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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a passionate and dedicated graduate student at Texas Woman's University with a strong background in child development, family systems, and psychosocial care for children and families in healthcare environments. Currently, I am pursing a Master of Science in Child Life, building on my Bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. My diverse experience includes supporting children through therapeutic play, behavioral interventions, and family-centered care in clinical, camp, and home settings. I am actively seeking employment in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but I am also open to other locations acrosss the state. I plan to apply for a child life internship in Fall 2025, with the goal of securing a placement in 2026 as I work towards becoming a Certified Child Life Specialist.

EDUCATION

Texas Woman's University

Master of Science in Child Life Expected 08/2025

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 08/2018–05/2022

SKILLS

- Compassionate, empathetic, and dependable caregiver
- Flexible and adaptable in varied settings
- Organized and self-motivated
- Clear and supportive communicative with children and families
- Strong sense of responsibility

CERTIFICATIONS

- Mandatory Reporting Community Responsible for Youth and Families
- Social and Behavioral Research-Basic/Refresher
- Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research
- CPR and AED

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Carmen Haworth

Select Milk Producers/General Counsel (806)-445-3424 carmen.haworth@gmail.com **Bridgette Casanova** Children's Medical Center/Volunteer Coordinator (469)-273-0774

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Nanny

Haworth Family | 05/2023 - Present

- Provide consistent care for a 9-year-old in a single-parent household, fostering his emotional, physical and social development within a safe and nurturing environment
- Support academic growth by assisting with homework and delivering individualized summer tutoring tailored to his dyslexia
- Engage the child in creative play and age-appropriate activites to stimulate imagination and learning
- Maintain consistent communication with the mother and manage daily routines, including transportation to extracurricular activities, meal preparation, light housekeeping, running errands, and offering overnight care during the mother's business travel

Child Life Volunteer

Children's Medical Center | 09/2024 - Present

- Assist the child life staff in promoting healthy growth and development by participating in age-appropriate play and activities with children in the hematology and oncology playroom and at their bedside
- Ensure patient safety by adhering to infection control policies and maintaining cleanliness and upkeep of the playroom and family spaces

Behavior Technician

PediaPlex | 06/2022 - 03/2023

- Implemented individualized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) treatment plans for children ages 4-12 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder
- Fostered development in functional communication, emotional regulation, and social skills through both structured activities and play-based methods
- Collected and recorded data to track progress and collaborated with Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to adjust interventions
- Established trusting, therapeutic relationships with clients and their families to create a supportive, child-centered environment