

About Us

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.

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Transitional Living Program



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Social Services**

Program Description

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) is part of the Family and Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. TLP focuses on giving young people a chance to exercise leadership, to build skills, to become involved in their communities, and to make a successful transition to self-sufficient living. Any person between the ages of 16-21 who does not have a safe or stable place to live, and resides in Assumption, Lafourche, or Terrebonne parish may be eligible for this program.



Definition of Homelessness

HUD defines as homeless, an individual who meets at least one of the following statements:

- Sleeps in places not meant for human habitation, such as: cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings
- Sleeps in emergency shelters
- Lives in transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons, but who previously lived on the streets or in emergency shelters
- Ordinarily lives in one of the places mentioned above, but is spending a short time (30 consecutive days or less) in a hospital or other institution
- Is being evicted within the week from a private dwelling unit, and has no subsequent residence identified, and lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to permanent housing (qualifies for transitional housing only, not permanent housing)
- Is being discharged within the week from an institution in which he/she has been residing and lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain access to housing
- Is fleeing a domestic violence situation

Services Provided

Services offered to youth include:

- Financial support
- Housing assistance
- Interpersonal and life building skills training
- Educational opportunities
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment
- Counseling



Living accommodations may be set up with a host family, group home, or supervised apartment.