

Department of Human Development and Family Science

Career Opportunities in Human Development and Family Science



Business, Consumer and Family Resource Services

Child and Family Poverty Research

Consumer Protection

Corporate Childcare

Employee Assistance

Family Business Consultation

Family Financial Counseling and Planning

Family Resource Management

Food Assistance

Vocational Guidance

Work-life Balance



Family Intervention

Abuse Protection Services

Case Management

Court-mandated Parent Education

Crisis and Hotline Services

Divorce Mediation*

Drug and Alcohol Prevention

Individual and Family Therapy*

Residential Treatment Programs

Sexual Violence Prevention

Victim/Witness Support Services



Government and **Public Policy**

Advocacy

Child and Family Service

Family Court

Family Policy Analysis

Juvenile Justice

Lobbying

Military Family Support Services

Career opportunities as identified by the National Council on Family Relations.

*Some career opportunities may require additional certification or schooling.



Community-based **Social Services**

4-H Youth Development

Adoption Agencies

Adult Day Care

After-school Programs

Family Preservation

Foster Care

Gerontology Programs

Scouting Programs

Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Assistance

Vocational Rehabilitation and Job Training

Welfare Assistance

YMCA/YWCA

Youth Development Programs



Faith-based **Organizations**

Budgeting and Money Management

Clergy*

Family Mentor

Marriage and Relationship Programs

Parent Education

Youth Programs



Health Care and Family Wellness

Child Life

Counselor*

Disability Services

Funeral Services

Hospice

Long-term Care Programs

Nutrition, Wellness and Sexuality Education

Prenatal and Maternity Services

Public Health Programs and Services



Writing and Communication

Blogging and Social Media Newspaper and Magazine Journalism Public Service Radio and TV Programming



Education

Academic Advising*

Public Schools*

Children's Museum Education

College Student Life

Community Education

Cooperative Extension

Curriculum Development

Family Life Education

Family Peace and Justice Education

High School Guidance Counseling*

Marriage and Family Enrichment and Education

Parent Education



Early Childhood Education

Childcare Centers*

Early Childhood Family Education

Head Start Programs*

Preschools



International Education and Development

Community and Sustainable Development **Global Family Planning Programs Immigration and Migrant Families Services** International Family Policy Analysis International Human Rights Advocacy Peace Corps and NGO Leadership



Research

Child and Family Poverty Research **Grant Proposal Writing**

Population Studies and Demographic Research

Program Evaluation and Assessment

Research for Community Nonprofit Agencies

Research for a University or College Writing Academic and

Government-related Research

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Career Options

The possible careers listed below are ordered according to the most likely career path of human development and family life education graduates according to the senior exit survey.

Marriage and Family Therapist

Ranks #20 for best social services job

Projected 13.9% growth by 2031

Mental Health Counselor

Ranks #2 for best social services job Ranks #37 for best jobs

Projected 9.6% growth by 2031

Child and Family Social Worker

Ranks #25 for best social service jobs

Projected 9% growth by 2031

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor

Ranks #5 in best social service jobs Ranks #53 for best jobs

Projected 22.1% growth by 2031

Speech Pathologist

Ranks #11 for best health care jobs Ranks #53 for best jobs

Projected 21.3% growth by 2031

Occupational Therapist

Ranks #20 for best health care jobs Ranks #72 for best jobs

Projected 13.9% growth by 2031

School Counselor

Ranks #6 for best social service jobs Ranks #59 for best jobs

Projected 9.6% growth by 2031

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Statistics based on research conducted by U.S. News & World Report.

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