

# HUD PROGRAMS

## Houma Area



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## *Definition of Homelessness*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines as homeless, an individual who meets at least one of the following statements:

- Sleeps in places not meant for human habitation, such as: cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings.
- Sleeps in emergency shelters
- Lives in transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons, but who previously lived on the streets or in emergency shelters
- Ordinarily lives in one of the places mentioned above, but is spending a short time (30 consecutive days or less) in a hospital or other institution
- Is being evicted within the week from a private dwelling unit, and has no subsequent residence identified, and lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to permanent housing (qualifies for transitional housing only, not permanent housing)
- Is being discharged within the week from an institution in which he/she has been residing and lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to housing
- Is fleeing a domestic violence situation

## *The Network/HMIS*

This program is federally funded through HUD and serves individuals in the following parishes:

- Assumption
- Lafourche
- St. Charles
- St. James
- St. John
- Terrebonne

The Network Program monitors the Region III Homeless Coalition's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS System is an internet based intranet system which provides client data collection and referral tracking, case management, agency/program indexing, and reporting; by monitoring a list of clients waiting for program placement.

The Network assists in linking individuals to needed resources, such as shelters, mental health services, child support, disability benefits, and food banks.

These resources offered to our clients allow them to be involved in the community and improve their quality of life.

### Contact Person

Willian "Bill" Andrews - System Administrator

## *Basic Center*

The Basic Center is part of the Family of Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Any person age 17 or younger who is experiencing family problems that could cause the break-up of their family, and resides in one of the following parishes may be eligible for the program:

- Assumption
- Lafourche
- Terrebonne

Services include providing youth with:

- Emergency shelter
- Food
- Clothing
- Counseling
- Referrals for healthcare

The program seeks to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. The Basic Center program focuses on helping youth resolve family problems, strengthen family relationships, encourage stable living situations, and helping youth set plans for the future.

### Contact Person

Amy Lagarde - Program Director

# *Moving Upward Street Outreach*

The Moving Upward outreach program is federally funded through HUD; offered through Options for Independence, it is designed to assist the homeless population in the following parishes:

- Assumption
- Lafourche
- St. Charles
- St. James
- St. John
- Terrebonne

The program is designed to help the homeless obtain permanent housing. Initial services provided include:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter/Food
- Agency Referrals

## **Contact Persons**

- Lyletha Howard - Outreach Homeless Caseworker
- Amy Lagarde - Program Director

# Moving Upward

This program is federally funded through HUD and provides assistance to persons 18 or older who are homeless and live in the following parishes:

- Assumption
- Lafourche
- Terrebonne

Services offered include:

- Financial support
- Locating housing
- Counseling
- Skills training (such as budgeting, hygiene, job skills)
- Interviewing techniques
- Any other basic needs the individual may require

Moving Upward also assists in linking individuals to needed resources, such as shelters, mental health services, child support, disability benefits, and food banks. This program has a waiting list. While an individual is awaiting program placement they may receive a few basic services such as assistance with obtaining childcare and other resources referrals. These resources and skills offered to our clients allow them to be involved in the community and improve their quality of life.

Contact Person

Amy Lagarde - Program Director

# *Visions 1*

This program is federally funded through HUD and provides assistance to persons age 18-30 who are physically and/or mentally disabled and homeless in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes. Services offered include:

- Financial support
- Locating housing
- Counseling
- Skills training (such as budgeting, hygiene, job skills)
- Interviewing techniques
- Educational assistance
- Any other basic needs the individual may require

Visions I also assists in linking individuals to needed resources, such as shelters, mental health services, child support, disability benefits, and food banks.

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## Contact Person

Amy Lagarde - Program Director

## *Visions 2*

This program is federally funded through HUD and provides assistance to persons in the Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes who are military veterans age 18 or older, and homeless, or persons age 18-30 who are mentally disabled and homeless. Services offered by both programs include:

- Financial support
- Locating housing
- Counseling
- Skills training (such as budgeting, hygiene, job skills)
- Interviewing techniques
- Educational assistance
- Any other basic needs the individual may require

Visions II also assists in linking individuals to needed resources, such as shelters, mental health services, child support, disability benefits, and food banks.

These resources and skills offered to our clients allow them to be involved in the community and improve their quality of life.

### Contact Person

Amy Lagarde - Program Director

# *Transitional Living program*

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) is part of the Family and Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Any person between the ages of 16-21 who does not have a safe or stable place to live, and resides in Assumption, Lafourche, or Terrebonne parish may be eligible for this program. Services offered include:

- Financial support
- Housing assistance
- Interpersonal and life building skills training
- Educational opportunities
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment
- Counseling

Living accommodations may be set up with a host family, group home, or supervised apartment. The TLP program focuses on giving young people the chance to exercise leadership, build skills, become involved in their communities, and make a successful transition to self-sufficient living.

## **Contact Person**

**Amy Lagarde - Program Director**



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## Shelters

### Beautiful Beginnings

300 Bond Street  
Houma, Louisiana 70360  
(985) 580-8105

### Bunkhouse Inn

8424 Main Street  
Houma, Louisiana 70363  
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### The Haven, Inc.

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