



EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES !!

Careers in the Profession of Childhood Care and Education

Working with children and families is rewarding and engaging work.

There are many different jobs in the profession that require different types of skills. All the jobs require knowledge about children and children's growth and development.

Your continued professional growth and development is very important.

An important step is a written career plan.

A career plan looks at the skills and knowledge you already have.

A career plan looks the type of job you may want to have.

A career plan lists how you will gain the skills you will need for the job you want.

Many different types of jobs promote healthy children, families, and communities.

Some of these jobs will require basic knowledge in childhood care and education.

Some of these jobs will require education and experience, professional certification, credential, personal or program accreditation, or a college or university degree.

Read through the following job options and career opportunities.

Think about what work you would like to do in childhood care and education.

Decide what steps you may need to take in your chosen career.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES!



Some of the Settings in Which You Might Work in the Profession of Childhood Care and Education

Family Child Care Program

- Independent family child care
- Family group home
- Relative/family/ neighbor care

Center-based Child Care Program

- Head Start program
- Not-for profit center
- Faith-based center
- For-profit center
- Independently owned center
- Corporately owned center
- Women's shelter
- Homeless shelter
- Sunday school
- Nursery school
- Preschool academy
- Kid's gym
- Relief nursery
- Summer camp
- Sports club, grocery store, drop-in center child care

Before/After School Care

- School-based after school or summer program
- 21st Century Community Learning Center program
- Recreation program
- Enrichment program (music, art, drama, dance, etc)
- Youth development program
- Camp Fire, Scouts or 4-H program
- Boys and Girls Club
- YMCA/YWCA program

Public School Program

- Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program
- Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education
- Kindergarten-3rd Grade class
- Teen Parent child care center

Higher Education System

- Community College lab school
- College/university student child care program
- Early childhood education academic program
- Human development academic program
- Child development academic program
- Child and family services academic program
- Early intervention/special education academic program

Local, Regional, State or Federal Programs

- USDA Food program
- WIC (Women, Infant & Children)
- Department of Human Services
- Child Care Division
- Child Protective Services
- Parks and Recreation District
- State Library System
- Child Care Resource/Referral Program
- Commission for Children and Families
- Commission on Child Care
- Department of Defense
- Correctional/legal program

Related programs/agencies

- Health services/ hospital
- Social service program
- Parent service program
- Non-profit corporation
- Nutrition program
- Tribal program
- Migrant program
- Crisis pregnancy center
- Women's shelter
- Homeless shelter
- Professional association
- Museum



***Some of the Jobs* in Which You Might Work In the Profession of Childhood Care and Education**

- Family child care provider
 - Child care center provider
 - Lead teacher
 - Assistant teacher
 - Lead child care provider
 - Assistant child care provider
 - Teacher aide
 - Infant teacher
 - Toddler teacher
 - Preschool teacher
 - Kindergarten-elementary grade teacher
 - Respite provider
 - Substitute caregiver
 - Nanny
 - Foster parent
 - Playground aide
 - Aide in a children's hospital
 - Special education aide
 - Cook
 - Bus driver
 - Custodian
 - Crosswalk guard
 - Volunteer

 - Speech/language therapist
 - Audiologist
 - Physical therapist
 - Nutritionist
 - Occupational therapist
 - Pediatric nurse
 - Pediatrician
 - Nurse/midwife
 - School nurse
 - Community health nurse
 - Dietician

 - Educational coordinator
 - Health coordinator
 - Volunteer coordinator
 - Parent coordinator
 - Family services coordinator
 - After school program coordinator
- Social worker
 - Counselor
 - Psychologist
 - Family therapist
 - Child therapist
 - Play therapist
 - Mental health consultant
 - Family advocate
 - Resource specialist
 - Family support specialist
 - Home visitor
 - Court appointed child advocate
 - Interpreter
 - Shelter worker

 - Child care facility inspector
 - Certification/Registration specialist
 - Screener
 - Evaluator
 - Assessor
 - Case manager
 - Case worker
 - Intake specialist
 - Food program monitor
 - Youth police/probation officer

 - Art specialist
 - Physical education specialist
 - Music instructor
 - Youth theatre director
 - Drama coach
 - Sports coach
 - Clown
 - Recreation director
 - Camp counselor
 - Gymnastics coach
 - Dance instructor
 - Swim instructor



Some *MORE* Jobs in Which You Might Work in the Profession of Childhood Care and Education

- Child care administrator
- Child care center director
- Child care program director
- Child care financial manager
- Child care bookkeeper/accountant
- Child care personnel manager
- Child care program computer programmer
- Child care administrative assistant
- Child care grant writer
- Child care government liaison
- Child care lobbyist
- Child care advocate
- Children's librarian
- Storyteller
- Editor of children's literature
- Publisher of children's literature
- Children's author
- Graphic illustrator
- Children's photographer
- Toy distributor
- Publicist
- Principal
- School board member
- Superintendent
- Professor
- Instructor
- Adjunct faculty
- Researcher
- Research assistant
- Accreditation coordinator
- Parent educator
- Curriculum developer
- Trainer
- Private consultant
- Career counselor
- Mentor
- Designer for children's toys, spaces, clothing, or special needs equipment.
- Architect for children's physical spaces both inside and out.
- Producer of children's television programs or commercials
- Cruise director for children

The opportunities are there! Make a plan today!

Join in the work of an important profession!

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