

Occupations in Child Care

- > Child Care Aide/Worker
- > School Psychologist
- > Teacher Assistant
- > Preschool Teacher
- > Social Worker

Child Care Facts

- 2.2 percent of workers employed as preschool and kindergarten teachers are men.
- 5 percent of workers employed in child care are men.
- 8.5 percent of workers employed as teacher assistants are men.
- There are 4,270 child care workers (excluding self-employed providers) in Utah.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Utah has over a quarter million children ages 0-4.
- In Utah, there are over 109,500 two-parent families with both parents working who have children under the age of six.

Source: Census Bureau

Break free of the traditions and barriers that limit your choices.
What's stopping you? Be different! Try something new!
Is a nontraditional career in your future?

Child Care

A NONTRADITIONAL CAREER PATH FOR MEN



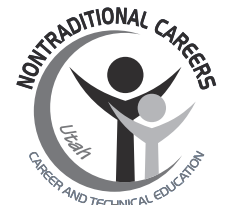
Talk to your school counselor
about a nontraditional career in child care.

Break free of the barriers that limit your career choices.

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Nontraditional Careers

Did you know a nontraditional career is any occupation in which women or men comprise 25 percent or less of its total employment?

Nontraditional jobs are attractive because they generally offer higher entry-level wages.

Choosing a nontraditional career path can mean:

- > Greater job satisfaction.
- > Higher wages and better benefits.
- > Great advancement opportunities.
- > Economic self-sufficiency.
- > Broader job opportunities.
- > Freedom to pursue a career related to your interests and abilities.

BREAK with tradition and explore a nontraditional career!

Child Care as a Career

Child care workers monitor and care for children in schools, businesses, and other public and private institutions. Child care workers improve the child's communication, learning, and other personal skills.

Basic communication skills are essential for this career, as well as good supervisory and creative skills.

Male child care workers may be few in number, but their impact is enormous. "Girls and boys both need exposure to really powerful teachers who happen to be male, who are nurturing and kind and care about their development," says Cheryl Wright, director of the University of Utah's Child and Family Development Center.

CTE Pathways

High school is a great time to try out a wide range of Career Pathways by enrolling in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. As an added bonus, you will be developing work-related skills that can be put to immediate and profitable use.

CTE provides courses and Pathways consistent with industry training and certification, thus providing depth and meaning for both visual and hands-on learning and education that can be applied in today's job market.

Through participation in CTE, Family and Consumer Sciences Education can guide you as you take courses in the Child Development Pathway.

By taking FACS courses, you will obtain the knowledge and skills that will prepare you for independent living and the workforce, increasing personal and community well-being. You will also gain an important foundation of knowledge and skills necessary for continuing your education in FACS.

Employment

Nationwide, child care workers held about 1.3 million jobs in 2008.¹ In Utah, an entry-level position for a child care worker generally starts at an average hourly wage of \$6.20, or \$12,896 per year.² Increases in salary are based upon training, education, and experience. In Utah, a child care provider must be licensed.

Pay depends on the educational attainment of the worker and on the type of establishment. Although the pay is generally very low, more education means higher earnings.

Working Conditions

Child care can be physically and emotionally taxing, as workers constantly stand, walk, bend, stoop, and lift to attend to each child's interests and problems. Workers often handle loads of 20 to 50 lbs. However, watching children grow while at the same time learning new skills can be very rewarding.

*Five percent of people employed
in child care are men.¹*

Outlook

In Utah, the annual growth rate in this occupation is expected to be 3.7 percent through the year 2016, with employment totaling 16,500.² Large concentrations of this occupation are found in the following industries: private households, social services, and educational services both public and private.

UtahFutures

Log on to UtahFutures.org to learn more about child care as a career. From the home page, click on the "occupations" option to find an occupation that interests you and link to the description for that occupation. (Refer to the sample list of occupations on the back of this page.) Check out employment opportunities, working conditions, outlook, skills and abilities, and wages for your selected occupation.

Is a nontraditional career in your future?



¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

² Utah Department of Workforce Services