There are thousands of challenging educational and training opportunities within the highly skilled world of Human Services. Learners need a solid background in science, communication, and technical skills. The Human Services career cluster prepares individuals for employment in career pathways related to families, human needs, and personal care within the community. Each pathway provides instruction as a basis for success in an array of careers.

Pathways include:

- Consumer Services
- Counseling & Mental Health Services
- Early Childhood Development & Services
- Family & Community Services
- Personal Care Services

Based on the latest statistics, more than 7.2 million people are employed in Human Services occupations. Faster than average employment growth through the year 2010, coupled with high turnover, should create numerous employment opportunities.

**Additional Resources**

**U. S. Department of Labor**
Provides valuable assistance to individuals making decisions about their future work lives in the human services field.

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm)

**Cosmetology Career Guide**
Explore careers in the personal career field.


**Human Services Career Network**
A resource for individuals entering the human services profession.


**CollegeBoard.com**
Career information available on Family and Community Services.


**FCCLA**
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

FCCLA is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and addresses important personal, family, work, and social issues through family and consumer science education. Through cooperative and competitive programs, FCCLA members develop skills for life including character development, creative and critical thinking, practical knowledge, interpersonal communication, and career preparation.

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