



# Exploring Career Paths and Career Clusters

## Human Services

Occupations in this path are related to economic, political, and social systems. These include education, government, law and law enforcement, leisure and recreation, military, religion, child care, social services, and personal services.

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## CAREER PATH INVENTORY

### Do these activities interest you?

- Helping people solve problems
- Working with children
- Working with elderly people
- Working in a team
- Being involved in politics
- Solving a mystery
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you have these personal qualities?

- Organized     Good listener
- Community-minded
- Outgoing
- Good at making decisions
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### In your free time would you enjoy?

- Tutoring young children
- Helping with a community project
- Coaching children in a sport
- Other activities: \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you enjoy or do well in these subjects?

- Language arts     History
- Psychology     Math
- Other subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

## CAREER CLUSTERS

Within the six Career Paths are 16 Career Clusters. School counselors recommend that before or during high school, students select a career area that interests them to shape plans for coursework and deeper exploration. The Human Services Path has five of the Career Clusters listed above.

### TIP!

Visit with your school counselor and your parents to help identify career areas that might be good for you to explore further. Take classes that can support your goals.

## Questions to Ask Yourself

While you are exploring your career options, nothing compares with the first-hand information you can get by talking with someone in your Career Cluster of interest.

**Who could you talk to in this Career Path?** \_\_\_\_\_

Gaining a variety of career-related experiences can help you identify growing interests, such as job shadowing, completing a project at school, volunteering in your community or taking courses related to your career interests.

**What experience could you seek?** \_\_\_\_\_

School activities related to Career Clusters in the Human Services Path include:

- Student career and technical organizations, such as DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, and SkillsUSA
- Scouting
- Student Council
- Service-Learning
- Speech/debate team
- Junior Achievement

## SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS & SALARY RANGES

Archeologist.....	\$28-62,000
Attorney.....	\$64-146,000
Chef.....	\$24-45,000
Event Planner.....	\$31-51,000
Firefighter.....	\$27-55,000
High School Teacher.....	\$34-52,000
Mail Carrier.....	\$39-49,000
Pre-school Teacher.....	\$18-29,000
School Counselor.....	\$34-56,000
Social Worker .....	\$27-38,000

(Annual salaries based on 2007 BLS wage data.)

For more information about salaries and job outlook in Missouri, visit [www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org)

**Can you identify professionals and opportunities in this Career Path in your community?** \_\_\_\_\_

In your newspaper, look for news stories or features about people who work in this Career Path. Check the Classifieds section for job listings in this career area. Look at ads for businesses that might employ people working in this career path.



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This series will explore each of the six Career Paths – information about each Career Cluster, occupations, education and skills you need, salary ranges and more!



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