

Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Paula Fite, PhD

President

Dear Division 37 members,

It is hoped that summer is off to a great start and that everyone is able to have some time to relax and enjoy the sun. Our members are engaged in important work that can be very taxing, and it is important that we all have time for breaks and self-care. We also hope that the Division can provide support and resources to help prepare members for advocacy work and provide a network of folks to share ideas and collaborate.



There are many fantastic projects and activities underway to benefit our members. For example, in continuing Dr. Block's presidential Call to Action, she and members of the EC board and the student committee are working on various initiatives to articulate and define "What is advocacy." This work includes developing tip sheets and suggestions for how to get involved in advocacy. The current presidential theme of using research to inform change is also moving along. You can find on social media, as well as the Division's website resource page, information regarding talking points and resources for advocating policy and law change. Currently, information regarding youth substance use as well as bullying and peer victimization among youth is available. Keep a look out for additional topics, including sleep and school start times, mental health needs of justice involved youth, suicidal concerns among youth, etc. that will be released throughout the year. Further, Drs. Christina Rodriguez and Joaquin Borrego have spearheaded the Division's ability to offer workshops for continuing education credits. We have now had several well-attended workshops that provide low cost continuing education credits for members. Look out for

additional workshops in the coming months. These are just a few of the multiple projects taking place, as you will see from other articles in this issue.
What an exciting time for Division 37!

We are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at APA convention in Seattle. Our program submissions have continued to increase over the past two years, with two poster sessions being held this year. A huge thank you needs to be given to our APA Program Chairs, Drs. Shaquanna Brown and John Cooley. They have been truly outstanding, making sure that we have high quality programming throughout the Convention. You can use this current issue of the Advocate to help plan your schedule. Please do plan to join us for the Division Business Meeting (3:00-3:50) and Award addresses (4:00 – 5:50) on Friday afternoon. We have three phenomenal awardees that will be presenting, including Kimberly Johnson (Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award), BreAnne Danzi (Diane J. Willis Early Career Award), and Michael Lamb (Nicholas Hobbs Award).

We will also be hosting various social events. Specifically, Division 37 is partnering with APA's Committee on Children, Youth, and Families along with Division 7 (Developmental Psychology), Division 43 (Society for Couple and Family Psychology), and Division 54 (Society of Pediatric Psychology) for our annual social hour. This social hour will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 8th. Division 37 is also hosting a social hour specifically for members (Friday evening) as well as a student breakfast (Friday morning; Please see the convention programming for details). Please plan to join us and network with Division 37 members.

Thank you for your membership and continued contribution to the field. I welcome you to reach out with any questions, suggestions, and ideas (pfite@ku.edu).

All the best,

Paula Fite, Ph.D.

2024 President of the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice, Division 37

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CHILD MALTREATMENT PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Margaret Stevenson, PhD

President



Greetings, Division 37 Child Maltreatment. I am pleased to report on the Division's Section on Child Maltreatment activities since last fall, to highlight upcoming section activities, and to congratulate the Section on Child Maltreatment award-winners. In particular, the Section is pleased to welcome our newly elected and appointed Section officers including Evan McCracken (The University of Evansville), our newly appointed Website Coordinator; Taylor Petty (University of Southern Indiana), our newly elected member-at-large for Policy/Advocacy; and Elizabeth Tampke (Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University), our newly appointed Program Co-Chair. We also sincerely thank the following outgoing members for their excellent leadership and service to the Section: Emily Denne (University of Evansville, Student Representative); Monica Lawson (The University of Texas at San Antonio), Website Coordinator; Chad Shenk (Pennsylvania State University), Program Chair; and Shanna Williams (McGill University), member-at-large for Policy/Advocacy.

The APA convention in Seattle is right around the corner and we encourage you to make note of and attend Section Programming at the convention. Mark your calendars for The Section on Child Maltreatment Presidential Symposium at **2pm-2:50pm on Saturday, August 10th**, which will highlight recent Section activities, including the product of a Section-initiated special issue in *Child Maltreatment* on the topic of COVID-related professional challenges, innovations, and implications for child maltreatment victims. Specifically, this symposium will feature presentations summarizing the results of three articles within this special issue.

Congratulations to The Section on Child Maltreatment Award Winners!

Dissertation Grant Award

Gayane A. Baziyants

Joint Ph.D. Candidate of Public Policy & Psychology

Duke University

Dissertation: "Understanding Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Rates of Child Maltreatment"

Karen Saywitz Early Career Award for Outstanding Research/Practice

Helen M. Milojevich, Ph.D.

Research Scientist

Center on Child and Family Policy

Duke University

Mid-Career Award for Outstanding Work in Child Maltreatment

Sheri Madigan, Ph.D.
Professor, Killam Laureate
Canada Research Chair
Department of Psychology
University of Calgary

Outstanding Teaching, Training, and Mentoring in the Field of Child Maltreatment

Apryl Alexander, Psy.D., ATSA-F
Metrolina Distinguished Scholar in Health and Public Policy
Department of Public Health Sciences
Director of the UNC Charlotte Violence Prevention Center
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Congratulations to these amazing scholars, practitioners, and teachers/mentors who have made significant and important contributions to the field of child maltreatment. We encourage everyone to congratulate these award-winners and to join us at APA where we will honor these awardees during the Division 37's Business Meeting on Friday 8/9 from 3:00-3:50pm.

Becoming Involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment

We encourage Division 37 members who are not already members of the Section on Child Maltreatment to join the section as well and take advantage of its various opportunities for engagement. We hope you consider running for an upcoming open position on the executive board. Stay tuned for our call for nominations via the listserv. The Section continues to disseminate information via social media, so don't forget to follow the Section's LinkedIn page and Twitter account (@Div37ChildMaltx) to meet and engage with child maltreatment scholars and practitioners. There you can also learn about relevant news, awards, jobs, and conference information. Of course, the Section's Newsletter is an excellent resource for relevant child maltreatment news and policy updates and we hope you consider submitting an article to the Section's newsletter. If you are interested, please email our Section Newsletter editor, [Helen Milojevich](#).

Please also encourage students to join the section ([membership is free to students!](#)) and to become involved by reaching out to our [Section on Child Maltreatment Student Executive Committee](#). Students should also follow the Section's Student group on twitter (@Div37ChMaltxSAB).

I welcome those interested in joining or becoming involved in the Section on Child Maltreatment to [contact me](#). The Section is made strong by its members' commitment to advancing science, practice, and advocacy in the field of child maltreatment and prevention. As the only permanent organization within the APA specifically devoted to addressing issues of child abuse and neglect, the Section on Child Maltreatment remains committed to supporting its members' efforts toward improving the lives of children through research, practice, and advocacy.

PRESIDENT ELECT COLUMN

We ([Jodi Quas](#), President-Elect of the Division, and [Kristin Valentino](#), President-Elect of the Section) are incredibly excited to be serving in leadership roles during the upcoming year. We wanted to introduce ourselves and highlight a theme that will span our presidencies. This theme, we hope, will keep our organization on the forefront of science, practice, and policy as it relates to children, youth, and families.

First, though, let us introduce ourselves. I (Jodi) am a faculty member in Psychological Sciences at the University of California, Irvine. My research focuses on improving identification of and interventions following youth's exposure to maltreatment and other forms of adversity. I work closely with social services, law enforcement, and the justice system to pursue research and disseminate findings. I have spent time in South America as a Fulbright specialist training professionals and the public about child maltreatment and in Europe developing collaborations and conducting workshops for professionals in psychology, law, education, and medicine. I have also had the good fortune of being able to work with [outstanding students](#) throughout my career. They have expanded my ideas and knowledge in countless ways and have gone on to pursue diverse careers spanning faculty positions, government jobs, nonprofit management positions, and consulting. All of us, though, share a commitment to improving the lives of those around them. Their motivation, creativity, and insights have been inspiring, and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work with them.



Jodi Quas, PhD
President-Elect of Division 37

I (Kristin) am a Professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Notre Dame. My research addresses how adversity affects child development and psychopathology with a focus on the caregiving behaviors that may promote risk and/or resilience among children who have experienced maltreatment. I also develop and evaluate scalable interventions to improve caregiving and, in turn, to improve developmental outcomes for maltreated children. As a licensed clinical psychologist, I also teach and supervise students to conduct comprehensive psychological evaluations for youth. My work is at the intersection of clinical and developmental science, and I too, have been fortunate to mentor and learn from many [fantastic students](#) who have gone on to careers in academia, clinical work, and child welfare. I am also grateful for several outstanding collaborators including local community organizations and faculty in human ecology, public health, psychiatry, and psychology across the country.



Kristin Valentino, PhD
President-Elect Section on Child Maltreatment

Second, turning to the theme that will guide our presidencies, it is a topic surrounded at present by intense public, legislative, and scientific debate, namely that of the effects of [social media and digital technology](#) on children and adolescents. Our theme, of importance, will not just focus on the potential harm of social media and technology, but instead will emphasize [scientific findings and clinical expertise](#), which highlight both potential problems and benefits of social media and technology for youth, parents, and entire families. Our theme, therefore, emphasizes both risks and opportunities in the digital age: ***DIGITAL YOUTH, SAFETY, AND CHILD WELFARE***. We hope to engage division members, along with others, in conversations about a range of topics relevant to this theme, including but not limited to (1) online safety and privacy for youth (and families), (2) digital tools and teen mental health; (3) the proliferation of online exploitation, but also opportunities for prevention and intervention, and (4) digital communication and connections with youth. We are incredibly excited to begin dialogues about these important topics.

If you have ideas, expertise, or interest in digital youth, safety, and child welfare, please reach out to us. We would love your input and your involvement in continuing dialogues about the role of digital technologies in the lives of children, youth, and families, and how we can use its role to maximize benefits for all.

CONVENTION AGENDA

Shaquanna Brown, PhD

John L. Cooley, PhD

APA Convention Program Co-Chairs



Division 37 Convention Agenda by Day

Thursday, August 8th

“Walk-a-Mile Navigating the System: Experiences of Gender Diverse and Marginalized Youth and Families” (Symposium)

Time/Location: Thursday, August 8th, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM, Room: 613/614

Chair: Mirian Ofonedu, PhD

Description: Gender-diverse and marginalized youth and families comprise a vulnerable population, with elevated risk for adverse health/mental health outcomes. Many experience discrimination, harassment and stigma when seeking services. Given their multilayered oppressive experiences, fostering pathways of resilience and emphasizing social change efforts that promote health-equity for this population is crucial.

“It’s Not About You: Supporting Foster and Relative Caregivers Caring for Trauma-Exposed Children” (Skill Building)

Time/Location: Thursday, August 8th, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM, Room: 609

Chair: Kristin Dean, PhD

Description: Foster parents and relative caregivers are often put into positions of caring for children who have experienced trauma without sufficient knowledge and support. This session will outline strategies that therapists can use to support caregivers by validating their experience while also providing education about the impact of trauma.

“Psychiatric Residential Care for Youth: Commonly utilized, rarely explored in research” (Data Blitz)

Time/Location: Thursday, August 8th, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM, Room: 307-308

Chair: Jordan Soper, PsyD

Description: Featuring five research studies, this presentation is designed to enhance the general knowledge on who might benefit and to what degree from psychiatric residential care

for youth. This is needed given the limited information available to families and referring clinicians regarding both factors.

Division 37 Poster Session I

Time/Location: Thursday, August 8th, 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM, Room: Hall 4AB

Description: Division 37 is proud to feature 22 in-person poster presentations by students as well as professionals.

“The Intersection of Race and Foster Care: A Call for Increased Ethnic-Racial Socialization Efforts” (Symposium)

Time/Location: Thursday, August 8th, 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM, Room: 606

Chair: Audra Langley, PhD

Description: This symposium highlights the experiences of resource parents (i.e., kinship caregivers, foster/adoptive parents), college students of color with foster care history, and individuals adopted from foster care with racial injustice, discrimination, and identity development, as well as lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee for Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Social Hour

Time: Thursday, August 8th, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM, Tahoma Level 3

Description: Please join APA’s Committee for Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) and Divisions 7, 16, 37, 43, and 54 for its annual social hour.

Friday, August 9th

Division 37 Poster Session II

Time/Location: Friday, August 9th, 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM, Room: Hall 4AB

Description: Division 37 is proud to feature 22 in-person poster presentations by students as well as professionals.

“Healthcare Under Fire: The Impact of Restrictions on Healthcare for Transgender Youth” (Symposium)

Chair: Christy L Olezeski, PhD

Time/Location: Friday August 9th, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM, Room: Ballroom 6E

Description: Sponsored by APA's Divisions for Social Justice, an interdisciplinary team will discuss the impact of laws/policies restricting care from transgender/gender diverse (TGD) youth. Presenters will describe the rapidly changing legal landscape, followed by how these

restrictions impact TGD youth and families and how clinicians can utilize best practices to impact policy.

“Using psychological science to tackle educational disparities for youth” (Symposium)

Time/Location: Friday, August 9th, 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM, Room: Skagit 5

Chair: Laurie Cardona-Wolenski, PsyD

Description: The Committee on Children, Youth, and Families and the Coalition for Psychology in Schools and Education will present an Educational Disparities Assessment and Intervention Guide that provides school districts with the best practices that have emerged from psychological science for addressing educational inequities experienced by students from historically marginalized populations.

Division 37 Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony

Time/Location: Friday, August 9th, 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM, Room: 307-308

Description: Join us to learn more about the Division’s activities and future plans as well as a celebration of this year’s awardees. All are welcome to join.

Division 37 Early Career and Distinguished Contribution Award Addresses

(Invited Address)

Time/Location: Friday, August 9th, 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM, Room: 307-308

Diane J. Willis Early Career Awardee: BreAnne Danzi, PhD; "Towards a Developmentally-Sensitive Approach to Traumatic Stress: Identifying Children for Triage to Mental Health Services After Community-Wide Trauma."

Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Awardee: Kimberly Johnson; "The Dignity of Risk and How it Relates to Advocacy."

Division 37 Nicholas Hobbs Award Address (Invited Address)

Time/Location: Friday, August 9th, 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM, Room: 307-308

Nicholas Hobbs Awardee: Michael Lamb, PhD; "Children’s voices in the criminal justice system"

LET'S GET TOGETHER IN
SEATTLE



DIVISION 37 HAPPY HOUR
FRIDAY AUGUST 9

6:00 PM ONWARDS

THE FONTÉ BAR
AT RAINIER SQUARE

401 UNION ST. SUITE 201
SEATTLE, WA

5-minute walk from the Seattle Convention Center



Saturday, August 10th

“Bridging the Gap: Development of a Task Force to Tackle Mental Health Access Amid Provider Shortage” (Skill Building)

Time/Location: Saturday, August 10th, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM, Room: 205

Chair: Teresa L. Collins-Jones, PhD

Description: In this session, presenters will explore the establishment and progress of a community-based task force dedicated to addressing mental health access for underserved demographics. Through a collective and strategic approach to grant submissions, this task force, in collaboration with its partners, has achieved some initial and promising improvements.

Division 37 Section on Child Maltreatment’s Presidential Symposium

Time/Location: Saturday, August 10th, 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM, Room: 303

Chair: Margaret Stevenson, PhD

Description: Division 37’s Section on Child Maltreatment President highlights section activities, announces section award-winners, and features three research presentations exploring COVID-related professional challenges, innovations, and implications for child maltreatment victims. Discussant remarks offer insights for the child maltreatment workforce, highlighting policy and practice implications and future directions for scholarship.

“Bridging Research to Practice to Advance Equity and Youth Well-being” (Symposium)

Time/Location: Saturday, August 10th, 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM, Room: 607

Chair: Mike Parent, PhD, MBA

Description: This session includes research-backed and practice-supported examples of research translation to promote youth well-being, with a focus on advancing health equity for youth of color and those who are LGBTQ+. Content focuses on leveraging research and partnerships to advance innovative, relevant, and scaled technology and media-based interventions for young people.

2024 AWARD RESULTS

Stephanie D. Block, PhD

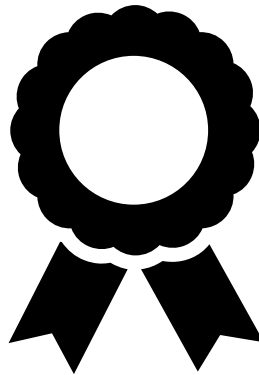
Past Present

It gives me great pleasure to announce these phenomenal **2024 DIVISION 37 AWARDEES**:

2024 **Nicholas Hobbs Award** winner: Dr. Michael Lamb, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Dr. Lamb will present his awards address at the American Psychological Association Convention in Seattle Washington, “**Children’s voices in the criminal justice system,**” which we expect to be held on Friday August 9th.

2024 **Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award** winner: Ms. Kimberly Johnson, Regional Coordinator of the Cook County Community Residential Services Authority and Board President, Arc of Illinois. Ms. Johnson will present her awards address at the American Psychological Association Convention in Seattle, Washington, “**The dignity of risk and how it relates to advocacy,**” which we expect to be held on Friday August 9th.

2024 **Diane J. Willis Early Career Award** winner: Dr. BreAnne A. Danzi, Assistant Professor at the *University of South Dakota*. Dr. Danzi will present at the American Psychological Association Convention in Seattle Washington, “**Towards a developmentally-sensitive approach to traumatic stress: Identifying children for triage to mental health services after community-wide trauma,**” which we expect will be held on Friday August 9th.



ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Stephanie D. Block, PhD

Past Present

I am excited to announce the winners of the recent elections for our two open positions in the Division (these offices begin in 2025).

President-Elect (2025)/President (2026)/Past-President (2027)

The duties of the President include setting the priorities of the division for the year, presiding at all meetings of the division, serving as chair of the Executive Committee, supervising the affairs of the division, and coordinating the activities of the division with those of other divisions and APA.

Apryl Alexander, Psy.D., ATSA-F

Metrolina Distinguished Scholar of Health & Public Policy

Associate Professor, [Department of Public Health Sciences](#)

Director, [UNC Charlotte Violence Prevention Center](#)



I am honored to be selected to serve as President-Elect of Division 37. As a Fellow of the Division, I have witnessed the countless ways members of our division have applied psychological science to further social change, eliminate barriers to essential services, and change policy to create a more equitable and just society. As the 2023 Chair of the APA Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI), I heavily relied on the subject matter expertise within Division 37 to inform APA policy regarding children and families. Much of my scholarship has centered on systems-involved youth, particularly focusing on the sequela of childhood poly-victimization. This research has inspired my legislative advocacy and community organizing work to create better systems and policies for youth. In my role, I plan to continue to center the current work of Division 37 members on human rights. I want to continue to support important initiatives that the Division has

undertaken, such as the Coffee and Call to Action event, in which I've previously been able to participate. I look forward to ensuring Division 37 remains a hub for students, researchers, practitioners, and legal scholars to share, showcase, and disseminate their transformative research and policy work for the public good.

Member-At-Large for Task Force Coordinator and Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives

This position involves coordinating and overseeing the work of the task forces of the Division as well as documenting and/or initiating activities that involve ethnic minorities or diversity-related activities.

Elizabeth B. Lozano, Ph.D.

CEO / Founder, [Conception Connection, LLC](#)

Assistant Professor of Psychology & Sociology, [California Northstate University College of Health Sciences](#)



I am currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology & Sociology at California Northstate University, and the CEO/Founder of a startup called Conception Connection, LLC. I received my PhD in Social/Personality Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2021. My program of research has recently shifted and lies at the intersection of basic and applied research. I am seeking to employ an implementation science approach to improve identity-related challenges and relationship formation/maintenance among those who are born through assisted reproduction/donor-conception. With this, it is my hope that bolstering attachment security will ultimately improve outcomes for donor-conceived people and their families.

It is an honor to be elected to serve as your next Member-at-Large for Task Force and Diversity Initiatives! As a trained Social/Personality psychologist, I understand the importance of, and hold immense value in, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB). True diversity extends beyond attributes such as gender, age, and race/ethnicity to include

diversity of background, personality, values, interests, beliefs, ideologies, skills, and perspectives. I am committed to inclusivity in each of these areas, but more specifically, inclusivity of the whole person in each of their unique combinations of identity, experiences, and attributes. This commitment extends to my approach to teaching, mentoring strategies, program of research, and service as your new MAL! Please contact me (liz.b.lozano@gmail.com) with any ideas or suggestions before I take office in January 2025. I very much look forward to working with all of you to create a safe, inclusive space for all. It is my promise to ensure that every process, action, and policy is viewed through a DEIB lens. Thank you!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Maggie on winning the [SPSSI Outstanding Teaching & Mentoring Award](#)!

Dr. Margaret Stevenson is Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Law and Society Program at Kenyon College. Her research interests and peer-reviewed publications are aimed at exploring the experiences of children and marginalized populations within legal systems through methodologically rigorous research rooted in social psychological theory. Dr. Stevenson co-lead the [2021 American Psychological Association Resolution](#), calling on psychologists to dismantle systemic racism within the criminal legal systems. Her recent Oxford University Press edited books, "Criminal Juries in the 21st Century: Psychological Science and the Law" and "The Legacy of Racism for Children: Psychology, Law, and Public Policy," address racial discrimination within legal systems, particularly for children. Previously, Dr. Stevenson was a faculty member at the University of Evansville from 2008 until 2021, where she also served as director of the Honors Program. She currently serves as President of the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 37's Section on Child Maltreatment. She has received various national grants for her research and was awarded the Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring Award from both APA Division 41, the American Psychology and Law Society and from APA Division 9, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.



Cynthia Brown, PhD

Member-at-Large: Early Career Psychologists 2023-2025

Division 37 Partners with the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies for Virtual Student Research Symposium

Last year, student leaders from the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Student Special Interest Group (SIG) created the ABCT Student Research Symposium as an accessible, no-cost opportunity for students to showcase their research. The inaugural Student Research Symposium took place virtually on June 2, 2023 and featured over 35 student presentations from 5 countries. Inspired by this event, the Division 37 Early Career Professionals (ECP) committee reached out to these student leaders to learn more about their programming in an effort to create a similar symposium for the Division, and were honored with an invitation to collaborate with this student group to co-host the next symposium.

This co-hosted Student Research Symposium took place on Friday, May 31 and had over 100 student presentations across the United States, Canada, India, China, Brazil, Nigeria, and Vietnam. Students presented their work virtually as flash talks, paper presentations, or poster presentations. The Student Research Symposium also showcased professional development panels on getting into graduate school and careers in psychology, which featured several Division 37 members as panelists.

The ECP Committee would like to recognize the efforts of the ABCT Student SIG Executive Board and express gratitude for partnership with this group, which includes Frances Grace Hart and Rebecca Mendoza (co-chairs), Eduardo Hernandez Mozo (Communications Manager), Samantha Klaver (Technology Manager), Torsa Chatteraj (Treasurer), and Marley Billman (Opportunities Manager). We would also like to thank the many Division 37 members who reviewed abstracts for the symposium, as well as the members who volunteered as panelists.

We invite you to check out the [Student Research Symposium Program](#) to peruse the student research topics and hope you will keep this opportunity in mind for your students for next year!

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