

# Activity 38

## Child Development, Education & Services Careers

Careers in child development, education, and services are concerned with the health, education, and welfare of children. These careers offer a variety of opportunities for people who enjoy working with children and who want to make a difference in their lives. The programs and services they provide include:

- ◆ Child care
- ◆ Recreation programs
- ◆ Early childhood development programs
- ◆ Family life education
- ◆ Preschool and elementary education
- ◆ Child health programs
- ◆ Drug prevention programs
- ◆ Child safety programs
- ◆ Child and youth support services

People who work in child development, education, and services work with children in all kinds of environments. They experience the rewards that come from improving the lives of the children. When considering a career in child development, education, and services, ask yourself if you have what it takes to work with children. What issues and trends are affecting careers in child development, education, and services?

### Is This Career for You?

Choose a career in child development, education, and services that might be right for you, such as preschool teacher or child care worker. Read about it in the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* or in other sources. Then answer the following questions.

1. What does the work involve? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are the positive aspects of this career? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are the negative aspects of this career? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Is this a career you would consider? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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