

## 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.

## Areas Served

### Houma

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## Visions I and II



*Personal Care. Quality Outcomes.*

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## Program Description

Visions I and II are components of the Supportive Housing Program authorized by the 1987 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. The purpose of those programs is to promote the development of supportive housing and supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness, and to promote the provision of supportive housing to homeless persons to enable them to live as independently as possible.

Visions I provides services to people 18-30 who are physically and/or mentally disabled and homeless.

Visions II is designed to help individuals 18-30 with severe mental illness or veterans with disabilities 18 and older who are homeless.

## Our Goals

- To help program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing.
- To help participants increase their skills and/or income. Meeting this goal will allow the participants to secure an income to live as independently as possible.
- To help participants achieve greater self-determination. The condition of homelessness itself can be damaging to one's self-determination; achieving a greater sense of self-determination enables the participant to gain needed confidence to make the transition out of homelessness.

Source:  
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

## Services Provided

- Transitional housing to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing
- Supportive services for homeless persons including:
  - Financial support
  - Assistance locating housing
  - Counseling
  - Skills training
  - Mental health services
  - Child support
  - Disability benefits
  - Food bank

