly growing, faculty are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to better serve students. One of the initiatives implemented by faculty this year is the Child Life Student Advisory Group (CLSAG). The CLSAG is comprised of students in every step of the child life program. There are three undergraduate students and three graduate students currently serving in the group. The CLSAG exists to provide a safe space for open dialogue and discussion between MSU child life students and faculty. The group meets to examine current challenges faced by the child life students at MSU, brainstorm solutions to meet these challenges, contrive new opportunities and initiatives to help their peers grow, and ultimately serves to advocate for both the undergraduate and graduate child life programs at Missouri State University. The CLSAG currently has several projects underway, and are excited to put them into action, to better serve their peers in the program.

One noteworthy project is their new monthly newsletter. During the course of their February meeting, one need the group identified was a solution for the lack of connection between students and the program, due to the constraints of COVID. To help mitigate these feelings of disconnection, the CLSAG created a monthly newsletter, to keep students feeling "in the know." This newsletter includes everything from announcements from the CLSAG and Child Life Student Association, to information about upcoming events for the program, and even self-care tips. The CLSAG is excited to continue to grow this newsletter, helping all child life students to feel better connected to the program throughout their collegiate career.