Do you like working with people? Roles in this sector make use of strong communication skills to help others and improve wellbeing. These include teachers as well as daycare providers, community representatives and more who all help others access their personal freedom to decide who to be, what to do and how to live.

**How do I start my career?**

**Do some research**
- Use Career Coach at [workforce.org/careercoach](http://workforce.org/careercoach) to explore which occupations align with your interests, see a behind-the-scenes peek at what a career looks like and discover local companies.

**Expand your network**
- Use social media tools like LinkedIn to network with professionals. Request an informational interview to ask them about their career path, education and job responsibilities.
- Connect with past teachers to ask about their experience and opportunities to volunteer in the classroom.

**Get hands-on experience**
- Find an entry-level job as a preschool teacher or teacher aid at a San Diego school.
- Get experience at a human development services organization like Kaplan or Firstlight Homecare through an internship or entry-level job.
- Enroll in National University’s new Teacher Pathway Inclusion Program and explore their scholarship opportunities.

**Get training**
Explore opportunities at a community college near you. You might consider these ones:
- Psychology, San Diego Mesa College
- Child Development, San Diego Continuing Education

Don’t forget, occupations in this sector work with all age groups, from babies to the elderly.

**Subsectors**
- K–12 education
- Colleges, universities & professional schools
- Services for the elderly and persons with disabilities (non-medical)
- Food, housing, vocational rehab, childcare and other family services
- Vocational and other specialized schools
- Other educational support

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Childcare is an urgent need for many families in San Diego, and a great opportunity for entrepreneurial individuals. Starting a high-quality childcare business, either from your home or another location, is sure to make for a rewarding and profitable career.

Local K–12 school districts

There are more than 40 school districts in San Diego County! Each has a wide range of programs and employment opportunities, from educators and administrators to front office staff to school nurses and librarians. Learn more about these opportunities by visiting each district’s website.

Higher education

San Diego County is home to nine community colleges and several four-year colleges, each serving tens of thousands of students. No matter what your career interests, there is a role for you in higher ed; aside from traditional education roles, many educational institutions employ graphic designers, finance professionals and IT support staff.

Human services

There are countless organizations that provide food, housing, counseling and other types of non-medical care to families, the elderly and individuals with disabilities. As the baby boomer generation continues to age, opportunities will abound in these areas.