

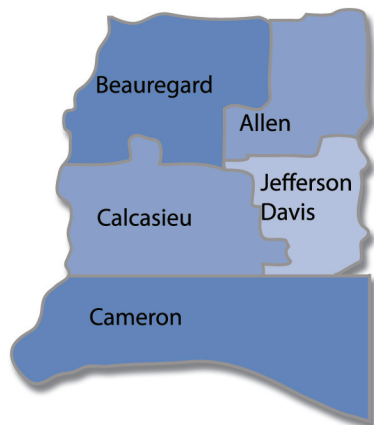
## Our Mission

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.

Parishes served by GCSS Lake Charles:



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### For More Information

- 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 Lake Charles Region\*

\*Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis parishes.



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 **Gulf Coast  
Social Services**

### **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.

### **Multisystemic Therapy (MST)**

Multisystemic Therapy is a family and community-based treatment for youth with complex clinical, social, and educational problems. Over a period of three to six months, MST is delivered in homes, neighborhoods, schools and communities by master's level professionals with low case loads. A crucial aspect of MST is its emphasis on promoting behavior change in the youth's natural environment.

### **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.



### **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.

### **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.



### **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.