

## Student Organization

Child Care Guidance, Management and Services programs are required to have an affiliated FCCLA (*Family, Career & Community Leaders of America*) chapter as an integral part of the instructional program.



FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication necessary in the home and workplace.

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**Child Care Guidance,  
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## Child Care Guidance, Management & Services

The Child Care Guidance, Management & Services Program of Study is categorized in the Human Services Career Cluster and is part of the Early Childhood Development and Services Pathway. This program of study prepares students for employment in childcare centers, nursery schools, public schools, private households, family childcare homes, and before-and after-school programs.



Students who complete this program of study will develop the competencies necessary to nurture and teach young children. Sample occupations include childcare facilities director, childcare assistant, parent educator, nanny, preschool teacher, and teacher's assistant. Students may begin to complete the licensing requirements for childcare workers. Many programs have developed articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions.

According to latest statistics, early childhood development employees hold about 1.2 million jobs, and employment is expected to increase as fast as the average for all occupations through 2012. About two out of five childcare workers are self-employed.

An advisory committee, which consists of community members and meets twice annually, is required for this program of study.

## Foundation Course

The foundation course for the Child Care Guidance, Management & Services Program of Study is Family and Consumer Sciences Investigation (Family CSI). This course is a one semester class which may be taught in either the seventh or eighth grade.

## Core Course

Following are the core courses for the Child Care Guidance, Management & Services Program of Study:

- Child Development .5 units
- Parenting .5 units
- Child Care Guidance, Mgmt. & Services 1 unit

Students completing this program of study will develop competencies related to employability, understanding the child-care profession, child development, parenting, health and safety of children, guiding children's behavior, caring for children with special needs and problems, planning and management of a childcare program, planning and management of a childcare facility, and the effects of technology in childcare and guidance management and services. Upon completion of the course, a student should have identified areas of special interest that may be pursued further, have a better understanding of children and their development, know what to look for when seeking childcare services, and have enhanced employability skills.

## Elective Courses

In order to complete a program of study, a student must complete three units in a defined sequence of courses. The following elective courses may be used to complete this program of study:

- Family and Consumer Sciences 1 unit
- Family Dynamics 1 unit
- Human Relations .5 units
- Leadership & Service Learning\* .5 units
- Nutrition & Wellness\* .5 units
- Personal & Family Finance .5 units

*\*These courses require Department of Career Education approval prior to implementation. Contact the Office of Family and Consumer Sciences at 501-682-1115 for additional information.*

## Other Programs of Study

Other programs of study which are approved by the Office of Family and Consumer Sciences are:

- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Education & Training
- Culinary Arts
- Food Production, Management & Services
- Lodging Management
- Cosmetology

For information about implementing any of these programs, please contact the Office of Family and Consumer Sciences at:

**501-682-1115**