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WORKING IN NON-TRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS

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This research is looking at the role of men in child care, a non-traditional male occupation. The role of men in child care is not only uncommon because of a “incapability” on the part of men to care, but rather it is also effected greatly by the pay, prestige, and social expectations of the men themselves, families, co-workers, and parents. The attempt of this research is to show that indeed men can care, and that like women men face many barriers, although different to those of women, in entering non-traditional careers. It is important to look at this research to show that both men and women can do many things, and also to show that the work done by women is legitimate work that men can also do. Showing the problems that men face in this occupation not only demonstrates that men are capable of caring, but it looks at the limits put on both men and women in sex defined roles, and it looks at the devaluation of traditionally female work.