Juvenile service workers help children and adolescents in corrections or human service settings. Those in this field may work in juvenile courts, juvenile detention centers, residential homes for youth, drug abuse treatment centers, and other agencies that help young people in trouble.

Although most positions require only an associate degree, students should consult with Grand Rapids Community College Juvenile Services program coordinator concerning degree requirements for specific jobs.

Students in Juvenile Services may qualify for either Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences degree or the Associates in Arts.

Positions available to graduates of GRCC’s Juvenile Services program include:

- Child Advocate
- Community Service Supervisor
- Corrections Officer
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault On-Call Worker
- Human Services Worker
- Juvenile Detention Youth Specialist
- Juvenile Prevention Program Worker
- Juvenile Services Specialist
- Residential Counselor
- Social Services Aide
- Surveillance Officer

Employment within the Criminal Justice field may be delayed or denied depending on a history of convictions involving felonies, misdemeanors, and/or involving controlled substances.