

Alphabetical List of HDFS Careers

- **4-H specialist** – Plans, develops, organizes, implements, evaluates and instructs 4-H courses and activities that provide opportunity for development of life skills and self-esteem.
- **Academic advisor** – advises students concerning their academic plans and progress, academic schedule, choice of major, and other academic activities and career goals to assist the student in making decisions concerning personal educational goals leading to graduation.
- **Adoption specialist** – a social worker who places children with new families, assesses needs of the child and adoptive parents to ensure fit, makes arrangements to place children in permanent homes, advises families looking to adopt, and act as mediators between birth parents and adoptive parents.
- **Anti-money laundering compliance specialist** – appointed by a financial institution to oversee anti-money laundering polices and ensure compliance with regulations relating to the prevention, detection and investigation of money laundering activity.
- **Applied researcher** – a researcher focused on providing answers or solutions to a specific research question.
- **Assistant director for children’s advocacy centers** – advances the key organizational objectives in the strategic priority areas of the children’s advocacy centers, supervises daily operations, ensures compliance with regulations and internal policies, monitors attainment of objectives, undertakes staffing responsibilities (hiring, training, evaluating, etc.), assists in budgeting and monitoring expenses, and creates and submits reports.
- **Care management team lead** – supervises, trains and coaches care team members to ensure quality delivery of resident care related to assisting individuals with activities for daily living.
- **CEO of a consulting company** – manages the overall operations of the company, provide clients strategies that optimize performance, implementation and delivery of programming related to human development.
- **Child advocate** – serves the needs of children, families and professionals while addressing mental health, medical, educational, legal and legislative issues, and supports children who are in vulnerable positions in our society or in vulnerable situations.
- **Childcare manager** – plans, organizes, maintains, and manages the operations of a child care center, sometimes serves as a head teacher, and supervises, hires, evaluates, and trains staff.
- **Child life specialist** – a healthcare provider who works with children during illness, injury or hospitalization to reduce the stress and anxiety children and families experience related to health care and hospitalization, and promotes coping through education, preparation, and play.
- **Child psychologist** – A child psychologist is a mental health professional who uses psychological evaluations and various forms of therapy to help children and adolescents learn to better cope with life and relationship issues and mental health conditions. They can help treat mental, emotional, social and behavioral health conditions.
- **College professor** – employed by a state or private college, university, or community college to teach students who are enrolled in their classes.

- **County extension agent** – provide educational programs in agriculture including farm business management/farm marketing, cropping systems, livestock systems and horticulture, develops and delivers educational programs to assist people in economic and community development, leadership, family issues, agriculture and environment. Extension agents generally also participate in youth education and 4-H.
- **Crisis counselor** – helps people focus on the stressful situation, treat their immediate needs, and teach them coping skills so they can handle the same or similar situations in the future.
- **Developmental therapist** – serves infants and toddlers from birth to age three with developmental delays or disabilities, assesses global development by performing evaluations and assessments, and plans and implements appropriate intervention strategies for the family's desired outcomes related to a child's cognitive, psychological, and social-emotional development in order to maximize independent functioning and establishing global developmental homeostasis.
- **Early childhood educator** - plans, organizes, and initiates activities to help children develop and learn intellectually, physically, and emotionally, works with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children in a variety of settings, and builds relationships with parents and other professionals.
- **Executive director of nonprofit organization** - responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization. Other key duties include fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.
- **Family attorney** - focuses on issues involving family relationships such as marriage, adoption, divorce, and child custody, among others, represents clients in family court proceedings or in related negotiations, and drafts important legal documents such as court petitions or property agreements.
- **Family life educator** - responds to changes in social conditions and helps individuals walk through difficulties pertaining to their quality of life and well-being, and works with the members of a family to address problems and cultivate stronger relationships.
- **Family policy specialist** – create policy and evaluate program effectiveness related to families, helps decide which private organizations should be awarded publicly funded grants.
- **Foster care case manager** – provides social work counseling to foster children, families, and foster parents. They plan and coordinate treatments for the required children in accordance with specified requirements.
- **Foster care child advocate** – provide valuable information to the judge and others involved in the case to help ensure a child's best interest is being met. This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect.
- **Guidance counselor** – works in schools or other educational institutions, providing academic, personal, and career advice to students. They help examine their students' potential skills to build their self-esteem for success in their future endeavors.
- **Head of privacy research** – develops and implements policies and safeguards to protect customer and employee information within the company's database.

- **Leadership development specialist** – plans all aspects of leadership development, career paths and performance management within a company. A Leadership Development Specialist will use methods like: On-the-job training. Electronic / online training. Practical, hands-on training.
- **Marriage and family therapist** – mental health professionals trained in psychotherapy and family systems, and licensed to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders within the context of marriage, couples and family systems.
- **National science foundation fellow** – does research to promote the progress of science in human development and family studies, advances national health, prosperity and welfare.
- **Nurse** – provides and coordinates patient care, educates patients and the public about various health conditions, and provides advice and emotional support to patients and their families.
- **Occupational therapist** – health care professionals who specialize in helping people with health issues that affect everyday activities, treats injured, ill, or disabled patients through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. They help these patients develop, recover, improve, as well as maintain the skills needed for daily living and working.
- **Outreach specialist at children’s museum** – organizes and manages social service programs that promote health and wellness within a community.
- **Parent educator** – helps parents obtain the education and skills needed to raise physically, psychologically, and emotionally healthy children.
- **Pediatrician** – a medical doctor who manages the physical, behavioral, and mental care for children from birth until age 18, specializes in children and has in-depth knowledge about the growth, development, and behavior of small kids.
- **Personnel director** – responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of their organization's human resources department, ensures all HR policies and procedures are being followed correctly.
- **Play therapist** – helps children make sense of difficult life experiences, or complex psychological issues through play.
- **Preschool Director** – supervises and leads staffs, designs program plans, oversee daily activities, and prepare budgets, responsible for all aspects of their center's program, which may include before- and after-school care.
- **Professional nanny** – cares for children in a family's home, tends to childcare responsibilities, provides personalized attention to each child in the family, provides developmentally appropriate activities and care for children, and lends support to the parents as necessary.
- **Program manager** – oversee the fulfillment of larger organizational goals. They coordinate activities between multiple projects without directly managing them. Instead, they manage the main program, giving detailed attention to program strategy, project delegation, and program implementation.
- **Researcher** – analyzes data, gathers and compares resources, ensures facts, shares findings with the whole research team, adheres to required methodologies, performs fieldwork as needed, and keeps critical information confidential.

- **School psychologist** – uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally.
- **School social worker** – provides direct and indirect services to students, families, and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social successes.
- **Shopper and category insights manager** – develops and implements strategy for category management, as well as collects and analyzes shopper insights and retail trends in order to generate solutions, identifies key business issues and opportunities, leverages existing research and conducting new research to investigate and answer business questions to assist the organization in growing market share and delivering budget.
- **Social worker** – helps people cope with challenges in their lives, helps with a wide range of situations, such as adopting a child, being diagnosed with a terminal illness, or preventing and treating substance abuse.
- **Substance abuse treatment counselor** – works not only with those who struggle with substance abuse, but often with people who have eating disorders or other behavioral problems like gambling addiction.
- **Teacher** – helps students learn by imparting knowledge to them and by setting up a situation in which students can and will learn effectively.
- **Public relations director** – directs and implements a company's public relations strategies, manages media relations, announcements, editorial placement, and speaking opportunities, evaluates and authorizes all forms of communication regarding the organization for release to the public.
- **Youth programs director** – plans and supervises programs and activities for children and adolescents at a church, community outreach organization, or social service program, responsible for the success of each program they oversee.
- **Vice president of nonprofit organization** – Works with the board of directors and other senior executives of the organization to plan, develop and enforce policies and objectives for the organization to ensure it maintains its values and meets established goals.