

## What Can I Do With a Major in Child and Family Studies?

### **Possible Career Options**

*(some career options could require advanced study)*

Activity Director for Senior Citizen Facility  
 Adoption Examiner  
 After-School Program Director  
 Birth to Three Service Coordinator  
 Camp Director  
 Child Care Center Director  
 Child Care Consultant  
 Child Development Coordinator  
 Child/Family Researcher  
 Child Life Specialist  
 Child Welfare Professional  
 Community Parent-Cooperative Coordinator  
 Extension Agent  
 Family Life Counselor  
 Family Life Educator  
 Foster Care Professional  
 Head Start  
 Resource Teacher  
 Preschool Teacher/Director  
 Professional Nanny  
 Program Coordinator for Adult Advocacy Program  
 State Child Care Licensing Specialist  
 Teen Parent Educator  
 Youth Program Director

### **Transferable Skills**

Understands and communicates with children, adolescents, and adults

Integrates knowledge of child/adolescent development, adult life stages, and human relations into service-oriented assistance

Sees home and family life as foundations of our society and central to society's well being

### **Problem Solving Skills**

Maintains complete and flexible human relation interdynamics

Provides assistance to those with special problems & needs

Possesses high level of personal/social maturity

Enjoys the challenge of creating solutions to practical problems

Coordinates work with others

### **Communication Skills**

Relates to children, adolescents, and adults in age-appropriate manner

Adapts communication style for individuals with different educational levels, cultural backgrounds, and mental abilities

Communicates clearly with others

Gives special attention to details

## **Employment Sites**

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

Ashland County Council on Aging  
Ashland University  
Black River Local School Board  
Buffalo General Hospital  
Child Care Center at Riverside Hospital  
Christ Presbyterian Nursery School  
Covington Pike Medical Center  
Cuyahoga County MRDD Board  
Division of Youth & Family Services  
Fairview General Hospital  
Good Shepherd Home & Villa  
Head Start  
Help Me Grow/Ohio Department of Health  
Holmes County Department of Human Service  
Kinder Care Company  
Knox County Board of Mental Retardation  
Mansfield Hospital of Med-Center Health  
Marion Area Counseling Center  
Mt. Vernon Development Center  
Nanuet Public School Board  
Ohio Department of Human Services: Child Care Licensing  
Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital Child Care  
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital  
Richland County Adult Advocacy Program  
Richland County Children Services  
The Ohio State University Extension  
United Way of Medina  
County YMCA

## **Experiential Education**

Developing and leading activities for a summer youth program

Accompanying foster care supervisor on home visits to document implementation of care plans

Leading educational programs for Extension Services

Assisting Child Life Specialist in teaching parents techniques to help their hospitalized child

Developing parent education/support materials for a social service agency

Conducting research and providing assistance in writing newspaper articles on child development topics

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## **Additional Resources**

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