



Human Services Career Cluster

Cluster Overview

Cluster Description: The Human Services and Resources Cluster prepares students for careers that improve quality of life and promote safe, healthy communities. Workers in human services better our lives by tending to our psychological, social, and physical needs. Social service organizations that help individuals with basic needs, such as housing, health, and nutrition constitute a large component of this cluster.

Cluster Description: Job opportunities in social services and child care services are projected to grow 42% through 2010. Because the employment rate for Nebraska women is high, many of the services traditionally provided in the home are being obtained in the work place. The demand for child care workers and geriatric services is increasing greatly due to the demographics of our population.

Pathway Descriptions

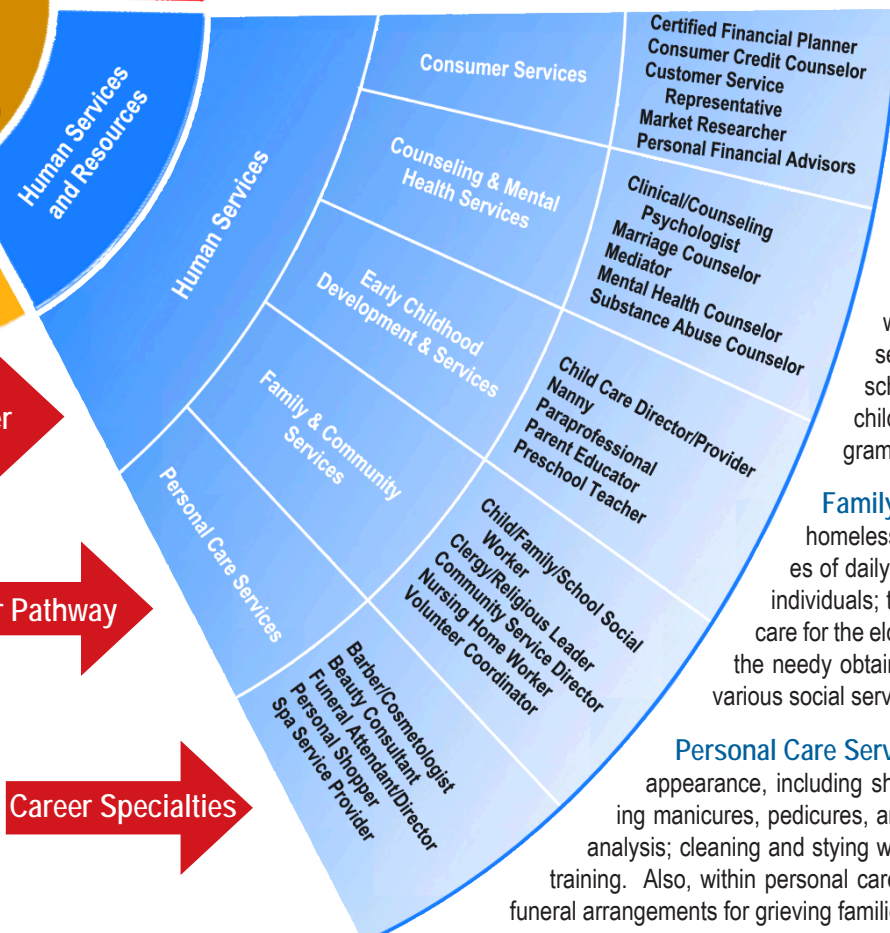
Consumer Services workers assist individuals with decisions and problems relating to finance, real estate, insurance, and consumer goods.

Counseling & Mental Health Services workers assist people with personal, family, education, mental health, and career decisions and problems. Mental health care may be provided in hospitals, clinics, schools, or private settings.

Early Childhood Development & Services workers nurture and teach children. They provide services in childcare centers, nursery schools, pre-schools, public schools, private households, family childcare homes, and before- and after-school programs.

Family & Community Services workers help the homeless, housebound, and infirmed cope with circumstances of daily living; counsel troubled and emotionally disturbed individuals; train or retrain the unemployed or underemployed; care for the elderly and the physically and mentally disabled; help the needy obtain financial assistance; and solicit contributions for various social services organizations.

Personal Care Services workers assist individuals with their personal appearance, including shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair; giving manicures, pedicures, and scalp, and facial treatments; providing makeup analysis; cleaning and styling wigs and hairpieces; and providing personal fitness training. Also, within personal care services, funeral directors and attendants make funeral arrangements for grieving families.



Cluster Facts

- In Nebraska the following Law, Public Safety, and Security occupations are projected to be hot job prospects:¹
 - Correctional Officers and Jailers
 - Lawyers
 - Legal Secretaries
 - Paralegals and Legal Assistants
 - Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
 - Security Guards
- In Nebraska the following Law, Public Safety, and Security occupations are projected to be the fastest growing:¹
 - Animal Control Workers
 - Court Reporters
 - Emergency Management Specialists
 - Lawyers
 - Paralegals and Legal Assistants
 - Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers

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