

# CAREER ROADMAP: SOCIAL SERVICE/NON-PROFIT

## Description of Field:

Careers in the nonprofit sector are diverse and encompass a wide range of employers. Social Service can include education, environmental advocacy and political organizations. Non-profit jobs can include community-based organizations whose mission is to serve the organization not to turn a profit, but that doesn't mean they don't pay their employees.

## General Skills:

The broad career paths require a variety of skill sets. Some typical skills include flexibility, creativity, strong administrative skills, verbal and communication skills and a strong network of support.

## Insider Advice:

There is no linear path leading to a career in nonprofit organizations. Gain experiences by volunteering and interning in multiple environments and location to help identify sectors of interest. Explore fundraising, event planning, budgeting and working with a wide variety of individuals.

## Learn about Yourself & Career Options

### What Can I Do With This Major:

[Education](#), [Child & Families](#), [Human Services](#), [Psychology](#), [Community and Social Service Careers](#)

### Sample UF Majors:

[Advertising](#), [Economics](#), [General Business](#), [FYCS](#), [Food and Resource Economics](#), [Marketing](#), [Non Profit Minor](#), [Psychology](#)

### Career Planning:

Our [Career Planning](#) staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

## Build Experience

### UF Organizations:

[Center for Leadership and Service](#), [UF Heal the World](#), [RecurSO](#)

Visit [Student Activities & Involvement](#) for Additional Opportunities

### Professional Organizations:

[United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#), [Human Rights Watch \(HRW\)](#)

### Sample Local Opportunities:

[Alachua Habitat for Humanity](#), [Big Brothers Big Sisters Florida](#), [Child Advocacy Center Gainesville](#), [Gainesville Volunteer](#), [Interfaith Hospitality Network](#), [St. Francis House](#), [Volunteer](#)

## Prepare for Your Next Step

### Sample Job Titles:

Librarian, Social and Human Service Assistant, Child, Family, and School Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, Special Education Teacher

### Search for Internships & Jobs:

[Gator CareerLink Jobs](#), [Florida Association of Non-Profits](#), [Gainesville Nonprofits](#), [Guide Star](#), [City Year](#), [Human Services Careers](#), [Social Service](#)

### Sample Employers Recruiting at UF:

All Hands Volunteers, AmeriCorp, AVODAH, Blue Engine, Christian Family Services, Greater Good Ventures, Nonprofit Center of North Central Florida, PeaceCorp

Log into [Gator CareerLink](#) to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources