

## 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.

## Areas Served

### Houma

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1-800-947-7645

## Basic Center



*Personal Care. Quality Outcomes.*

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 **Gulf Coast  
Social Services**

## Program Description

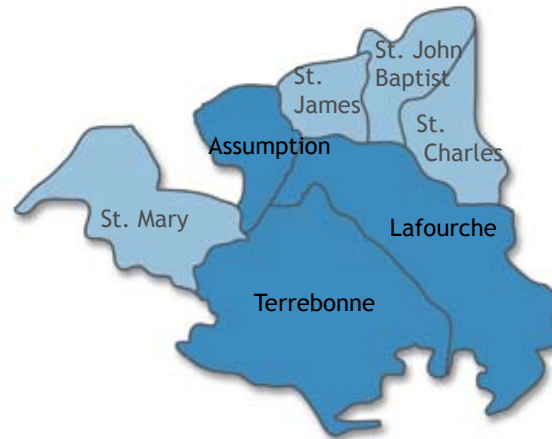
The Basic Center Program assists runaway and homeless youth under 18 year of age and their families in Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption parishes.

The programs serves as a community-based center and addresses the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families through outreach, shelter, food and clothing, individual, group and family counseling, and aftercare and referral services. The program assists youth in crisis and seeks to reunite them with their families, or to locate appropriate alternative placements. The goals are to strengthen family relationships, to encourage stable living environments, and to help youths set plans for the future.

The program seeks to ensure that at least 95% of the youths served enter safe and appropriate settings after exiting the Basic Center.

## Did You Know?

- 27% of Louisiana children live in poverty (vs. 18% nationally)
- 12% of Louisiana teens do not attend school and do not work (vs. 8% nationally)
- 12% of Louisiana children under 19 do not have health insurance
- It is estimated that there are over 450 homeless youths in Region III



- The Basic Center receives an average of 20 calls per month from youth that have been abandoned or “left” without their families in the tri-parish area (Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption)
- The Basic Center serves 100 runaway and homeless youths and their family annually

Sources  
2007 Kids Count Data Book, Office of Community Services

## Services Provided

- Crisis intervention and outreach services
- Temporary shelter
- Food and clothing
- 24-hour crisis line
- Access to community services
- Family therapy
- Individual and group counseling
- In-home services
- Aftercare and case management
- Mentoring
- Advocacy
- Workshops
- Host home family training



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