

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION, CHILD DEVELOPMENT, AND FAMILY SERVICES INDUSTRY SECTOR

10 TIPS FOR CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER FOR YOU

*How does a person know what career to work toward?
There is no perfect answer, but the following 10 tips will
get you off to a good start.*

- 1 Get to know yourself** – Complete more than one self-assessment test.
- 2 Identify your strengths and weaknesses** – What do you do well and what do you not do well?
- 3 Develop an inventory of careers** – Write down some careers that might interest you.
- 4 Research different careers** – Talk to others and use the Internet.
- 5 Write the pros and cons** – List positives and negatives about the careers that interest you.
- 6 Network** – Discuss your ideas with others.
- 7 Talk with people who work in your area of interest** – Family and friends are great resources.
- 8 Find a mentor** – Find someone with whom you can discuss your career selection.
- 9 Experiment** – Take a related class or part-time job.
- 10 Don't give up** – "If there is a will, there is a way."



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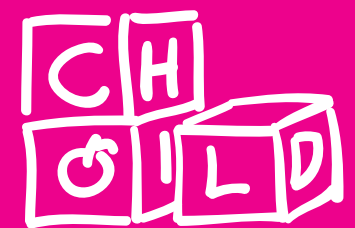
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Remember your favorite teacher? Remember how that teacher influenced your life? With a large number of employees predicted to retire from education, child development, and family services in the next decade, a wealth of career opportunities will be available. You might be able to impact others as your favorite teacher impacted your life. If you enjoy teaching children from preschool to high school, or you want to be a college professor, this sector is for you. Jobs are available for all levels of education. Training combines classroom instruction with hands-on community work experience.

Web sites
for further information:

www.californiacareers.info

www.whodouwant2be.com

www.californiacolleges.edu

www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/

Career Pathways



Child Development Pathway

Careers that fall under the Child Development Pathway range from child care providers to child psychologists. Graduating students will be equipped to work with infants through young children. They will have studied growth and development, nutrition and health, learning theories, and age-appropriate curriculum activities.

CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- *Infant Caregiver* • *Preschool Teacher*
- *Parent Educator* • *Child Psychologist*
- *Teacher's Aide* • *Head Start Teacher*
- *After-School Program Supervisor*
- *Family Child Care Supervisor*
- *Adoption or School Counselor*
- *Child Protection Social Worker*



Education Pathway

The Education Pathway prepares students for professional or support positions, pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Students study human development, positive guidance

and counseling techniques, age- and grade-appropriate learning strategies, and instructional design.

CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- *Teacher's Aide* • *Speech Therapist*
- *Special Education Teacher*
- *Tutor*
- *Counselor or Administrator*
- *Elementary, Secondary or Postsecondary Teacher*



Family and Human Services Pathway

Family and Human Services Pathway encompasses a broad range of careers. Employment opportunities will be available for working with children, families, and the elderly. Working with families and individuals to create healthy and stable environments can be a satisfying career. Working with the older generation as an elder care specialist is a relatively new and growing specialty. Continued growth in employment opportunities should be expected as health care professionals find ways to extend life.

CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- *Personal/Home Care Aide*
- *Community Worker*
- *Social Worker*
- *Community Organization Director*
- *Family Advocate*
- *Special Needs Case Worker*
- *Elder Care Coordinator*
- *Geriatric Group Home Administrator*



Consumer Services Pathway

Students following the Consumer Services Pathway will learn employment and management skills that include business structure, consumer rights and responsibilities, energy, environment and resource management, product testing and demonstration, and consumer communications. Education is broad-based and designed to prepare students for careers helping customers. With the wide variety of skills acquired through this pathway, the job market is ever-expanding.

CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- *Credit Counselor*
- *Consumer Affairs Director*
- *Financial Planner*
- *Product and Development Researcher*
- *Product Demonstrator*
- *Property Management*
- *Public Relations and Customer Service Representative*

