

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

(Main Office)
320 Progressive Boulevard
Houma, LA 70360

phone: (985) 851-4488
toll free: 1-800-947-7645
fax: (985) 872-0985

Houma

(Satellite Office)
2509 Petroleum Drive
Houma, LA 70363

phone: (985) 853-1445
toll free: (800) 831-2630
fax: (985) 853-0709

Lafayette

515 S. College Road,
Suite 100
Lafayette, LA 70503

phone: (337) 269-1165
toll free: (800) 285-8123
fax: (337) 235-1961

New Orleans

401 Whitney Avenue,
Suite 104
Gretna, LA 70056

phone: (504) 361-9950
toll free: (800) 947-5432
fax: (504) 362-9695

Medicaid Outreach Programs



Personal Care. Quality Outcomes.

For more information, visit our website at
www.gctfs.org

or contact us at info@gctfs.org

 **Gulf Coast
Social Services**

Our Role

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) has recruited community-based non-profit organizations like GCSS to provide outreach that targets children and families who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or LaCHIP¹. GCSS is involved in two outreach programs:

- CHIPRA²: this program canvasses the parishes to locate children and families who may qualify for LaCHIP, focusing on rural areas with high percentages of uninsured children, the Hispanic community, and families displaced or adversely impacted by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Gustav
- CKF³: intends to build and maintain coalitions to help spread information about LaCHIP, LaCHIP Affordable Plan and other Medicaid programs; the coalitions should involve the public and private sectors as well as community leaders and volunteers

¹LaCHIP: Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program

²CHIPRA: Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act - Program available in Houma, Lafayette and New Orleans

³CKF: Covering Kids and Families Coalitions - Program available in Houma and New Orleans

Medicaid Eligibility

The following populations may qualify for Louisiana's Medicaid Program:

- Individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Families who get help through the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP)
- Individuals who are age 65 or older
- Individuals who have corrected vision no better than 20/200
- Individuals who are pregnant
- Children under the age of 18 who are deprived of the support of at least one parent
- Children under the age of 19
- Women who need treatment for breast or cervical cancer
- Individuals who are disabled under the criteria of the Social Security Administration (SSA)

Houma, Lafayette and New Orleans GCSS regional offices all serve as Medicaid application centers.

LaCHIP Services

LaCHIP covers the following services:

- Doctor and hospital visits
- Dental, vision, and hearing care
- Lab work and tests
- Immunization (shots)
- Prescription medicines
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Medical necessary transportation
- Speech and language therapy
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Mental health clinic services
- Psychological tests and therapy
- Help with scheduling appointments

