The Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) program offers a history of excellence in the areas of transformational research, innovative teaching, and effective service. With a variety of training options at the Undergraduate level, students are prepared to focus on aspects of lifespan development and family systems within a assortment of diverse settings.

**Why Choose Kent State University**

### Innovative Training
- Development Across the Lifespan
- Family Relationships
- Strengths-Based Program Development
- International Perspectives for Working with Family

### Customized Degree
- Child and Youth Development
- Family Life Education
- Case Management
- Human Services Technology
- Gerontology
- Nursing Home Administration

### Rewarding Careers
- Family and Community Services
- Long-Term Care
- Industry/Government Agencies
- Non-Profit Administration

School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences

We invite you to learn more: [www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/hdfs](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/hdfs)
In Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), students receive the knowledge and skills needed to help individuals and families across the lifespan flourish in a global society. Students complete a hands-on field experience at one of over 100 site options! This experience prepares them for careers in diverse settings where every day they can make a difference in the world around them.

**Minor & Certifications**

**Nonprofit Studies Minor**
Certification options for program alumni include:

**Child and Youth Worker**
Through the Child and Youth Certification Board

**Family Life Educator Credential**
Through the National Council on Family Relations

**Internship/Practicum Sites**

Students complete a required professional experience

Popular sites include:
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve
- Crossroads Hospice
- First Steps: Parenting Advocacy Center
- Habitat For Humanity
- Laurel Lake Retirement Community
- The Centers for Families and Children
- The International Institute of Akron
- YMCA Bethany Enrichment Center

**Study in Ireland**

…and experience an adventure of a lifetime!

Students travel throughout Ireland:
- Conducting cross-cultural comparisons of Irish and US families
- Studying the influence of Ireland’s history, customs, and contemporary issues on the family
- Visiting well-known Irish tourist destinations

**Scholarship Opportunities**

List of all-EHHS scholarships: www.kent.edu/ehhs/scholarships

**HDFS Student Scholarships!**

$2,000 dollars in scholarships specifically available to HDFS students

- Alicia and John Pieper Endowed Scholarship ($500)
- Dorothy Fruit Gerontology Scholarship ($500)
- Dorothy and James Fruit HDFS Scholarship ($500)
- Mary E. Keller Scholarship for HDFS ($500)

**Student Satisfaction**

Kelly Ritter
Alumna ‘12

“My HDFS courses helped me find who I wanted to be, who I wanted to help, and reassured me that I wanted to make a difference in the world. I am currently employed in a nursing home in Maryland as an assistant activities coordinator.”

2015-2016 EHHS Graduate Student Survey Results | N=53

Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the statement:

- My program helped me to effectively translate theory into practice. **98%**
- My program provided me with a sufficient quantity of internship/field/clinical experience necessary to become a professional in my field. **94%**

**Fall '16 Enrollment**

500 HDFS Majors

The program has seen over **100%** growth in enrollment in the last 5 years!

For more information on the Human Development and Family Studies program... visit our website: www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/hdfs or contact Dr. Kelly Cichy, kcichy@kent.edu