

## FCS - What you should know!

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is THE people-centered science. FCS is a research-based discipline and industry sector focused on the study and advancement of individuals, families, and communities to assist them to live healthy, productive, and prosperous lives<sup>1</sup>.

351  
Occupations  
across 215  
Industries

FCS professionals work in 351 occupations across 215 industries, contributing more than \$753 billion annually to the U.S. economy, including hospitals, education, childcare services, and community services.

2.5 Million  
Students  
Year

FCS professionals annually prepare over 2.5 million students with job-ready skills, equipping them to enter the workforce and address employment shortages in areas such as health management, hospitality & tourism, nutrition, and childcare.

Present in  
Every U.S.  
State

FCS Professionals work in every state, providing school and community education. Making FCS the ideal partner to support the dissemination of information and education to a vast number of individuals, families, and communities.

FCS Professionals can assist you with:

1. Disseminating information quickly to thousands of communities throughout the U.S.
2. Developing successful community programs to address emerging issues and opportunities.
3. Implementing school programming to build work-ready skills for a new U.S. workforce.

***FCS professionals are the ideal resource for conducting research and disseminating information about health, nutrition, food and product safety, family life, personal finance, career exploration, and more.***

Supporting FCS programs will build a refreshed American workforce with work-ready skills in the needed industry areas as highlighted below.

FCS professionals contribute to the following economic impact:

- **\$83.9 billion** in General medical and surgical hospitals, and specialty hospitals
- **\$28.3 billion** in Restaurants and Other Food Services
- **\$27 billion** in Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools, including Community and Career Colleges
- **\$25.8 billion** in Elementary and Secondary Schools
- **\$7.6 billion** in child day care services (13.4% of total revenue)
- **\$6.1 billion** in individual and family services (10.3% of total revenue)

<sup>1</sup> Family and Consumer Sciences: Overview of a 100-year-old Industry Sector, 2024, Alliance for FCS, <https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/AAFCS/2549ad11-af30-4808-9a50-c4b3b2d4c030/UploadedImages/Alliance%20for%20FCS/About%20FCS/FCS%20Overview%20of%20a%20100%20year%20Industry%20Sector.pdf>