Review:
After watching Child Development Careers, answer the following review questions.

1. Why did the child development professionals choose their jobs?

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2. What skills or qualities are necessary for working with children?

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3. What are some of the benefits of working with children?
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4. What kinds of challenges do the professionals experience?
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5. How do the child development professionals define success?
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1. Why did the child development professionals choose their jobs?

Loves working and being with children.

Enjoyed babysitting and working as a nanny in high school and now loves watching children learn.

Had to do an internship at a Montessori school and discovered love of working with kids.

Loved imaginative play and children's books as a child and wanted to help kids develop skills needed to become readers.

An opportunity to set a positive example for other peoples' children and to make a difference on a daily basis.

2. What skills or qualities are necessary for working with children?

Communication (ability to communicate with different social, economic and cultural groups)

Connect with people

Respect  Enthusiasm  Energy  Focus and structure

Organization  Flexible (able to think on the spot)  Patience

Problem solving  Observation and collaboration  Passion
3. What are some of the benefits of working with children?

   The challenge of discovering what’s wrong with your patient. You get to see kids grow from babies into childhood.

   Get to play with children all day long

   See the success of kids as they grow up

4. What kinds of challenges do the professionals experience?

   Huge amount of paperwork

   High parent expectations or parents not connected enough with child can be frustrating.

   Long hours and finding a “work/life” balance

   Payment from insurance companies and not being able to give a patient what they need because they may not be able to afford the treatment.

   All children are different, so preparing for each child individually

   Battling for funding as a non-profit

   Having enough energy

5. How do the child development professionals define success?

   Seeing how happy the kids are

   When students show excitement in learning something that was difficult for them to learn

   Making a small business by combining talents that creates connections through literature

   Providing a patient with relief or help to make a change for the better

   When able to see the world through the child’s eyes through the use of empathy

   Reflecting back on your own life seeing where you started and where you are now