Students with a B.S in Human Development & Family Studies are employed in companies, schools, community centers that focus on child development, adult development, or community development. Most students choose to continue their education and pursue an advanced degree in counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, college student personnel, or healthcare administration.

**COMMON EMPLOYERS**
- Early Childhood Education Centers
- Pre-schools
- Community Centers
- Social Services
- Adolescent Residential Facilities
- Sports teams
- Marriage & Family Therapy
- Businesses focused on children's books or toys
- Case Management
- Federal or state government organizations

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**
- American Counseling Association
- American Mental Health Counselors Association
- American Psychological Association
- American School Counselors Association
- Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling
- Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development
- Child Life Council
- International Congress of Infant Studies
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- National Board for Certified Counselors
- National Council on Family Relations

**STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD**
- Gain experience working with children or families through volunteer, intern, or part time positions
- Acquire appropriate certifications such as Child Development Associate or Pre-K Licensure
- Develop strong communication skills and patience
- Serve as a peer mentor, resident assistant, or student adviser to improve leadership skills
- Pursue a graduate degree in counseling, student affairs, or social work