

## 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

### Alexandria

(Lafayette satellite office)  
1300 Jackson Street  
Alexandria, LA 71301

phone: (318) 448-1801  
toll free: (888) 448-1809  
fax: (318) 448-1841

### Baton Rouge

5850 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

phone: (225) 201-0696  
toll free: (800) 766-2291  
fax: (225) 201-1792

### Hammond

620 N. Morrison Boulevard  
Suite A  
Hammond, LA 70401

phone: (985) 542-1191  
toll free: (800) 442-1191  
fax: (985) 345-9910

### Lafayette

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

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

### Lake Charles

(Lafayette satellite office)  
825 Ryan Street, Suite 300  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

phone: (337) 436-6622  
toll free: (888) 436-6635  
fax: (337) 436-4403

## Supports Waiver



*Personal Care. Quality Outcomes.*

For more information, visit our website at  
[www.gctfs.org](http://www.gctfs.org)

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 **Gulf Coast  
Social Services**

## Program Description

The Supports Waiver is a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) program, which allows recipients to receive in-home services instead of institutional care. Several services are provided under this waiver, including adult day habilitation and personal care attendant (or direct support professional) services to provide constant supervision and companionship for the individual when their family support system is not available.



## Who is Eligible?

- Individuals in the following groups are served in priority:
  - Individuals who were receiving state general funded vocational and habilitation services through the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) as of March 31, 2006
  - Individuals who were listed as waiting for the services listed above prior to May 31, 2006
- Individuals on the Developmental Disability (DD) Request for Services Registry (RFSR) are eligible for services by date of request. They must meet all of the following criteria:
  - Be 18 years and older with a developmental disability which manifested prior to age 22
  - Meet the Louisiana definition for development disability
  - Meet the income and resources guidelines set by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH)
  - Meet the requirements for institutional care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD)

## Services Provided

- We provide companion services, including supervision or assistance with in-home and/or community activities that allow the recipient to reside in his/her home
- We also offer adult day habilitation in the Baton Rouge region



- To apply for services, contact your local Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD):
  - Region II - Baton Rouge  
225.925.6286
  - Region IV - Lafayette  
337.262.1612
  - Region V - Lake Charles  
337.475.8045
  - Region VI - Alexandria  
318.484.2310
  - Region IX - Mandeville  
985.871.1352