What HDFS graduates say about their education at OSU:

**Morgan PettyJohn, M.S. graduate, Marriage and Family Therapy**
"The clinical and academic training I received at OSU offered the preparation and encouragement I needed to continue on to success in my current Ph.D. program at Michigan State University. Faculty and colleagues I work with are consistently impressed with the education provided by OSU's masters in Marriage in Family Therapy program, and I will forever be grateful for my experiences there."

**Austin O'Berry, M.S. graduate, Early Childhood Education**
"Choosing OSU HDFS ECE for my graduate degree was the best career decision I could have made. The opportunities and experiences I was fortunate to have through the program have given me the confidence and skill set to fully engage with the professional world. Entering the workforce with this strong background, has opened doors for me as an educator and life-long learner that otherwise I may never have had."

**Amy Treat, Ph.D. graduate, Human Development and Family Science**
"The education and training I received in the HDFS program at OSU consistently exceeded my expectations. Throughout my time at OSU I had the opportunity to participate in numerous research projects that allowed to me develop the skills necessary to be competitive in the workforce. The academic training and skills I developed in the program have led to numerous career opportunities that I feel fully prepared to take on."

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A master's degree is an industry recognized professional qualification. Furthermore, the Ph.D. program allows students to advance the body of knowledge and contribute to the profession.

ABOUT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
Oklahoma State University is a comprehensive land-grant institution, excelling in teaching, research, and outreach. The university has campuses in Stillwater (main campus), Tulsa, Okmulgee and Oklahoma City with a system-wide enrollment of approximately 36,000. Stillwater, a city of more than 48,000 residents, is located about 60 miles from both Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and 260 miles from Dallas. A variety of cultural and sporting events and activities are offered on campus through the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts, the Colvin Physical Education Center, and the Wellness Center. OSU employees enjoy a smoke-free campus and free membership in and use of the Colvin Center and Wellness Center as OSU strives to be America’s Healthiest Campus.

DID YOU KNOW?
We make a commitment to supporting our grad students. We do this by providing graduate assistantships with associated tuition waivers, scholarships, and travel support for conference presentations. In addition we have created a dedicated space for our graduate students to study and collaborate, The Human Development and Family Science Graduate Student Mentoring Center.

The faculty in the Human Development and Family Science Department were awarded $3,374,900 in external grants and contracts in FY18. Many Graduate Research Assistants were funded throughout their graduate studies through these grants and contracts.

HDFS graduate students and graduates represent diverse cultures including the United States, India, China, Nepal, Indonesia, and Mexico.

The projected occupational growth rate for financial planners is 29.6% through 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Social and Community Service Managers are:
1) Projected to experience faster than average employment growth (18%) between 2016-2026
2) Projected to see 26,500 job openings between 2016-2026.

Our program focuses on the integration of theory, research, and application to address key issues in risk and resilience.

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM
Human Development and Family Science offers resident graduate work leading to a Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Human Sciences (with a specialization in Human Development and Family Science). HDFS offers four Master’s program options: (1) Applied Human Services; (2) Developmental and Family Sciences; (3) Early Childhood Education; and (4) Marriage and Family Therapy. Each provides curricula taught by nationally recognized faculty and taught in real life settings, including our Child Development Laboratory (CDE) and Center for Family Services (MFT). The MFT Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). HDFS is an approved education program for the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education Accredited Financial Counselor certification.

The M.S. degree is designed to prepare individuals for diverse careers. Some areas of employment include jobs in Early Childhood Education, human services, and marriage and family therapy, among many other possibilities. Upon graduation, doctoral students have the knowledge and experience to develop into leading scholars able to conduct high quality basic and applied research, to provide relevant instruction, develop effective interventions, and contribute to the development of informed public policy that reduces risk and enhances resilience within individuals and among families across cultures and generations.

In addition, through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA) and OSU, we provide fully online programs in: Family Financial Planning, Family and Community Services, Aging Services, and Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

OUR RESOURCES
HDFS has provided high quality graduate education programs for decades and has graduates in leadership positions across the state and nation in all areas of specialization. The department includes four centers/institutes that enhance student experiences in graduate study: (a) the Center for Family Services, offering high quality marriage and family therapy to the public and a training environment for master’s degree students who choose the Marriage and Family Therapy option; (b) the Center for Family Resilience, focused on the promotion of resilience and reduction of risk among individuals, couples, and families across the lifespan in rural and urban areas of Oklahoma through multidisciplinary research, education, and outreach; (c) the Child Development Laboratory, licensed by the state of Oklahoma and the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and (d) the Institute for Building Early Relationships, promoting life-long resilience in very young children and families through collaborative research, education, and outreach.