

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.

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

Parishes served by GCSS Lafayette:



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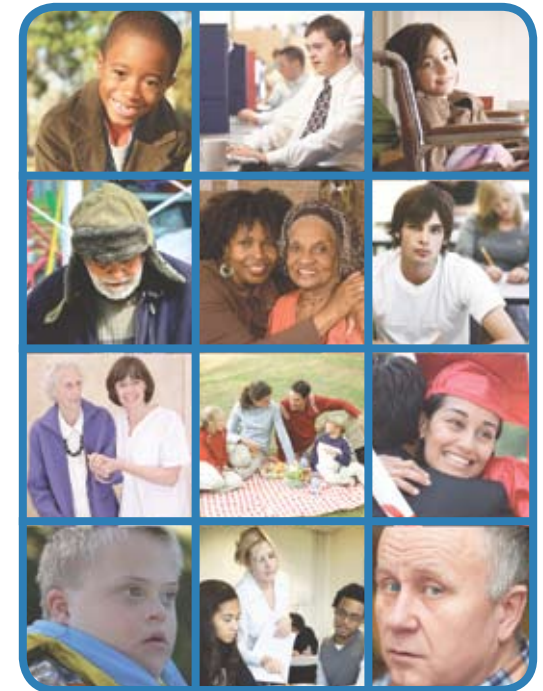
- If inquiring for a person with a disability onset after age 21, contact the OAAS (Office of Aging & Adult Services) at 1-866-758-5035
- If inquiring for a person with a disability onset from birth through age 21, contact the OCDD (Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities) at 1-866-783-5553
- 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 Lafayette Region*

*Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes



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 **Gulf Coast
Social Services**

Child-Adolescent Response Team (CART)

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

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.

Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP)

By focusing on daily independent living skills training, this program prepares foster youths, ages 16-18, for release from foster care.



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.

Medicaid Outreach Program

Outreach that targets children and families who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or LaCHIP.

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. GCTFS offers the following NOW services in Lafayette:

- **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.

- **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 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. GCTFS offers the following ROW service in Lafayette:

- **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.

Nurturing Parenting Program

This program offers classes to Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery and assists parents in building a nurturing family lifestyle.



OCDD Life Skills Mentoring

Program that provides life skills training to individuals within the OCDD (Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities) system which have been determined by the court system, DHH (Department of Health and Hospitals) or another state agency to be at risk.

Supports Waiver

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

Trackers/Mentoring

The Trackers employed by GCTFS 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.

Trappey House

This is a community home for men with developmental disabilities, with a 24-hour staff coverage.

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.