

## Our Mission

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services (GCTFS) is now doing business as Gulf Coast Social Services (GCSS). We are a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1983 in Louisiana to provide comprehensive human service programs for Louisiana citizens, children and adults, with various physical and mental challenges.

Our mission is to empower people with mental, physical, behavioral, and other challenges to improve the quality of their lives and to live as independently as possible in the community.

We operate seven regional offices located in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Houma, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and New Orleans.

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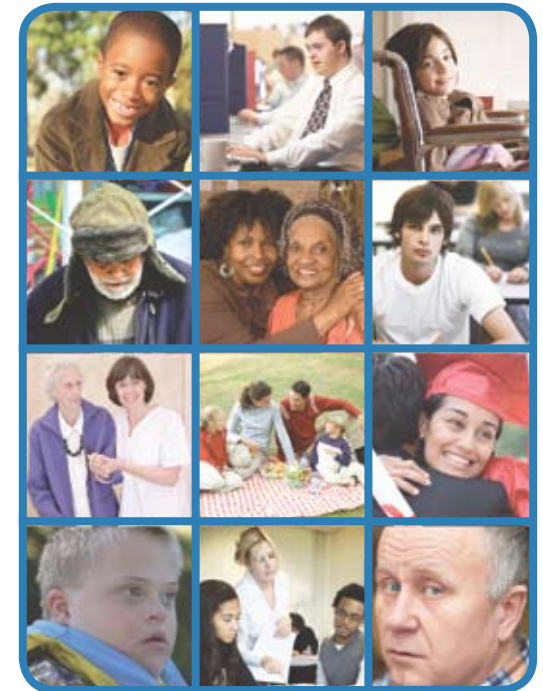
- If inquiring for a person with a disability onset after age 21, contact the OAAS (Office of Aging & Adult Services) at 1-866-758-5035
- If inquiring for a person with a disability onset from birth through age 21, contact the OCDD (Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities) at 1-866-783-5553
- To access services or report a problem, contact the Bureau of Community Supports and Services (BCSS) hotline at 1-800-660-0488

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## Services Offered in the Baton Rouge Area\*

\* Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana parishes



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### Activity Center

The Activity Center's main goal is to lessen consumers' feelings of isolation by facilitating new friendships through various games, classes, and workshops that foster socialization.

### Child-Adolescent Response Team (CART)

This program delivers immediate quality treatment interventions to families who feel that they are in crisis.

### Crisis and Planned Respite Services

Respite services are provided on an emergency short-term basis, through referrals from Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD), for parents living with children with developmental disabilities or mental health concerns. These services utilize our current Therapeutic Foster Care parents' homes.

### Elderly and Disabled Adults Personal Assistance Services (EDA-PAS)

This program provides services in a home setting for recipients 65 or older, or individuals 21 or older and disabled, according to Medicaid standards or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria, who would otherwise require institutional or nursing care.

### Employment Related Training (ERT)

ERT services consist of training and/or paid employment for recipients 18 years old or older for whom competitive employment at/or above the minimum wage is unlikely, and who, because of their disabilities, need intensive ongoing support to perform in a work setting.

### Family Caregiver Support Program

This program assists individuals caring for elderly relatives age 60 and over by providing personal care attendant services, which aids in the performance of necessary daily living activities, and provides respite care services to relieve caregivers of their responsibilities for brief periods of time.

### Gulf Coast In Home Care

This private pay program provides in-home personal care services to individuals who need companionship, supervision of household tasks or assistance with personal care.

### New Opportunities Waiver (NOW)

This Medicaid-funded waiver program provides personal care attendant (PCA) services to qualified individuals, ages 3 and older, with a developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22. It provides those individuals with assistance in performing necessary daily-living activities. GCSS offers the following NOW services in Baton Rouge:

- **Adult Day Habilitation Program (NOW)**

This unique program assists adults 18 years or older with physical and/or mental disabilities while cultivating their creative and social talents through daily activities to improve their quality of life and to make important contributions to the community.

- **Personal Care Attendant Services (PCA) (NOW)**

This Home and Community-Based Services program allows recipients to receive services in their home instead of institutional care. Recipients of this program must have been determined mentally retarded or developmentally disabled and must meet the financial and medical/psychological requirements for institutional care. The individuals must also be at least three years of age, with the onset of the disability prior to the age of 22.

- **Substitute Family Care (NOW)**

This program is a stand-alone family living arrangement for individuals 18 years or older who do not have a legal guardian.

- **Supervised Independent Living (SIL) (NOW)**

This program provides skill training, personal care attendants, and other support services to enable developmentally disabled consumers 18 years or older to live independently in the community.

### Residential Options Waiver (ROW)

The Residential Options Waiver (ROW) is a program offered through OCDD (Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities) for individuals currently living in or requiring institutional care. ROW includes various Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) with the goal of promoting the individual's independence by increasing his/her capacity for self-care and self-sufficiency. GCSS offers the following ROW service in Baton Rouge:

- **ROW Host Home (ROW)**

This residential option is available to participants who wish to live in a family setting when residing with their immediate family is not possible, providing them with a welcoming, safe, and nurturing environment.

### Long Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS)

This is a Medicaid-funded program designed to supplement a recipient's family and/or community supports. LT-PCS enables a person (Medicaid recipient 65 years of age or older, or 21 years of age or older and disabled) who would otherwise require care in a nursing facility to remain in his/her home.



### Personal Care Services for Disabled Military Veterans

GCSS provides personal care attendant services for disabled military veterans that are referred by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Supports Waiver

This program allows recipients to receive services in their home instead of institutional care.

### Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

This program provides homes in the community with specially trained foster parents for abused, neglected, or troubled children and adolescents, as well as for children with physical and/or mental disabilities.

### Trackers/Mentoring

The Trackers employed by GCSS provide surveillance seven days a week to juveniles, ages 10 to 20, referred by OYD. Our focus is to prevent institutionalization. It is our philosophy that a juvenile offender is best treated and rehabilitated in the context of his/her family and community.

### Traumatic Head/Spinal Cord Injury (THI/SCI)

THI/SCI provides evaluations, post-acute medical care, rehabilitation, therapies, medication, attendant care, and equipment necessary for activities for daily living.