

# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) serves undergraduate and graduate students by offering a bachelor of science in human development and family studies and a Ph.D. in human ecology: human development and family studies. Students and faculty in HDFS are dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adolescents, and adults by discovering, integrating, applying and disseminating knowledge about lifespan human development, relationships, families, and communities, all in their larger social contexts. The application of human ecological and interdisciplinary perspectives to solve societal problems and strengthen the well-being of children, adults, and families is a distinctive feature of the department.