

What can I do with a bachelor's degree in... **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES?**

➤ **WHAT IS HDFS?**

Students in Human Development & Family Studies (HDFS) examine how people grow and how they form relationships throughout their lives, within the context of family and culture. The field of HDFS is an organized effort to provide family members with information, skills, experiences, or resources intended to strengthen, improve, or enrich their family. The HDFS Department at MSU offers programs in Child Development, Human Development and Family Studies, and Early Care & Education.

➤ **POSSIBLE INDUSTRIES**

HDFS majors go on to work in a variety of industries, including:

- Education/Pre-School
- Social Services
- Communications
- Advocacy
- Healthcare
- Business

➤ **COMMON JOB TYPES**

- **Childcare Worker/Assistant Teacher** - Attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions. Perform a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play.
- **Preschool Teacher** - Instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility.
- **Social Service Assistant/Caseworker** - Provide client services in a wide variety of fields, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services.
- **Community Mental Health Counselor** - Work with individuals and groups to promote optimum mental and emotional health. May help clients deal with issues such as addictions and substance abuse; family, parenting, and marital problems; and aging.
- **Public Relations Specialist** - Engage in promoting or creating an intended public image for individuals, groups, or organizations. May write or select materials for release.
- **Fundraiser** - Organize activities to raise funds or otherwise solicit donations for an organization. May design and produce promotional materials. May also raise awareness of the organization's work, goals, and financial needs.

For more information on these job types, visit mynextmove.org or mymajors.com



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➤ **ALUMNI JOB TITLES**

Every year, Career Services surveys recent alumni to find out what they are doing post-graduation. The full results of the Destination Survey can be found on the Career Services Network website. The following are selected job titles of recent HDFS alumni:

- Adoption Specialist
- Applied Behavioral Analyst
- Autism Services Analyst
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Early Childhood Educator
- Family Advocate
- Human Resources Assistant
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Assistant Teacher
- Patient Care Technician
- Preschool Teacher
- Youth Advocate
- Youth Specialist

➤ **GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The following is a list of selected graduate school program names that recent HDFS alumni have enrolled in based on results of the Destination Survey:

Master's

- Child Development
- Child Life Administration
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Communicative Sciences & Disorders
- Family & Child Studies
- Health Administration
- Health Communication
- Higher Education Administration
- Marriage & Family Therapy
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- Speech-Language Pathology

Professional

- Occupational Therapy
- Social Work

➤ **ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES**

- [USAJobs](#)
- [State of Michigan Jobs](#)
- [K12JobSpot](#)
- [AAEE Jobs](#)
- [NAEYC Jobs](#)
- [Assoc. of Child Life Professionals](#)
- [Michigan Nonprofit Jobs & Internships](#)
- [Idealist](#)
- [ABAI Jobs](#)
- [MyABAJobs](#)
- [iHire Social Services](#)
- [Social Work Job Bank](#)

