### Careers in Awareness/Education

*Careers in awareness and education deal with making the general public or specific groups aware of specific issues in mental health, human development, parenting, abuse, wellness, or other issues that impact well-being.*

**Examples of Awareness / Education Careers**
- Child Abuse Prevention Specialists
- Family Life Educators/Parent Educators
- Career Counselors
- Mental Health Campaign Promotion
- Employee Wellness Specialists
- Domestic Violence / Rape-Sexual Assault Awareness
- Relationship Educator

**Where do these individuals work?**
- Public Health Departments
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Workforce Development
- Social Service Agencies
- Human Resources
- Youth Service Agencies
- Schools

### Careers in Prevention

*Careers in prevention center around providing specific supports and activities that seek to reduce or deter specific or predictable problems, protect the current state of well-being, or promote desired outcomes or behaviors.*

**Examples of Prevention Careers**
- Family Support Workers
- Child Abuse Prevention Specialists
- Family Life Educators/Parent Educators
- Child Wellness Specialists
- Community Outreach Workers
- Home Visitors
- Special Education Consultants
- ADHD Coach/Life Coach

**Where do these individuals work?**
- Public Health Departments
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Social Service Agencies
- Youth Service Agencies
- Headstart
- Self Employment
# Careers in Intervention

Careers in intervention support individuals, families or groups that have identified needs and are already experiencing difficulty in one or more areas of life functioning.

### Examples of Intervention Careers
- Child Life Specialist
- Family Support Workers/Case Worker
- Family Life Educators/Parent Educators
- Domestic Violence / Rape-Sexual Assault Advocate
- Behavioral Health Intervention Specialist
- Juvenile Court Liaison/Truancy Officer
- Adoption/Foster Care Specialist

### Where do these individuals work?
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Social Service Agencies
- Child Protective Services/Department of Human Services
- Youth Service Agencies
- Schools

# Careers in Therapeutic Services

Careers in therapy (sometimes called clinical careers) involve the process of meeting with a clients for the purpose of assisting and supporting them in resolving problematic behaviors, beliefs, feelings, and/or conditions.

### Examples of Therapeutic Careers
- Counselor/Therapist
- Psychologist
- Clinical Social Worker
- School Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Health Psychologist

### Where do these individuals work?
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Social Service Agencies
- Child Protective Services/Department of Human Services
- Schools/Universities
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Mental Health Clinics
- Self Employment
Careers in Research/Evaluation

Careers in research involve studying various aspects of human behavior and functioning in order to better understand how to prevent and treat a variety of conditions. Careers in evaluation involve collecting data in a variety of ways about education, prevention, or intervention programs and services to improve outcomes for participants.

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Am I going to need more education?

Every professional (no matter what major they choose in college or what career they have) continues to receive education and training after college. Being engaged in continuing education is how we continue to learn new techniques to improve our practice. Some examples of continuing education that professionals participate in are workshops, seminars/webinars, and conferences. Lifelong learning is a professional responsibility.

Some careers in psychology require more than professional development. Graduate school is an option for students who choose careers in awareness/education, prevention, and intervention. Graduate school is often expected in careers in research/evaluation, depending on the employer and level of responsibility of the individual. Graduate school is a requirement for therapeutic/clinical careers.

Many students who are interested in careers in health, such as occupational therapy, choose psychology as an undergraduate degree. Psychology is also a great undergraduate minor to support any major that involves working with others.