

CAREER FUNNEL

The final section of the report, career funnel, is based on the technique coined by the US Department of Education to group similar occupations and industries. In total, there are 16 Career Clusters in the Framework, representing more than 79 Career Pathways to help students navigate their way to greater success in college and career.

As an organizing tool for curriculum design and instruction, Career Clusters provide the essential knowledge and skills for the 16 Career Clusters and their Career Pathways. It also functions as a useful guide in developing programs of study bridging secondary and postsecondary curriculum and for creating individual student plans of study for a complete range of career options. As such, it helps students discover their interests and their passions, and empowers them to choose the educational pathway that can lead to success in high school, college and career.

According to the detailed analysis, **HUMAN SERVICES** is your major career cluster. However, there are a few more clusters in which you have shown your inclination and your counselor can guide you on all the other possible options. 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.