

## 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

### Baton Rouge

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Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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toll free: (800) 766-2291  
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### Houma

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320 Progressive Boulevard  
Houma, LA 70360

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toll free: 1-800-947-7645  
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### Houma

(Satellite Office)  
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Houma, LA 70363

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toll free: (800) 831-2630  
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### Lafayette

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Suite 100  
Lafayette, LA 70503

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toll free: (800) 285-8123  
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### Lake Charles

(Lafayette satellite office)  
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Lake Charles, LA 70601

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## Trackers/Mentoring



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Social Services**

## Program Description

This is a community-based program that provides goal directed, highly structured, mentoring and tracker services to youth under the Office of Juvenile Justice's (OJJ) supervision or custody. Custody youth may be referred to the program for short term services, such as support during furloughs. Mentors/Trackers assist the youth and family in allowing the youth to remain in the family home while ensuring the youth and the public's safety. OJJ refers youth between the ages of 10 and 20 (male and female) who need additional intervention and supportive services to succeed in their community.

Each juvenile offender is monitored on a daily basis for a period of 90 days. Our philosophy is that at-risk youths are best treated and rehabilitated in the context of their families and communities.

## Who is Eligible?

GCSS serves youths age 10 to 20, on probation under the Office of Juvenile Justice's custody and referred by OJJ.

The goals of the program are:

- To provide for the safety and well-being of the youth and community
- To implement services aimed at promoting social and emotional adjustment, enhancing life skills and independent living skills, and eliminating destructive behavioral patterns
- To offer services to the youth's family or guardian in order to facilitate the successful reintegration of the youth into the community
- To arrange for appropriate aftercare planning and services directed at reintegration

## Services Provided

- Crisis intervention
- Counseling
- Pre-employment assistance
- Advocacy
- Appropriate educational placement
- Coordination between the client and probation officer
- Maintenance of regular contacts with youth and family
- Conduction of consistent curfew checks and home visits
- Mediation between the home, community, school, and the juvenile justice system

