

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Individual and Family Development. Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- 4-H Youth Development Specialist
- Agency Administrator
- Business Family and Consumer Scientist
- Caseworker
- Child Advocate
- Child Care Consultant
- Child Care Worker
- Child Life Specialist
- Child Protective Services Caseworker
- Child Support Case Officer
- Community Organizer
- Consultant to Child-Related Industry
- Consumer Credit Counselor
- Consumer Educator
- County Extension Agent
- Crisis Counselor
- Curriculum Specialist
- Daycare Center Director
- Early Childhood Intervention Specialist
- Early Childhood Program Director
- Education Advisor
- Extension Specialist
- Family and Consumer Science Researcher
- Family Finances Consultant
- Family Life Specialist
- Family Planning Counselor
- Foster Care Social Worker
- Head Start Program Director
- Health Educator
- Hospital Child Life Specialist
- Life Coach
- Mental Health Counselor
- Nanny
- Parent Education Specialist
- Patient Advocate
- Public Relations Specialist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Recreation Therapist
- Residence Life Coordinator
- Residential Counselor
- Sales Representative
- School Counselor
- School Social Worker
- Social Worker
- Social Services Program Coordinator
- Teacher-Preschool, Elementary, Secondary
- Teacher of English as a Second Language
- Victim Advocate
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Organizer

Possible Employment Settings:

- Adoption Agencies
- Child Abuse Centers
- Church Schools
- Early Childhood Programs
- Elementary Schools
- Family Advocacy Services
- Family and Children's Services Agencies
- Federal/State Government Agencies
- Foster Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Intervention Programs
- Nursery School/Preschools
- Public or Private Schools
- Publishers, Educational Materials
- Residential Homes
- School Boards
- Shelters
- Trade Organizations

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.

Websites Related to this Field

- Administration for Children & Families: www.acf.hhs.gov

Professional Associations - Samples

- American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences: www.aafcs.org
- National Association for the Education of Young Children: www.naeyc.org
- National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators: www.naecte.org
- The Gerontological Society of America: www.geron.org

General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetonline.org

SPU Resources

- Family and Consumer Sciences Department Website: <http://spu.edu/depts/fcs/>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx

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