

INVESTIGATING CAREER CLUSTERS



Family and Consumer Services

What Is the Family and Consumer Services Cluster?

Occupations in family and consumer services involve developing, producing, and managing goods and services for consumers and life in the home. Jobs center around food, housing, clothing, textiles, and child development.

Skills Needed

science skills, artistic skills, communication skills, interpersonal skills

THE FACTS	Types of Careers in This Cluster	Work Description	Career Outlook	Education
	Child-care worker	Nurture and teach preschool children	Faster than average	High-school or Bachelor's degree
	Interior decorator	Plan the space and furnish the interiors of homes and commercial establishments	Faster than average	Bachelor's degree
	Fashion coordinator	Work for department stores to organize displays and present fashion shows	Slower than average	Voc-Tech diploma, Bachelor's degree
	Dietitian	Plan nutrition programs and supervise preparation of food	Average	Bachelor's degree
	Food journalist	Research and report on food and nutrition for magazines, newspapers, TV, or radio	Slower than average	Bachelor's degree
	Home-management advisor	Advise, instruct, and assist families regarding home economics activities	Slower than average	Bachelor's degree

ACTIVITY

Your goal: Redecorate the interior of a room in your home.

What to think about: Interior decorators have interesting jobs. They plan the space and furnish the interiors of homes. Try your hand at being an interior decorator.

What to do: Become an interior decorator for the day. Pretend that you have \$5,000 to use to decorate a room at home. You can draw or cut out pictures from old magazines to create your dream room, or you can use a computer software program.

Include the following items in your dream room:

- Colors
 - Walls
 - Curtains or blinds
 - Carpeting or other floor covering
 - Furniture
- Wall decorations
- Other items (such as sound, video, or computer systems):

On a separate sheet of paper draw a diagram of the floor plan for your dream room (Be sure to label everything in your room.)

CRITICAL THINKING

1. What do you think of the jobs in this cluster? Do you think you might like to work in one of them? If so, which one?

2. How do the people who work in this cluster help you, your family, and your community? Explain in one paragraph.
