

FAMILY SERVICES

The family services degree prepares students for careers in human services within agency, community and business settings. This major provides students knowledge of individual and family development, and teaches skills in preventative methods and intervention strategies. Program requirements include course work in family/interpersonal relationships, human growth and development, adulthood and aging, crisis intervention, resource management, sexuality, parenting and family life education (www.uni.edu/majors/csbs/designfamily/familyservices.shtml).

POSSIBLE OCCUPATIONS

(Some of these occupations may require additional education and experience)

Child Care Specialist	Family Service Caseworker	Family Development Specialist
Activity Coordinator	Social Worker	Welfare Workers
Child Protective Services Specialist	Community Action Program Director	Occupational Therapist
Educational Psychologists	Personal and Home Care Aides	Religious Activities Director
Recreational Specialist	Community Living Specialist	Mental Health Therapist
Correctional Treatment Specialists	Habilitation Training Specialist	
Adult Parent Educator	Residential Advisor	

POSSIBLE WORK SETTINGS

Adoption Agencies	Foster Care Agencies
Advocacy Organizations	Group Homes
Area Agencies on Aging	Health Maintenance Organizations
Business Corporations	Health Programs
Child Day Care	Hospice Programs
Child Welfare Organizations	Hospitals/Medical Centers
Community Action Agencies	International Aid Organizations
Community Health Centers	Labor Unions
Community Residential Homes	Mental Health Centers
Community-Based Living Arrangements	Nursing Homes
Correctional Centers	Outpatient Clinics
Counseling Offices	Police Departments
County Health Departments	Prisons
Courts	Probation Offices
Department Of Social Services	Public Interest Groups
Development Corporations	Relief Organizations
Early Intervention Programs	Senior Centers
Elementary/Secondary Schools	Senior Housing Facilities
Employee Assistance Programs	Social Service Agencies
Family Preservation Agencies	Therapeutic Schools/Camps
Family Service Agencies	Victim Services Programs
Federal/State/Local Agencies	Welfare Agencies

SELECTED WEB RESOURCES

(Links to non-UNI Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement)

EXPLORING CAREERS

UNI Career Services www.uni.edu/careerservices/

Explore and Plan www.uni.edu/careerservices/sitemap.html

Career Exploration Resources www.uni.edu/careerservices/students/explore/careerresources.html

Guide to Careers in Child and Family Policy cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/brSeek/learnfieldS.asp

How to become a Marriage Educator www.smartmarriages.com/training.html

JOB HUNTING

UNI Career Services: Find Employers and Jobs www.uni.edu/careerservices/

UNI Career Services CareerLink uni.erecruiting.com/er/security/login.jsp

Resources for Resume Writing www.uni.edu/careerservices/students/resumes/resources.html?loc=07

UNI Rod Library: Career Related Information and Job Banks www.library.uni.edu/ris/career.shtml

Careers in Child and Family Policy: Search cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/brSeek/homesearch.htm

Social Work and Social Services Jobs Online gwbweb.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/socialservicesresourcesintro.aspx

Social Work Resources on the Web library.humboldt.edu/~ccm/social.html

ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

Gerontology Society of Iowa www.gerontologysocietyofiowa.org/

The Gerontological Society of America www.geron.org/

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education www.aghe.org/

Iowa Department of Elder Affairs www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/

Alliance for Aging Research www.agingresearch.org/

AARP www.aarp.org/

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality www.sexscience.org/

American Society of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists www.aasect.org/

National Council on Family Relations www.ncfr.org/

The Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment bettermarriages.org/

Society for Research in Child Development www.srcd.org/

International Association for Relationship Research www.iarr.org/

Child Welfare League of America www.cwla.org/

Society for Prevention Research www.preventionresearch.org/

Association for Death Education and Counseling www.adec.org/

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children www.apsac.org/

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences www.aafcs.org/

American Counseling Association www.counseling.org

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy www.aamft.org/

Search for more Associations www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm?navItemNumber=16581

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Harvard Family Research Project gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp/index.html

Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count www.aecf.org/kidscount/

Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families www.zerotothree.org/

UNI Family Services Information www.uni.edu/dtgfs/family/

National Child Care Information Center nccic.org/

National Board for Certified Counselors www.nbcc.org

SEARCH THE INTERNET

Use search engines or subject directories (www.library.uni.edu/dbandcat/search.shtml) to search the Internet. Use keywords such as the name of the field plus careers or jobs - e.g. *careers in family services* or *jobs in social work*. Use phrases such as *what can I do with a major in ...* with the name of the field of interest - e.g. *what can I do with a major family services*. Look for categories such as *jobs* or *careers* in subject directories available on the Internet.

SELECTED RESOURCES FROM THE UNI CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CSL)

National Directory of Children, Youth & Families Services
Careers for Caring People & Other Sensitive Types
Careers for Kids at Heart & Others Who Adore Children
Community Resource Directory
Good Works: A Guide to Careers in Social Change
A Guide to Careers in Community Development
Thriving! A Manual for Students in the Helping Professions
The Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in the Nonprofit Sector

UNI LIBRARIES

Use subject or keyword to search UNI libraries ([Career Services Library](#), [Rod Library](#), etc.) for information on specific occupations. Enter the career field followed by the phrase *vocational guidance*, e.g. *social service - vocational guidance*. Other subject terms are: *career development*, *occupations*, *professions*, and *job descriptions*.