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, Recurse
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