

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

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Hammond, LA 70401

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Houma

(Main Office)
320 Progressive Boulevard
Houma, LA 70360

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toll free: 1-800-947-7645
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Houma

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Houma, LA 70363

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Lafayette, LA 70503

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Lake Charles, LA 70601

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New Orleans

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Elderly and Disabled Adults Personal Assistance Services (EDA-PAS)



Personal Care. Quality Outcomes.

 **Gulf Coast
Social Services**

Program Description

The Elderly and Disabled Adults (EDA) Waiver is a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) program, which allows recipients to receive services in their home instead of nursing home care. Several services are provided under this waiver, primarily personal care attendant (or direct support professional) services to provide constant supervision and assistance for the individual when their family support system is not available.

Medical and social information must be submitted to support a level of care criteria for admission to a long-term nursing facility in order for recipients to be eligible. The individuals must also be age 65 or older (or 21 and older and disabled by either Medicaid standards or SSI* disability criteria) when admitted to the waiver.

* Supplemental Security Income

Who is Eligible?

- People who meet Medicaid financial eligibility:
 - 65 years of age or older or
 - 21 years of age or older and disabled according to SSA** criteria
- EDA-PAS applicants must also meet nursing facility level of care
- EDA-PAS applicants must also meet one of the following criteria:
 - Currently reside in a nursing facility and could be discharged if community-based services were available
 - Be likely to require nursing facility admission within the next 120 days
 - Have a primary caregiver who has a disability or is over the age of 70



** Social Security Administration

Services Provided

- We provide personal assistance services, including supervision or help with in-home and/or community activities that allow recipient to reside in his/her home
- The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) keeps a dated EDA Waiver request list called Request for Services Registry (RFSR). Individuals are offered the EDA Waiver according to the following needs-based priority groups:
 1. Individuals with APS or EPS (Adult/Elderly Protective Services) at risk of institutional placement
 2. Individuals presently in nursing facilities
 3. Individuals who are not presently receiving HCBS under another state program
 4. All other eligible individuals on the RFSR by date of first request for services
- To add your name to the EDA RFSR or for more information, call the Louisiana Options in Long Term Care help line at 1.877.456.1146 (TDD 1.877.544.9544), Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The call is free.