



# HUMAN SERVICES PATHWAY



**Does helping others come naturally to you? Are you creative, compassionate, and patient?**

*If so, this pathway may be for you!*

**Cultivating students' awareness, understanding and application in career areas that include:**

- EDUCATION
- GOVERNMENT
- HOSPITALITY/TOURISM
- HUMAN/FAMILY SERVICES
- LAW/CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CONSUMER SERVICES
- COUNSELING/MENTAL HEALTH

### **Sample Employers from this Pathway:**

Bucknell University, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Community Action Agencies, Community Services Group, County Behavioral Health Agencies, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Local Area School Districts, Local Law Firms, PA CareerLink®, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Susquehanna University, YMCA, etc.

## Central Pennsylvania's Human Services Occupations

Prepared by **Advance Central PA**  
Source: Center for Workforce Information and Analysis ([www.workstats.dli.pa.gov](http://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov))

### **Insurance Sales Agents**

*Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training*

**\$31,440**

Entry Level Wages

**\$56,540**

Average Wages

### **Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers**

*Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training*

**\$40,890**

Entry Level Wages

**\$64,050**

Average Wages

### **Child, Family & School Social Workers**

*Bachelor's Degree*

**\$25,510**

Entry Level Wages

**\$37,300**

Average Wages

### **Teachers & Instructors, Other**

*Bachelor's Degree*

**\$40,570**

Entry Level Wages

**\$58,090**

Average Wages

### **Human Resource Managers & Specialists**

*Bachelor's Degree+*

**\$35,190 -**

**\$82,100**

Entry Level Wages

**\$55,500 -**

**\$125,520**

Average Wages

**2022**

**CAREER READY  
Central PA**

# CAREER PLANNING

## KNOW YOURSELF

Identify your values, strengths, and skills and how they relate to your career goals.

## TRY OUT CAREERS

Interview a professional, participate in a job shadow or internship, and network.

## WORK YOUR PLAN

Apply to the job, post-secondary training or education option that aligns with your career interests.



## RESEARCH CAREERS

Know the required education or training; the job outlook; and the potential earning and advancement opportunities.

## RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

Look at all the options (on-the-job training, apprenticeship, or programs and costs) aligned with your career interests.

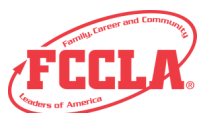
**What courses are offered in the Human Services Pathway? Choices vary at each school but may include the following:**

Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Child Development

**SUN Area Technical Institute offers state of the art programs:**

Cosmetology  
Criminal Justice  
Culinary

In addition to courses, students may have opportunities to experience careers in the Human Services fields through job shadows, internships and other real world experiences.



## Additional Central PA Human Services Occupations

Occupation	Education Level	Entry Annual Wage	Average Annual Wage	2026 Jobs (Projected)
General & Operations Managers	BD+	\$52,930	\$108,420	2,700
Meeting, Convention & Event Planners	BD	\$39,480	\$58,520	25
Educational, Guidance, School & Vocational Counselors	MD	\$44,800	\$59,200	65
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	MD+	\$25,860	\$37,370	40
Lawyers	PROF	\$54,930	\$112,720	29
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	AD	\$21,430	\$42,300	25
Preschool Teachers	AD	\$23,120	\$34,340	69
Secondary School Teachers	BD+	\$43,950	\$59,590	135
Correctional Officers & Jailers	MT OJT	\$39,890	\$55,140	11
Chefs & Head Cooks	WK EXP	\$50,720	\$63,510	18
Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists	PS	\$17,730	\$26,290	163
Real Estate Sales Agents	MT OJT	\$29,560	\$45,690	40
Social & Human Service Assistants	ST OJT	\$25,850	\$34,610	168
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	WK EXP	\$19,420	\$33,710	101
Security Guards	ST OJT	\$19,090	\$25,830	137
Supervisors - Food Preparation & Serving Workers	WK EXP	\$23,960	\$38,150	250
Childcare Workers	ST OJT	\$17,730	\$21,860	298

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**LEGEND:** **ST OJT:** Short-Term, On-the-Job Training    **MT OJT:** Moderate-Term, On-the-Job Training    **LT OJT:** Long-Term, On-the-Job Training  
**WK EXP:** Related Work Experience    **PS/PS+:** Post-Secondary Training    **AD/AD+:** Associate Degree  
**BD/BD+:** Bachelor's Degree    **MD/MD+:** Master's Degree    **PhD/PROF:** Professional Degree

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