Child, Adult, and Family Services

IS A DEGREE IN CHILD, ADULT, AND FAMILY SERVICES RIGHT FOR YOU?

Do you enjoy helping others? Can you relate to teens or the elderly? Do you enjoy working with children? Would you like to make a difference in people’s lives? If this sounds like you, then a degree in Child, Adult, and Family Services is right for you. With this degree you’ll learn how to help children, adolescents, families, and the elderly overcome life’s challenges. The program’s unique, hands-on experiences will help you make a lasting difference in someone’s life right away. The Child, Adult, and Family Services program will help you focus your passions and prepare you to work with the varied needs of clients across the lifespan.

BE IN HIGH DEMAND RIGHT AWAY

Child, Adult, and Family Services graduates from Iowa State are in high demand. Employers are constantly looking for people who have the skills and expertise that our graduates develop. Our graduates have found careers in:

- Foster care/adoptive
- Child care administration
- Activity programming
- Parenting education
- Adolescent pregnancy prevention
- Child advocacy
- Addiction treatment
- Grief counseling

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THE BEST WAY TO LEARN IS BY DOING IT YOURSELF
We know students learn in a variety of different ways. From the beginning you will have the opportunity and the encouragement from your professors to learn by doing.

As a student you’ll participate in hands-on work that helps you apply what you’ve learned in class to real world situations.

Internships and study abroad opportunities will help you develop a diverse set of experiences. Students have interned around the globe in places like Australia, Costa Rica, and Uganda; gaining valuable cultural perspectives.

FEEL AT HOME RIGHT AWAY
Transitioning to Iowa State University is easy. The university offers a wide range of opportunities to help students fit in. Our program’s Human Development and Family Studies learning community will help you make connections with other students and professors very quickly.

The 800+ clubs that are offered on campus are a fantastic way for you to get involved in the community. The relationships you make with your professors and fellow students will last long beyond graduation.

IMPROVE PEOPLE’S LIVES
The Child, Adult, and Family Services program’s courses will teach you how to apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills to everyone from the very young to the very old – and everyone in between.

All of your coursework will prepare you for a career helping a diverse group of people cope with problems like addiction, abuse, aging, chronic illness, immigration, and special needs.

This program will also help you develop problem-solving and listening skills that will enhance your approach.

FIND THE PATH THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU
You’ll be able to choose from three career paths. Each option is determined by the ages that you will specialize in.

• CHILD OPTION
This path will prepare you to work with young children and their families. Some of your possibilities include developing parenting education programs, providing quality child care, advising families on critical issues, helping children and families navigate the foster care system, preventing child abuse, and providing family support through home visiting programs.

• YOUTH OPTION
In this program you’ll focus on adolescents and young adults, with course work in family interaction and communication, human sexuality, and adolescent development. You’ll become an expert in providing programming in positions such as a youth services provider, residential treatment facility manager, prevention educator, or juvenile court probation officer.

• ADULT/FAMILY OPTION
This path will teach you how to deal with family issues. You’ll complete courses in family and adult development, theory, and interaction as well as addiction and abuse issues. What you learn here will prepare you for careers such as addiction counselor, program/activity coordinator, grief counselor, and remedial counselor.