Meet the Speaker

**Title:** School Readiness: Preparing Caregivers and Schools for Nutrition Support Patients  
**Speaker:** Ashley Roberge-Boire, MSW, LICSW  
**Date:** August 27, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. ET

**Description:** Hearing that your medically complex child can in fact attend school may be shocking, and determining how to facilitate matriculation can be overwhelming for both the caregivers and the school district. This presentation will provide you with important tools as well as guidance on how to navigate the process with your child’s school and medical team.

About the Speaker: You may recognize Ashley from our 2024 Annual Consumer Conference where she presented in Connecting Life’s Stages and Promoting Body Acceptance within the Nutrition Support Community. Ashley Roberge-Boire is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who practices medical social work at Boston Children’s Hospital for the Center for Advanced Intestinal Rehabilitation. Ashley aims to support patients and caregivers who are impacted by intestinal failure by providing concrete resources, psychosocial support, and community advocacy. Ashley specializes in school matriculation, community building through social media and group work, and research. Ashley's publications include, "Appearance-based praise and criticism: Does the source matter?" and, "Hearing vs. engaging in negative body talk: An examination of adult men." Ashley has also presented a poster at PIFRS titled, "Insurance Woes: Who is Responsible for Covering Medical Supply Gaps? A Case Study Exploring Issues with Accessibility to Intestinal Failure Medical Supplies." Ashley enjoys building meaningful relationships with patients and caregivers, and finds fulfillment in watching them meet milestones - big and small!