

CHAPTER 1 Early Childhood Careers

Study Guide

Directions Fill in the blanks as you read the section in the textbook or listen to lectures and view demonstrations.

Demand for Early Childhood Professionals

Child care: _____

Recent studies show that almost _____ of all children under age five spend at least some time in someone's care other than their parents.

Several factors contribute to this trend:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Numerous studies show that students who receive quality early education before the age of five _____

Early Care and Education Programs

Parents look for early childhood programs and providers that _____

In the past, many providers offered _____, with few, if any, _____.

Today, early childhood programs focus on _____

Child Care Centers

Many early childhood programs aim to create _____

Early childhood professionals also help parents better manage their child-rearing responsibilities by:

- _____
- _____

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Family Child Care Homes and In-Home Care

In a family child care home, _____

Most states require _____ for family child care homes.

Family child care homes are often _____

Nanny: _____

Au pair: _____

Inclusive and Diverse Environments

Early childhood programs and centers must comply with _____

These programs and centers cannot _____

Exceptions to this include:

- _____

- _____

Today's professionals show their respect of _____

Your Role in Child Care

Your success as an early childhood professional depends on _____

Traits, Skills, and Abilities

It is important to maintain _____

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Careers in Early Childhood

Working in an early childhood program helps you _____

Most early childhood professionals agree that the main reason for choosing a career in the field is _____

Training in the field of early childhood care opens other career opportunities including:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Working with Children

The people who work at a child care center or in home-based care have various titles, such as _____

Job titles and training requirements may vary from _____

Choosing a Career Path

The first step in planning your career is _____

The education, training, and experience you need will depend upon _____

Generally, the following education is needed for:

- Entry-level positions: _____

- Mid-level positions: _____

- High-level positions: _____

The United States has no _____

Each state sets its own _____, and many states have created a _____

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Programs in _____ usually have higher requirements than those of _____

To help you determine the right career path for you, look for _____

Entrepreneurship Opportunities

Entrepreneur: _____

Entrepreneur opportunities in early child care might include:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Provider Certification

Federal, state, and county or city agencies have created certification and credentialing programs to _____

These may not be required if you obtain a _____

Child Development Associate (CDA): _____

To receive a CDA credential, you must complete the following steps:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

The Child Development Associate credential is offered in four areas:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Legal Responsibilities

Laws help protect _____

Three major legal responsibilities in the early childhood profession are:

- Criminal background checks:

- Maintaining privacy and confidentiality:

- Mandated reporting:

Mandated: _____