



26th Annual Pediatric Ethics Conference

**It Takes a Village: The Role of Pediatric
Ethics in the Community**

May 1-2, 2025

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Overview

This year's conference examines the evolving ethical landscape of pediatric healthcare through diverse topics including sustainability, behavioral health, trauma-informed care, neonatal opioid withdrawal, and the intersections of ethics, policy, and law. Featuring expert-led talks, workshops, and panel discussions, the event provides a platform to explore challenges such as extended stay patients, mental health policies, and professional ethics in the face of legal divergence. Join us to engage with narratives, best practices, and advocacy strategies that strengthen ethical frameworks in pediatric care and community support.

Objectives

Following the presentations, attendees should be able to:

- Analyze the ethical issues facing children's hospitals to enhance understanding and decision-making in clinical practice.
- Evaluate the ethical challenges of meeting the behavioral health needs of youth in Colorado through active discussion and collaboration.
- Analyze the complex interplay of civil, legal, and ethical obligations involved in caring for neonates with opioid withdrawal and their families.
- Evaluate strategies to individually and organizationally navigate clinical scenarios where professional ethics and laws diverge.
- Reflect on narratives encountered in clinical work and identify best practices for engaging these narratives in ethics, research, care, and advocacy.
- Identify examples of how healthcare expertise can inform policy decisions.
- Apply ethical principles to analyze and address complex ethical challenges in children's hospitals.
- Understand the intricacies of the systems that are involved with extended stay patients and the overall impact.
- Integrate trauma-informed care principles into pediatric mental health settings to enhance patient safety, therapeutic engagement, and overall treatment outcomes.
- Identify at least one reason zero tolerance to violence policies are untenable in acute care settings.

Learner Outcome

Participants will gain enhanced knowledge and practical strategies to navigate complex ethical challenges in pediatric healthcare, including sustainability, behavioral

health, trauma-informed care, and the intersections of ethics, policy, and law, enabling them to improve decision-making and advocacy in their professional practice.

Continuing Education Credit

Registration, attendance, sign-in and submission of the evaluation, including a written response to questions related to any change in practice that you may make as a result of learning that took place at this activity, are required for successful completion and receipt of the certificate of attendance. Claim only those hours you attend.

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Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Sign-In and Breakfast Provided
8:00	Welcome and Conference Overview
8:15	Ethical Issues for the Sustainability of Pediatric Healthcare <i>Raphe Schwartz</i>
9:00	Financing Pediatric Health Care <i>Kevin Wilson</i>
9:45	Break
10:15	System Complexity of Extended Stay Patients <i>Megan Cook, LCSW and Heidi McCall, LCSW</i>
11:00	Q&A for speakers
11:30	Lunch Provided
12:30 p.m.	Trauma Informed Care and the Community <i>Lyndsay Jensen Gaffey, MA, LPC, ATR</i>
1:15	The Intersection of Pediatric Behavioral Health, Public Policy, and Ethics in 2025 <i>Sandra L. Fritsch, MD, MEd, DFAACAP</i>
2:00	Break
2:30	Zero Tolerance Policies and Bias <i>Darcy Copeland, RN, PhD</i>
3:15	Q&A for speakers
3:45	Evaluation & Adjourn

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Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Sign-In and Breakfast Provided
8:00	Welcome and Conference Overview
8:15	Policing or Supporting? Navigating Civil, Legal, and Ethical Considerations in Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal <i>Ian D. Wolfe, PhD, MA, RN, HEC-C</i>
9:00	Intersections Between Pediatric Ethics and Policy and Lawmaking <i>Kathryn Wells, MD, FAAP and Ida Drury, PhD, MSW</i>
9:45	Break
10:15	The Policy of Pediatric Mental Health <i>Ron-Li Liaw, MD and Ellen Stern</i>
11:00	Q&A for speakers
11:30	Lunch Provided
12:30 p.m.	Grand Rounds: Antigone 2025: When Professional Ethics and Laws Diverge <i>Ian D. Wolfe, PhD, MA, RN, HEC-C</i>
1:30	Break
1:45	Workshop: The Role of Narrative in Care and Advocacy <i>Mark Kissler, MD, MS</i>
2:45	Effective Advocacy Panel <i>Heidi Baskfield, JD, Ellen Brilliant and Erica Pike</i>
3:15	Q&A for speakers
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