

Pathways to Working with Children, Youth and Families

High School Student Resources

Small actions today can lead to meaningful careers tomorrow



🔗 Explore Careers

MCFD and Community Sector Careers

Learn about:

- Different jobs and work settings
- Training and education pathways
- Real career stories
- Current job postings

Click the link to explore a range of student and career resources:

🔗 <https://www.gov.bc.ca/ChildandFamilyCareers>

WorkBC Youth Career Resources

Discover occupations, skills, wages and job outlook in B.C.

- Take career quizzes
- Explore labour market trends
- Learn about required skills

Click the link to find careers that interest you!

🔗 [Youth Career Resources - WorkBC](#)

Working with children, youth and families helps build stronger communities where people feel safe, supported, and valued

🎓 Education & Career Planning

Start exploring careers that support children, youth, and families. Learn about different roles, education pathways, and ways to build experience while you're still in school.

EducationPlannerBC

Search and compare post-secondary programs across British Columbia.

- Explore Social Work, Child & Youth Care, and related programs
- Compare admission requirements
- Apply to B.C. institutions

Work Experience (WEX 12A/12B)

- Earn 4 graduation credits per course
- Complete 100–120 hours in volunteer or paid placements
- Gain supervised, hands-on experience
- Explore careers before graduation

Dual Credit Programs

- Take post-secondary courses while still in high school
- Earn high school and post-secondary credit at the same time
- Options vary by school district and post-secondary institution

Click the link to learn how dual credit works!

🔗 [Dual Credit - Province of British Columbia](#)

Click the link to check out these programs!

🔗 [dual_credit_programs.pdf](#)

Career Pathways

Finding the right post-secondary path is a journey that sometimes takes time.

Education and job options may include:

High School Diploma (with relevant experience):

- Activity Worker

Certificate (6–12 months):

- School-Based Worker
- ECE Assistant
- Outreach Worker

Diploma (1–2 years):

- Residence Worker
- FASD Worker
- Community Support Worker

Bachelor's Degree (typically 4 years):

- Family Support Worker
- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Infant Development Consultant

Explore Careers within MCFD:

- Team Assistant
- Social Program Officer Assistant
- Child, Youth and Family Support Worker
- Child Protection Worker
- Guardianship Worker
- Adoption Worker
- Resource Worker
- Children and Youth with Support Needs Worker
- Youth Probation Officer
- Child and Youth Mental Health Clinician
- Team Leader
- Director of Operations

Click the link to learn more about social service careers in the BC Public Service:

[Social service careers in the BC Public Service](#)



Curious what this work really looks like?

Click the link to play a video of a Child and Youth Care Worker:

[Child and Youth Care Worker](#)

Click the link to play a video of MCFD Child Protection Workers:

[Child Protection Workers](#)

Gain Relevant Experience

Early experiences can help you explore whether this work is right for you.

- Volunteer with youth or community organizations
- Participate in leadership programs
- Coach or mentor younger students
- Work part-time in camps or recreation programs

High Demand Communities

Explore opportunities province-wide when considering your future career.

Many communities across B.C. are seeking skilled professionals, particularly:

- Rural and remote communities
- Northern B.C.
- Some coastal communities


Some roles may include:

- Relocation support
- Additional pay incentives

Connect and Ask Questions

Asking questions is an important step when exploring your career.

- Talk to your school counsellor
- Connect with a career teacher
- Meet with a post-secondary advisor
- Reach out to a professional in the field



**YOUR PROVINCE
YOUR PASSION**

*Every career begins
with curiosity. Start exploring
what interests you today!*