

Career Ideas for Child & Adolescent Development Major

The Child and Adolescent Development major provides broad undergraduate preparation for careers working in a wide variety of settings with children, youth, and families from diverse backgrounds. Many of the career opportunities listed below require special preparation or additional education beyond a Bachelor's Degree. You should discuss your goals with CAS faculty and academic advisors who will help you to plan your education appropriately. To make yourself more competitive upon graduation, make the most of your internships, work part time in your area of study, and develop marketable skills.

	With a Bachelor's Degree	Post Baccalaureate Study (Certification and Advanced Degrees)
Administration	School District Support Staff Community Care Licensing Staff Resource & Referral Agency Staff	School Administrator * Adoption Agency Administrator *
Child and Family Advocacy	Lobbyist Legislation impacting children & families Child Care Law & Employment Law Grant Writer Fund Raiser Government Official Children Services Volunteer Coordinator	Research Analyst ** Government & Non-Profit Agencies AIR, RAND, WestEd, Districts, State Attorney or Judge **** Family Law
Business	Child & Educational Products Developer Early Childhood Quality Consultant Early Childhood Program Director Curriculum Developer Retail with developmental focus on books, music, toys Design of children's products (e.g., clothing, furniture, playground equipment) Corporate Advisor on Child Care Programs Designer of Developmentally Appropriate Indoor & Outdoor Spaces Toy Inventor Author of Child/Youth books & media programs	Professional Trainer Independent Consultant **
Counseling and Human Services	Residential Care Specialist Community Services Family Support Services Personnel Youth Development Advisor Foster Care & Adoption Services	Life Skills/Guidance/Vocational Counselor ** School Counselor ** Marriage, Family, & Child Therapist *** Licensed Clinical Social Worker *** Clinical Psychologist **** Foster Family Case Manager**
Education	Early Childhood Educator Family Child Care Provider/Owner School Readiness Coordinator Substitute Teacher Special Education Technician Educational Interpreter for Deaf Educational Software Tester Assessment Assistant After-School Program Staff Parent Educator Tutor	K – 12 Teacher * Home Visit Teacher * Community College Professor ** University Professor **** Children's Librarian ** Museum Educator ** Educational Therapist *** Program Evaluator ** Coordinator of Assessment **** School Districts & State Dept. of Education Site Director for After-School Programs
Health	Child Life Specialist Public Health & Wellness Educator Case Worker Patient Advocate Pre- and Post Natal Care Instructor Birth & Newborn Support Personnel	Nutritionist ** Occupational or Physical Therapist *** Recreational or Art Therapist *** Pediatric Nurse-Practitioner *** Speech-Language Pathologist *** Medical Doctor (Pediatrician) **** Dentist (Pediatric) ****
Juvenile Justice	Probation Officer Group Home Manager	Police Officer*
Recreation	Recreation Specialist	Foster Family Case Manager **

- * Requires professional certification
- ** Requires Masters degree
- *** Requires Masters plus certification/licensure
- **** Requires Doctoral degree