Human Service careers include tasks and responsibilities such as providing information, training, counseling, therapy, or other assistance in order to help people improve the quality of their lives. People seek assistance for a variety of reasons, so there are several fields within Human Services, including medical, financial, developmental, physical, or psychological support and help. Additionally, individuals typically specialize with a specific group such as adolescents, youth, ex-offenders, individuals with a disability, adults, or health education. Some target certain societal problems like drug and alcohol dependency or child abuse.

What Can I Do With This Major:
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Women’s Studies

Industry Overview:
- Nonprofits, social enterprises, and the sector at large
- Community & Social Service Occupations

Sample CU Majors:
- Explore Social Sciences, Behavioral Sciences, & Human Services

CU Clubs/Organizations:
- Cultural Unity & Engagement Center
- CU Wild
- Environmental Center
- Partnership for Animal Welfare
- Volunteer Resource Center

Sample Local Opportunities:
- Boulder County Help
- Cottonwood Institute
- Enterprise
- Non-Profits of Boulder County
- Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
- Sister Carmen Community Center
- Volunteer Match

Professional Organizations:
- American Psychological Association
- American Sociological Association
- National Association for Human Services
- School Social Work Association of America
- Young Non-Profit Professionals Network

Visit SOFO Student Groups Directory for Additional Clubs.

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Human Services & Non-Profit

Start an Internship/Job Search

Search for Internships & Jobs:

Career Buffs, Coalition on Human Needs, Colorado Non-Profit Jobs and Internships, Health Promotion Careers, Human Services Career Network, Idealist, PACS, Social Psychology Network, Society for Non-Profits, Urgent Action Fund, USA Jobs

Visit Go Global for additional resources. Login to Careers Buffs to find internship and job postings from employers specifically seeking CU-Boulder students.

Adapt for a Changing World

Insider Advice & Trends:
What topics, populations, issues are you most passionate about? Identifying and clarifying your values is critical as you search for internships and jobs. Most students interested in human service fields start to narrow down the broad industry based on a population or a cause. While many experiences are unpaid to start, students are often offered paid positions after being in the organization. Consider applying for the PIIE scholarship, applications are typically due each fall. Remember, non-profit does not mean an unpaid career. Many positions within human services are well paid.

Sample Employers Recruiting at CU:
ACLU
African Community Center
American Mountain Guides Association
AmeriCorps
Arapahoe County Government
AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps
Boulder County CareConnect
Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver
City Year
Colorado Department of Corrections
Colorado Legal Services
Earth Explorers
Girl Scouts of Colorado

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