Human Services

The Human Service field has multiple facets and those with degrees in Human Services will identify opportunities to assist children, adolescents and adults in mental health, corrections, alcohol and substance abuse, elder care, government social service agencies and health care. Those with bachelor degrees in Human Services can begin their professional careers in case management, youth programming and mentoring, recreation and therapeutic activity, psychiatric/mental health technicians and many others. The Human Services graduate may find it necessary to complete a master's program in a counseling or social work field to advance in the field and to provide therapeutic mental health care. Students interested in attending graduate school will be prepared to apply for Master of Social Work and Counseling degree programs with the Human Services degree.

The Human Services program at Cazenovia College will prepare you for the Human Services profession. Your compassion and caring will help you to reach out to people in need, and the knowledge and skills you gain at Cazenovia College will give you the opportunity to help people lead more rewarding lives.

The Baccalaureate of Science in Human Services is designed in two ways, allowing students to choose either a general B.S. in Human Services or a B.S. in Human Services with a specialization. The general degree requires students to complete core courses along with human services courses. The specialization requires students to complete the same core courses, but can tailor the rest of their courses to fit their specialization. The specialization areas are: Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Counseling & Mental Health, or Social Service for Children and Youth. The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Specialty provides the student with the opportunity to complete the CASAC educational credential.

Career Options (* Some careers may require additional education or experience)

Adult Service Worker
Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counselor
Child Care Workers/Community Residences
Community Action Workers
Day Care Teachers
Habilitation Specialists
Probation Officers/County Probation Dept
Service coordinator/disabilities
Youth Counselors in Recreational Programs

Activities Directors-Assisted Living/Psychiatric
Case Managers for pregnant teens
Child Protective Worker
Corrections Worker
Elderly Service Provider
Mental Health Worker
Program Evaluator
Social Worker Assistant
Residential Counselors

Advocates for Perpetrators and Victims of Crime
Case Workers in Shelters for the Homeless
Child Welfare Worker
After-school program counselor
Employment Counselors
Planners in Housing, Social Welfare Programs
Policy Developer
Supervisors for day training programs
Residential Managers

Related Major Skills
Counseling skills
Compassion
Writing/documentation skills
Initiative

Knowledge of child development
Conflict resolution skills
Patience
Enthusiasm

Administration skills
Planning skills
Grant Writing ability

Management skills
Desire to help others
Research Skills

Related Web Sites
Essential NY Jobs http://www.essentialnyjobs.com/
AIDS Community Resources http://www.aidscommunityresources.com/
American Heart Association http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200247&division=NEA115
ARISE Child & Family Services http://www.ariseinc.org/
Center for Community Alternatives http://www.communityalternatives.org/
Elmcrest Children's Center http://www.elmcrest.org/
Exceptional Family Resources http://www.contactefr.org/
Hospice of Central New York http://www.hospicenyc.org/
Human Service Agencies in CNY http://syrahoo.web-arch.com/hooct_c_humanserv.php3
Liberty Resources http://www.liberty-resources.org/
NYS Department of Mental Health http://www.omh.state.ny.us/

Samples of Cazenovia College Internship Sites
Advocacy Center-Ithaca
Barnabas House
BRIDGES
ARC
New Hope Family Services
Cayuga Counseling
Alzheimer's Assoc of CNV
Booth House
Community Action Program
Peace Action of CNY
Onondaga Cty Day Treatment Ctr
Jenna Foundation for Non-Violence
Department of Social Services
Boys & Girls Club
Catholic Charities
Liberty Resources
Crouse Community Center for Seniors
Arise-Working Solutions

Casey's Place
Enable
The Rescue Mission
Hutchings Psychiatric Center
Family Support Center