



## BIOS/HEADSHOTS



### **Jennifer Maggiore, LCSW**

Executive Director, National Association for Proton Therapy (NAPT)

Jennifer Maggiore serves as Executive Director of the National Association for Proton Therapy (NAPT), the leading organization dedicated to advancing access to proton therapy. Representing 51 member institutions across the country, she leads national efforts to promote awareness, advocates for increased access to proton therapy and supports research collaboration for this innovative and precise form of cancer treatment.

Under her leadership, NAPT has strengthened its position as a unified voice for the proton therapy community bringing together clinical, research, and industry leaders to advocate for policies that support patients and expand access to care. Jennifer works closely with policymakers, federal agencies, and payer organizations to ensure proton therapy remains a sustainable and vital option in modern cancer treatment.

With more than 20 years of experience in cancer care and healthcare leadership, Jennifer is committed to supporting NAPT members and driving the mission to make proton therapy available to all patients who may benefit.



### **Michael Barron**

Policy & Research Associate

Michael Barron serves as the Health Policy Analyst for NAPT. He brings a strong foundation in healthcare policy, market research, and strategic communication, informed by experience across public health. Michael holds a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from the University of California, Berkeley, where he also taught courses on Health Economics and Biomedical Innovation Policy, and bachelor's degrees in Media & Journalism and Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Before joining NAPT, Michael worked in corporate communications and investor relations for biotechnology companies, advising senior executives and shaping financial and strategic messaging through key milestones. Earlier in his career, he held roles supporting clinical operations and patient care within UNC Health. At NAPT, Michael leverages his analytical background and communication skills to translate complex policy issues into clear insights that support member centers, inform advocacy efforts, and advance access to proton therapy.





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### **Sarah Galen**

Director of Education

Sarah Galen serves as the Director of Education for the National Association for Proton Therapy (NAPT). She brings extensive expertise in educational programming, event management, corporate partnership development, and membership engagement, informed by more than a decade of experience across tourism, marketing, and healthcare. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism with a specialization in Event Management from the University of Florida.

Prior to joining NAPT, Sarah led sales, marketing, and event initiatives for organizations including Visit Jacksonville, Wander Media Company, and Paradise Advertising and Marketing. Over her career, she has managed multimillion-dollar client portfolios, orchestrated large-scale conferences, and built lasting partnerships across healthcare, tourism, and nonprofit sectors. She combines strategic thinking with a hands-on approach, ensuring every program and event she leads is meaningful, engaging, and impactful. In her current role, Sarah oversees the strategic development and execution of NAPT's educational initiatives and corporate membership efforts, managing both virtual and in-person programs, including the annual National Proton Conference.

Outside of her professional work, Sarah is active in her community, serving on school boards and volunteering with local organizations, where she leads initiatives that support education, animal welfare, and athletics.



### **Katie Garwood**

Member Relations and Communications Manager

Katie Garwood serves as the Member Relations and Communications Manager for NAPT. A Florida native, Katie earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Media Production from Flagler College, and later a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Jacksonville University. Before joining NAPT, Katie was the Assistant Director of Communications at Jacksonville University and served in a similar role at its College of Law. Prior to that, she spent several years working as a newspaper reporter in Northeast Florida.

In her role at NAPT, she leads the organization's marketing and communications efforts while engaging with and supporting NAPT members in their roles.

