



What can I do with a major in CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT?

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*The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.
Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

Description of Child and Family Development

The Child and Family Development Program at The University of Georgia provides a broad general background in the area of children and families. Courses emphasize developmental progression of individuals across a lifespan, with a strong emphasis on children and adolescents. The program also stresses the interaction between children and their families. This major is beneficial for those wishing to obtain future education in the area of marriage and family counseling, those wishing to work in child care settings, as well as those interested in social services for children and families. Within the Child and Family Development major is a Child Life option as well as an Early Childhood Education option.

Possible Job Titles of Child and Family Development Graduates

4-H Program Assistant	Curriculum Development Specialist	Program Director
Adult Education Instructor	Educational Therapist	Residential Counselor
Business Manager	Event Coordinator	Research Technician
Case Manager	Human Resources	Sales Manager
Child Advocate	Marketing Coordinator	Social Worker
Child Care Director	Marriage and Family Therapist	Teacher/Instructor
Child Life Specialist	Maternal and Child Health	Therapist
Clinical Research Associate	Parent-Child Educator	Youth Minister
Community Services Administrator	Patient Care Advocate	Youth Program Coordinator
County Extension Agent	Pre-School Teacher	

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (userid: ugacpp & password: gcis889)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.*

Employment Settings of Child and Family Development Graduates

Adult Education Programs	Government Agencies	Non-profit Organizations
Board of Education	Health Care Facilities	Public and Private School Systems
Centers for Family Research	Hospitals	Youth Services Organizations
Consumer Protection Agencies	Learning Centers	

Top UGA Career Center Resources for Child and Family Development Majors

100 Best Non-profits to Work For

Careers in Counseling and Human Services

Career Opportunities in Health Care

Health Care Job Explosion

Opportunities in Counseling and Development Careers

Opportunities in Event Planning Careers

Peterson's Job Opportunities for Health and Science Majors
WetFeet Insider Guide to Industries and Careers for Undergrads

Campus Resources Associated with Child and Family Development

Child and Family Development Association

<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/newfacs/cfd/undergraduate/cfda.html>

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(706) 542-4486

Strategies

- Supplement curriculum with courses in social work, sociology, or psychology.
- Obtain experience working with children through volunteering or part-time jobs.
- Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.
- Develop strong communications skills to deal effectively with parents.
- Consider learning a second language.
- Obtain Child Life Certification (if applicable).
- Earn a masters degree and obtain appropriate licensure in counseling, social work or marriage and family therapy if you want to obtain positions where you can provide counseling or therapy.

Employment Websites

Careers in Child and Family Policy

<http://cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/>

Social Work and Social Services Jobs Online

<http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/CareerDevelopment/JobsOnline/Pages/Overview.aspx>

Additional Resources for Child and Family Development Majors

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

www.aafcs.org

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

www.aamft.org

Child Life Council

<http://www.childlife.org/>

Georgia Professional Standards Commission Public School Recruitment Services

www.teachgeorgia.org

National Child Care Information Center

www.nccic.org