

Where are Family Life Educators Employed?

Family life educators work in a variety of settings. They bring comprehensive family training to a myriad of employment sectors and job classifications. Often, CFLEs work in the following venues.

- Practice - teaching, education, research/scholarship, program or curricula development,
- Administration - leadership or management, organizing, coordinating, and
- Promotion - public policy, lobbying, advocating for system change and awareness.

Career Opportunities for CFLEs

Family Life Education takes place in a variety of settings. There are probably numerous instances of family life education occurring in your community on any given day. There are family life educators working in health care settings - doing workshops and classes in hospitals, in community education, in faith communities, in junior and senior high schools, in colleges and universities, in social service agencies, in corporate settings, in government agencies, in corrections, in retirement communities and in the military.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FAMILY SCIENCE EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

Business, Consumer & Family Resources Services

Employee Assistance programs, Corporate Day Cares, Consumer Protection Agencies, Family Financial Counseling & Planning Agencies, Food Assistance Programs, Research positions.

Community-Based Social Services

Youth Development Programs, Adoption Agencies, Foster Care Programs, Teen Pregnancy Services, Welfare Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation & Job Training, Adult Day Care, Gerontology and Long-Term Care Programs.

Early Childhood Education

Day Care Centers, Head Start Programs, Montessori Schools, Child Development Organizations.

Education

Public School Teaching in Family & Consumer Sciences with state licensure, University Teaching, Family Science Research, Family Life Education, Sexuality Education, Parenting Education, Marriage & Family Enrichment Programs, Curriculum Development, community education.

Faith-Based Organizations	Ministry, Family Life Education, Parenting Education, Youth Programs.
Family Intervention	Individual & Family Therapy Support Services, Crisis & Hotline Services, Divorce Mediation, Abuse Protection Services, Drug & Alcohol Prevention Programs, Residential Treatment Programs.
Government & Public Policy	Family Policy Analysis, Child Welfare Advocacy, Cooperative Extension Specialist, Military Family Support Services, Departments of Child & Family Services, Parent Coordination.
Health Care & Family Wellness	Public Health Programs & Services, Hospital Based Family Support, Nutrition Education, Prenatal and Maternity Services, Holistic Health Centers, Long-Term Care Settings, Hospice Programs.
International Education & Development	International Family Policy, Peace Corps and NGO Leadership, Global Family Planning Programs, International Human Rights Advocacy, Immigration & Migrant Families Services.
Research	Grant Proposal Writing, Academic and Government Research in Family Science, Population Studies & Demographic Research, Community-Based Research for Non-Profit Family Agencies, Program Evaluation & Assessment.
Writing & Communication	Curriculum & Resource Development in Family Life Education, Media and Technology Settings, Newspaper & Magazine Writing.

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