

Considerations

This is an exciting time to be considering a career in Early Childhood Education/Child Development. The early care of children, and the education we provide to families and communities about children, are of critical importance today. Few fields of work provide so many choices for professional contribution and personal growth. **Having choices, however, can create challenges!** Consider the following to help you clarify your future role with children and families:

- think about what you really enjoy doing
- try to assess your skills and abilities
- consider what degree of involvement you want with children and families
- how much education are you planning to pursue
- talk with experienced people already in ECE/CD
- visit area programs that serve children and families
- be alert to the needs and issues within your community

Persistence, innovation, and timing can combine to create a career for you in ECE/CD in which you can truly feel that you can make a difference in children's lives!

Contribute to the future...

Your Career

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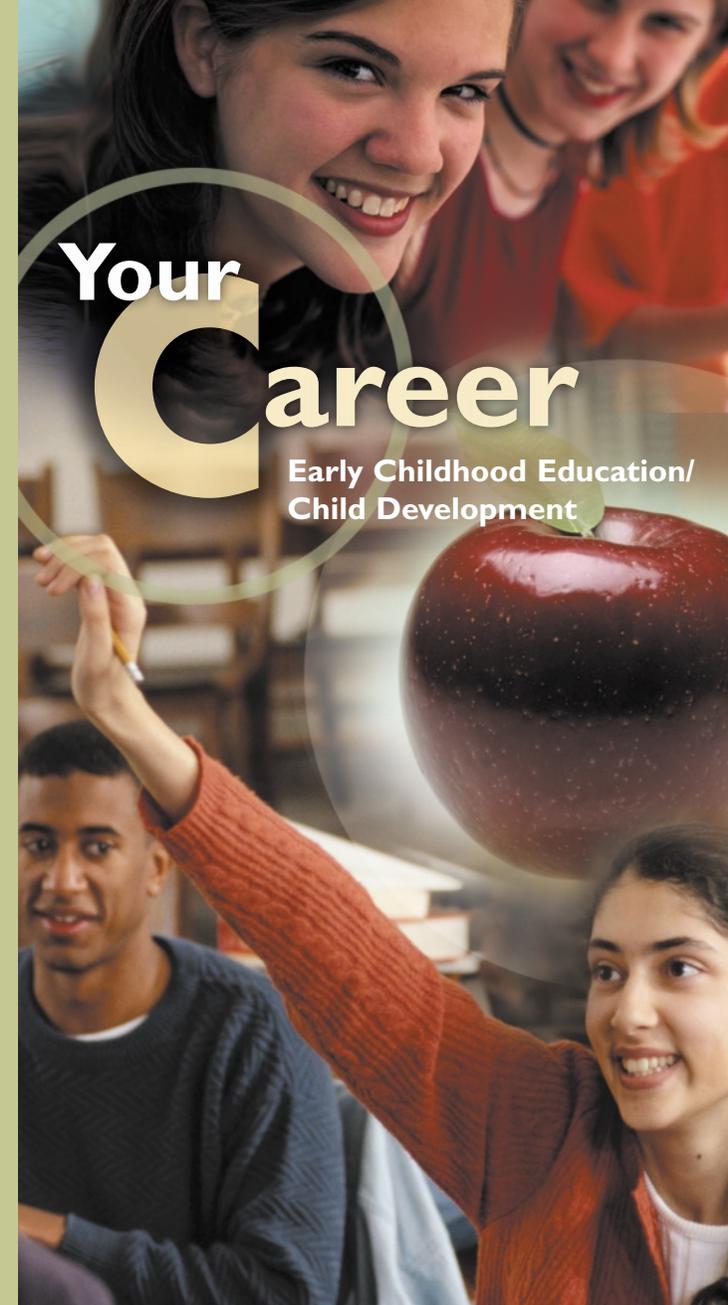


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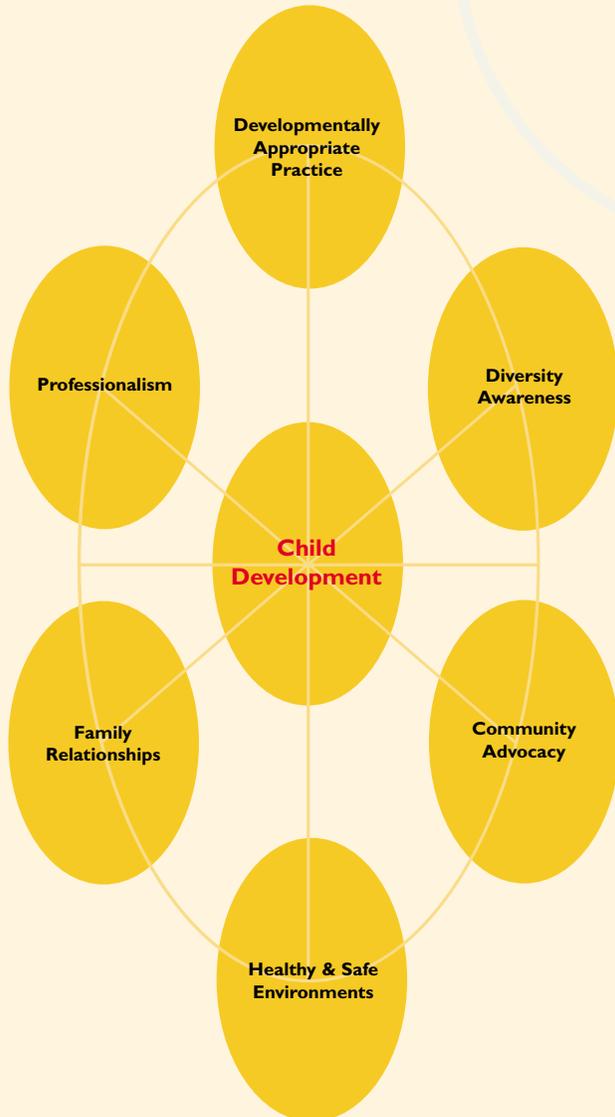
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Curriculum Core

Consider completing curriculum in the following core areas to make the most of your skills and opportunities. Salaries can vary dramatically depending on where and for whom you work, and your own education and experience. Staying current with the changing market place and technological advances will help you make your best career choice.



Choices on the ECE/CD Ladder

Jobs Requiring Advanced Education (College or University)

- Child and Family Therapist
- Kindergarten and Primary Teacher
- Preschool Director and/or Site Supervisor
- Child Welfare Case Worker
- Bilingual Advisor/Specialist
- Child Development Specialist
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Child Development Professor
- Family Support Coordinator
- Speech Therapist
- Community Advocate
- Public Policy & Research Specialist

Jobs Requiring Specialized Training (Post Secondary)

- Parent/Family Educator
- Child Health Paraprofessional
- Recreation Leader
- Preschool Food Service Director
- Special Education Assistant
- Early Intervention Aide
- Art/Movement Therapy Assistant
- Juvenile Court Probation Worker
- Family Service Advocate
- Preschool Teacher
- Foster Parent
- Computer/Graphic Designer of Children's Products
- Welfare Child Care Worker
- Infant Care Provider
- Playground Designer
- Bilingual Assistant

Jobs Requiring Limited Training and Experience Entry Level (Secondary and Adult Education)

- House Parent, Group Home
- Special Education Attendant
- Bilingual Aide
- Kindergarten Teacher Aide
- Children's Book Author
- Preschool Food Service Worker
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Child Care Aide
- Recreation/Playground Aide
- Children's Tutor
- Infant Care Attendant
- Home Companion
- Group Home Attendant
- Nanny or Au Pair



Collaborations and Resources

Advancing Careers in Child Development
Pacific Oaks College
5 Westmoreland Place or
65 South Grand Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91105-3592
626.583.4633

Child Care Coordinating Council
Career Development & SaMCARES
2121 S. El Camino Real, Suite A-100
San Mateo, CA 94403
650.655.6770

Child Development Training Consortium
Child Development Permit Information
1620 North Carpenter Road, Suite C-16
Modesto, CA 95351
209.572.6080
www.childdevelopment.org

National Association for the Education
of Young Children
1509 16th Street, N W
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800.424.2460
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