

CAREER FUNNEL (Least preferred)

Jobs in the human services career cluster involve tending to families and to human needs.

Career Pathways in Human Services

A career pathway is an area of concentration within a career cluster. Each pathway contains a group of careers requiring similar academic and technical skills as well as similar industry certifications or postsecondary education. The human services career cluster has five pathways: early childhood development and services, counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services.

- **Early Childhood Development and Services:** This pathway involves caring for the psychological, physical, and intellectual growth of children, from infancy through adolescence.
- **Counseling and Mental Health Services:** The goal of workers in this pathway is to help people who suffer from emotional or mental problems.
- **Family and Community Services:** Workers in this pathway provide a variety of services that help strengthen family and community life.
- **Personal Care Services:** Workers in this pathway help people feel and look better, and offer services that make people's lives more convenient.
- **Consumer Services:** These services assist the buying public by ensuring that they receive fair treatment in the marketplace.