

Lesson – Exploration of Education/Training and Human Services Careers Involving Infants

FOCUS: Brainstorming Activity

10 minutes

Purpose:

There are many occupations that involve working with infants in education/training and human services. Participants may be unaware of the many career opportunities that exist. This activity will get participants to begin thinking about careers surrounding education/training and human services.

Materials:

- *Career Exploration Brainstorming Web* handout

Facilitation Steps:

1. If your students enjoy the thought of working with infants in a career capacity, they need to be aware of the many opportunities available to choose from in the Education and Training or Human Services career clusters. Define the Education & Training Cluster as “Planning, managing and providing education and training services and related learning support services.” Define Human Services Cluster as “Careers that relate to families and human needs such as counseling, mental health services, family and community services, personal care, and consumer services.”

2. Divide the class into 5 groups. Make a photocopy for each group of the *Career Exploration Brainstorming Web* handout. After welcoming participants to the class, explain the purpose of the activity, distribute it, and give participants 5 minutes to complete it.
3. After 5 minutes, call the groups back together. Ask each group to share one of the careers they identified as relating to infants in education/training and human services in their brainstorming session. Write these on a master list on a white board or similar item. Continue calling upon each group until all careers that were brainstormed are written down on the master list.

Extension Activity – If your students are interested in learning if they are a good match for working in the childcare field, find a career skills inventory or survey on the internet. One specific to childcare careers is:

http://www.gotoquiz.com/should_you_work_in_child_care

Example of a general career interest inventory:

<http://www.iseek.org/careers/clusterSurvey>



Career Exploration Brainstorming Web

Directions: With your group, brainstorm as many careers working with infants, relating to education/training and human services as you can in 5 minutes. Write each career identified in a circle. Draw additional circles as needed.

