

# **Career Pathways:**

## **B.A. in Child and Adolescent Development**

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# Career Pathways in CADV

Whether your degree in CADV is applied or focusing in early childhood, there are several careers available!

We are here to give you a few brief ideas about popular careers among Child and Adolescent Development Students!

# Social Worker:

Is a profession that seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, children, couples and communities.

To learn more please visit:

<http://www.naswdc.org/pdev/default.asp>

# Marriage and Family Therapist:

Are specialists who are trained to assess, diagnose, and treat individuals, couples, children and families.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.aamft.org/iMIS15/AAMFT/>

# School Counselor:

Provide academic, personal and development support for school-aged children. Work in settings such as, elementary, middle and high schools.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.schoolcounselor.org>

# Occupational Therapist:

Depending on what sorts of issues the patient is dealing with, whether mental or physical, emotional or developmental- Occupational Therapists work with patients to build or restore their abilities to perform the daily tasks of life.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.aota.org>

# Physical Therapist:

Treatment plans often include different exercises and stretches, as well as hands-on therapies and machines that assist with improving muscle strength, range of motion and motor function. The job also includes educating the patient - or the patient's support system - on the recovery process.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.apta.org>

# Child Life Specialist:

Trained professionals with expertise in helping children and their families overcome life's most challenging events.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.childlife.org/the%20child%20life%20profession/>

# Early Childhood Educator:

There are several career paths in early childhood education. Some of which include child care worker (nannies/babysitters), preschool-third grade teacher, educational administrator/director, special education teacher, etc.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.earlychildhoodteacher.org>

# Clinical Psychologist:

Clinical psychology is a broad branch of psychology that focuses on diagnosing and treating mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.

For more information, please visit:

<http://careersinpsychology.org/becoming-a-clinical-psychologist/>

# Speech-Language Pathologist:

Also known as speech therapists, speech language pathologists assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in patients.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/speech-language-pathologists.htm>