

**INTRODUCTION**  
**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Family and Consumer Sciences Education includes programs, services, and activities designed to prepare youth and adults for occupations in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences. These programs provide instruction in the areas of nutrition, consumer education, family living, child development/early childhood education, parenting, housing, residential resource management, and clothing and textiles. Training for employment opportunities in these areas are found at all levels from entry through technical, managerial, and professional, as well as employment as a full-time family manager.

The overall purpose is to provide programs for all individuals in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences who need job skills for initial employment, retraining in Family and Consumer Sciences job skills, and life skills training for family management in a global society.

The mission of Family and Consumer Sciences is to strengthen families and empower individuals to take action for the well-being of self and others in the home, workplace, community and the world.

The major objectives of Family and Consumer Sciences Education are to:

1. Develop competencies needed by individuals to be employed in Family and Consumer Sciences occupations in the areas of nutrition, consumer education, family living, child development/early childhood education, parenting, housing, residential resource management, and clothing and textiles.
2. Explore and develop an understanding and appreciation of occupations in Family and Consumer Sciences.
3. Develop new and more advanced job skills to meet the need of new and emerging technologies.
4. Develop leadership and human relations skills essential to success in fulfilling occupational, social and civic responsibilities.
5. Reinforce basic skills in English, mathematics and science appropriate for the job preparatory and family management programs through classroom instruction and applied laboratory procedures and practices.
6. Provide Family and Consumer Sciences programs in economically depressed areas for the purpose of improving home environments.
7. Provide Family and Consumer Sciences programs encouraging those traditionally under served populations.
8. Address priorities and emerging concerns at local, state and national levels.
9. Provide life skills to adolescents and young adults.