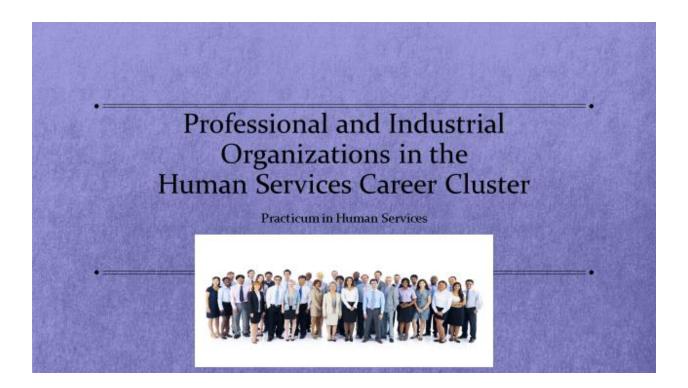
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Professional organizations offer many benefits as you build your career experience.



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Practicum in Human Services provides occupational specific training and focuses on the development of:

- Consumer Services
- Early Childhood Development and Services
- Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Family and Community Services
- Personal Care Services

There are many professional and industrial organizations in Human Services. Whatever Human Services career pathway you choose, professional organizations can offer opportunities for professional development and local, state and national meetings where you can meet other professionals.

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How do Human Services careers impact the local, state, national and global economies?

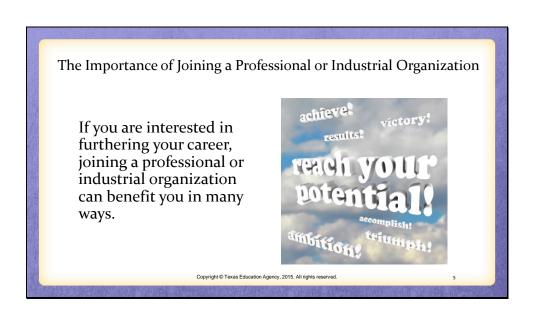
How do Human Services careers impact our local economy?

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Without Human Services

The Human Services Council discusses the importance of human services in New York. Edited by Ambre Auzanneau of the Human Services Council. https://youtu.be/qmlWffSoIgg

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There are associations for nearly every profession or area of interest in Human Services and many have national, state and regional chapters available to join.

Can you name any professional or industrial organization in Human Services?

Are you a member of any organizations?

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How can becoming part of an organization help further your career goals?

Allow time for class discussion.

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What is an internship? An internship is when an individual or recent graduate works for a period of time at a job in order to get experience.

Can you think of additional benefits of joining a professional or industrial organization?

Allow time for class discussion.

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Many organizations have career resources and workshops available online such as tips on effective résumé or cover letter writing. Listing your association membership on your résumé is notable to current or future employers as it shows that you are committed to staying connected in your profession.

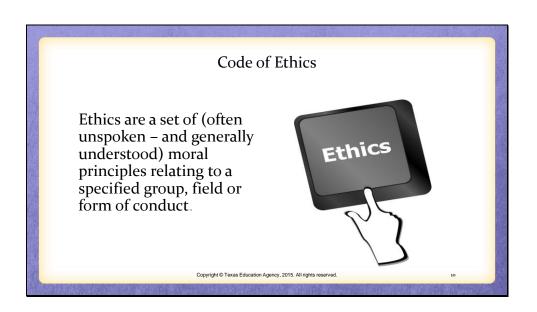
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Civic leadership-As a working individual, you may not have the time or resources to sponsor or contribute a charitable event or participate in community service. If your professional organization is active in civic activities, you can become involved in many worthwhile projects. Associations contribute to their communities in a variety of ways, from providing scholarships and hosting career days for students.

How may a worthwhile project sponsored by a professional organization impact the local and state economy?

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What are ethics? They are a set of (often unspoken – and generally understood) moral principles relating to a specified group, field or form of conduct. A group of moral principles, standards of behavior or set of values regarding proper conduct in the workplace.

Code of ethics are essential at any workplace. Joining a professional association allows an individual to better understand the code of ethics in order to know what is considered best practice and what is accepted in the industry.

How can ethics help you develop strong relationships in a work environment?

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Members of professional organizations are often given priority registration for their organization's conferences and may receive discounts on conference fees or special rates on related expenses, such as hotel reservations and car rentals.

Why is it important to attend conferences and seminars in your chosen field of occupation?

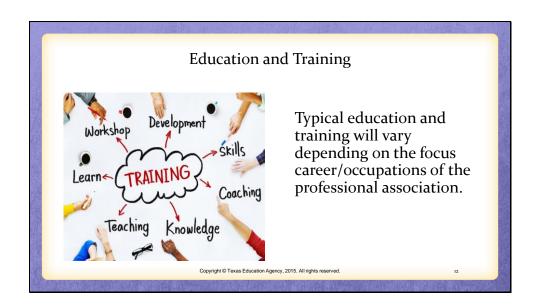
How would a conference sponsored by a professional organization impact the local and state economy?

Have you attended a conference sponsored by a CTSO such as FCCLA or TAFE? What kind of activities were planned for the conference?

Teacher note: Click on image to view "Ten Great Reasons Why You Should Go to a Conference." Discuss each reason and allow time for class discussion.

Educating Today Ten Great Reasons Why You Should Go to a Conference http://www.educatingtoday.com/10-great-reasons-why-you-should-go-to-a-conference/

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Many professional associations offer their members the chance to update their knowledge and education or acquire new skills through seminars, workshops, break-out sessions at conferences and online courses. Typical subject matter will vary depending on the focus career/occupations of the professional association.

Most professional associations have "members-only" sections on their websites that provide access to a variety of databases and message boards, as well as listserv subscriptions so that you can be notified via e-mail about upcoming events and special activities that may not be open to the general public.

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There are plenty of professional organizations that coordinate advantages to support community efforts. Whether it is a nearby homeless shelter or a toy drive for a local charity, there are sure to be plenty of options for an individual to choose for if he or she are looking to give back.

As a member of a CTSO organization, what community efforts did you participate in?

Allow time for class discussion.

What impact could community efforts have on the local, state, national and global economies?

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It is important to keep informed about continuing education opportunities and new certifications to an individual's profession. Professional associations often distribute an e-newsletter that keeps individuals informed about new statistics and best practices in the field. Webinars can be offered on current topics as well.

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Professional associations often have listservs where employees from companies looking to hire, post open jobs or internships. Individuals may know what they want to do after graduation, but actually finding a job can be difficult. These listservs are a starting point and individuals can be confident that these are reliable jobs.

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What is networking? It is the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups or institutions; specifically the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business

When you join a professional organization, you'll develop existing business relationships and make new contacts on a regular basis. Such networking goes beyond the exchange of business cards. As you attend conferences or meetings, become active on a committee or community service project or take a prominent leadership role, you'll make lasting relationships with others who have common professional interests and similar business concerns. These relationships will be an important, ongoing source of information and education.

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Click on hyperlink to view YouTube[™] video:

Professional Networking: How to Add Value to Your Connections

One-to-one networking only works when both parties benefit. Follow these tips to avoid common networking faux pas and give your contacts something they want from the relationship.

https://youtu.be/6M7ahzkodGU

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Large national organizations often have committees to track federal and state legislative developments that could have an impact on their specific business or industry.

As a member of a professional organization will enable you to take advantage of the organization's political influence and resources.

Why is this important? Allow time for class discussion.

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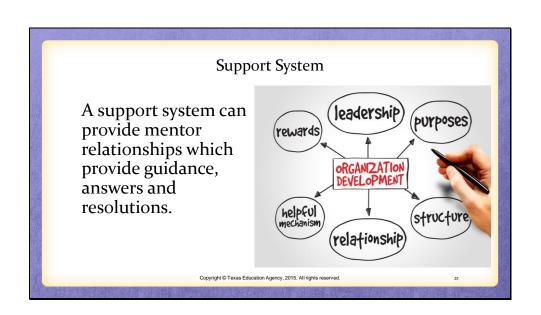
Some memberships include free publications while others offer discounted rates on their magazines, journals or books. These publications will help you be informed of the latest developments and information in your field. Some organizations provide paper copies of their publications while other provide them as e-publications.

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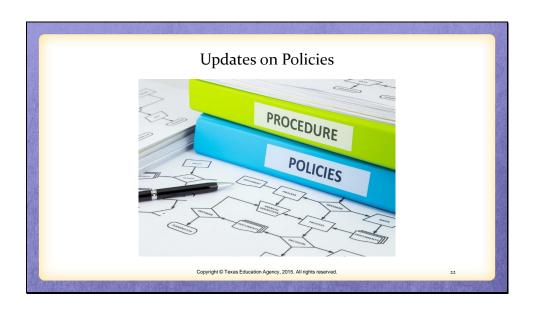
Being part of a professional organization can help an individual stay inspired, motivated and informed. Joining a professional organization can also provide an individual with new ideas, technology and mentor opportunities.

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Members of professional associations can often take advantage of formal preparation or mentoring relationships with more experienced individuals who provide guidance and useful perceptions. Even on an informal basis, such relationships can be a source of answers and resolutions when you're facing a perplexing situation in your career. Having a support network can increase your confidence should problems arise.

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It's amazing how much one piece of legislation can impact a profession. A section of a professional association is dedicated to updating members about these changes. They also advocate for the profession and notify members about how to prepare for any change.

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Joining a professional organization is beneficial for your own professional development and the future of your career. The connections you'll make, the resources made available to you and the ideas and advice you'll discover represent an outstanding return on what amounts to a modest, manageable investment of time, money and effort. It could turn out to be one of the best things you could do for yourself and your career.

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These organizations are specific to the career focus, but can be more general such as the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences which is an organization for all professionals involved in the field.

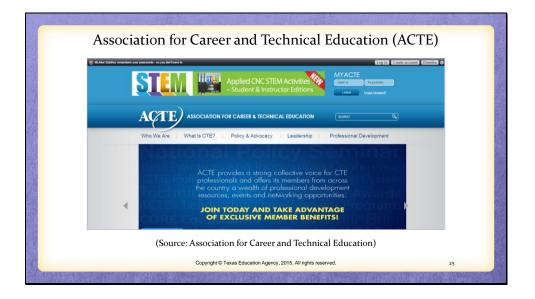
Teacher note: You may opt to view and review professional organizations for educators at http://cte.sfasu.edu/teachers-corner/

Industry organizations can be viewed at http://cte.sfasu.edu/teachers-corner/

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) To provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. http://www.aafcs.org



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Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)

ACTE is the largest national association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares students for careers. The association promotes career-focused education through publications, teacher resources, professional development activities, and public policy initiatives.

http://www.acteonline.org

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Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) are for students enrolled in career and technical education programs that engage in career and technical education activities as an integral part of the instructional program.

Are you a member of any CTSOs? If so, which ones? How have you benefited from being a member of a student organization?

Teacher note: For more information on each CTSO, visit http://cte.sfasu.edu/career-and-technical-student-organizations

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Teacher note: Students will be constructing a picture door organizer for a project during Independent Practice. You may opt to demonstrate how to make one prior to the activity.

How to Make a Picture Door Organizer

This organizer is a multi-purpose tool. The students can incorporate information, key terms, sequential events, graphics and concept ideas. It has a hidden element that will make a presentation pop!

https://youtu.be/weY4PtrfM30





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