

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Careers Working with Infants & Children contains a thorough introduction to the career opportunities available to those who are drawn to a career working with children, whether their specific interest is healthcare, education, entertainments, sports, or childcare. As a nation, we are all conscious of the benefits of caring for the youngest among us from birth and through adolescence. The types of careers for those who plan to work with children and infants include such traditional caretaking positions as preschool directors and preschool aides, school nursing, and kindergarten teachers. Others may intend to pursue careers in medicine with the goal of working with children as pediatricians, dentists, oncologists, psychologists, and nurse practitioners. Still others may be interested in teaching opportunities working with English Language Learners (ELL), in special education, or as a reading specialist. Social workers and judges in juvenile courts are also vital to the well-being of children, along with psychologists and therapists.

The book presents twenty-nine occupational profiles including a variety of teachers, caregivers, medical and health workers, recreation workers, and more. These career profiles offer details about a particular career path by providing:

Snapshot details including the most current data about

- Median Pay
- Typical Entry-Level Education
- On-the-job Training
- Number of Jobs
- Job Outlook
- Employment Change

Career Overview includes a description of the career in terms of its

- Duties
- Examples of titles for positions in that specific career
- Work environment
- Work schedules

Each profile provides details about **How to become...** that explain how to begin and grow a career within a specific career profile by describing

- Important qualities
- Education
- Licenses, certifications, and registrations that may be required
- Advancement opportunities

Profiles also include the most current details about pay compared to other career clusters as well as a look at pay by industry as well as a description of **Similar Occupations** that lists specific jobs that are related in some way to the protective service career being profiled.

Job Outlook and **Job Prospects** describe current and anticipated rate of growth for a specific career, and compares the rate to other jobs in areas in the same career cluster, as well as to career growth taken as a whole.

Each profile concludes with **More Information** to direct readers to additional resources such as specific associations or certifying bodies for further details.

Merging scholarship with occupational development, this single comprehensive guidebook provides students passionate about finding a career working with children. The book offers guidance regarding what job seekers can expect in terms of training, advancement, earnings, job prospects, working conditions, relevant associations, and more. *Careers Working with Infants & Children* is specifically designed for a high school and undergraduate audience and is edited to align with secondary or high school curriculum standards.

Scope of Coverage

Careers Working with Infants & Children is enhanced with numerous charts and tables, including projections from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and median annual salaries or wages for those occupations profiled. Enhancements, like Fun Facts, Famous Firsts, and dozens of photos, add depth to the discussion. Additional highlights in the book include twenty-two interviews—**Conversation With...**—featuring a professional working in a related job who can offer insight into specific areas include a judge; kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school teachers; a sports coach; a preschool director; the director of a school foodservice program; a bus driver, and more. The respondents share their personal career paths, detail potential for career advancement, offer advice for students, and include a “try this” for those interested in embarking on a career in their profession.

Special Features

Several features continue to distinguish this reference series from other career-oriented reference works. The back matter includes:

Appendix A: Guide to Holland Code. This discusses John Holland’s theory that people and work environments can be classified into six different groups: Realistic; Investigative; Artistic; Social; Enterprising; and Conventional. See if the job you want is right for you!

Appendix B: Resources and Bibliography. This is a collection of suggested organizations and websites as well as selected books suitable for further reading about a career working with infants and children.

Subject Index. Includes people, concepts, technologies, terms, principles, and all specific occupations discussed in the occupational profile chapters.

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