



IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Develop in-demand, practical knowledge and skills for working with people in many stages of life. Our undergraduate programs include:



CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- Understand early childhood development and create positive learning environments



CHILD LIFE

- Help children and families cope with the stress of illness, injury, and medical treatment



FAMILY AND LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

- Understand and support individuals, families, and relationships throughout the lifespan



MINOR IN HDFS

- Complement another degree with specialized knowledge about development and relationships

CAREER SETTINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Relationship and parenting education
- Family/social service agencies
- Afterschool/positive youth development programs
- Pediatric health care settings
- Early childhood education
- Family advocacy programs
- Cooperative Extension
- Refugee/immigrant supports
- Older adult support programs
- Policy analysis and advocacy
- Crisis shelters and centers
- Social service program management
- Prevention/intervention
- Foster care and adoption
- Military support services



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Human Development
and Family Science
University of Missouri



“My time student teaching at the CDL... helped me better understand topics we studied in class about child development. I was confident going into my first job that I could create an engaging and responsive environment for young children.”

**KATY KORTE | KIRKSVILLE, MO
CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION (BS) '97**

Katy has been the Director of the Kirksville Child Development Center, a parent cooperative preschool that values hands-on learning and parent participation, since 2006.



“I have used my student volunteer and practicum experience as a guide for how to best support the volunteers and students I now supervise. I am able to... transfer that over into my teaching style to better support others in preparing for practice and the exam.”

**KRISTIN BROWN, CCLS | FORT MEYERS, FL
CHILD LIFE (BS) '13**

Kristin supports children undergoing medical procedures in the Pediatric Sedation Center at Golisano Children's Hospital of SW Florida, and serves in the ACLP's Professional Mentor Program.



“Adoption and foster care is often stressful and unpredictable, and I frequently use what I learned as an HDFS student about how everyone is shaped by their own experiences to help families cope with the changes.”

**ALLIE FREESE | KANSAS CITY, MO
FAMILY & LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT (BS) '18**

Allie works as a Foster Care Adoption Specialist at Cornerstones of Care. Her role is to find foster children adoptive homes after family reintegration is no longer an option.

HDFS - PREPARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

- Work with children, individuals, couples, families, and communities in diverse contexts
- Hands-on work in research labs, Child Development Lab, and practica/internships in the community

PREPARE FOR A GRADUATE DEGREE

- Build a strong foundation for advanced study in related fields: education, nursing, social work, family law, business administration, gerontology, counseling, or marriage and family therapy

DIVERSE COURSE CONTENT

- Dating, marriage, and interpersonal relationships
- Development across the lifespan
- Families and health; Aging families
- Parent-child and sibling relationships
- Racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity

ABOUT HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SCIENCE

As human beings, we learn and develop throughout the lifespan, and we do so through interactions with family members, teachers, schools, peers, social media, and romantic partners. The recognition of this lifetime of growth embedded in social interactions is what defines Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) as a field, and what drives our faculty and students to better understand human development and family functioning.



MU's Child Development Lab

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