



## Helpers in Your Community: Is the helper able, available and acceptable?

CRISIS (DISTRESS) CENTER: call or text 988	
SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER: BATON ROUGE CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER (800)437-0303	
TEEN LINE: 504-777-3273 crisis teen text line	
RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER: 800-656-4673	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 800-799-7233	
SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: 800-656-4673	
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 855-452-5437	
POLICE: 911; Beauregard Sheriff Dept (337)463-3281	
PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT: 911 - landline displays your exact location	
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS / RESPONSE: <u>Dr. Flynn Taylor Beauregard: Parish Coroner will help with a mental health crisis to get patient admitted into a mental health hospital who refuses help</u>	
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES: Brentwood Hospital 318-678-7500	
<b>Homeless Shelters Resources:</b> Beauregard Community Concerns 337-462-1452	
YOUTH OUTREACH: The Kingdom Center 337-396-5452	
MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH CLINIC: ABC Wellness Group 337-401-4686	
CHILDREN/YOUTH PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC: Archer Institute 337-480-7792	
PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS: Family Health Partners 337-348-0031	
MEDICAL CLINIC / GENERAL PRACTITIONER: Beauregard Family Medical Clinic 337-463-9890	
STD INFORMATION AND TESTING SITES: 800-311-3435 CDC- STD Hotline	
CHILDREN'S SERVICES OFFICES: Beauregard Parish Health Unit: 337-463-4486	
STUDENT SERVICES: Beauregard Parish School Board 337-463-5551	
CHILD CARE REFERRALS: Early Steps Program 337-475-8045	
PARENT TRAINING: VOA 337-564-3212	
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES: Beauregard Parish Dept of children and family services 337-463-6091	
SELF HELP GROUPS: patient advocate foundation 800-532-5274	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING: 877-664-2248; La rehab services 337-475-8038	
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: 337-463-2227	
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority 337-475-3100	
RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT: Any local church - the religious leader is there to support you.	
Free Legal Assistance/Victim-Witness Assistance: Acadiana Legal Services Corporation 337-439-0377	
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICERS: Beauregard Sheriff Office (337)463-3281	
Other: SaveCenla.com	Other: Public Transit: 337-463-4389
Other: 337-463-7305 Dept of Veterans Affairs	Other: 211 (Resource center)
Other: Ocean's behavioral Hospital 337-460-9472	Other: <a href="https://www.depression-anxiety-stress-test.org/">https://www.depression-anxiety-stress-test.org/</a> ; <a href="http://survivorsof suicide.com">survivorsof suicide.com</a>

**RESOURCE DIRECTORY**  
**Beauregard Truancy Assessment and Service Center**  
**Office of the District Attorney--36<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**  
**(Updated August 2022)**

**NOTE: Due to the continued spread of the coronavirus, many agencies have safety precautions in place. CDC, state and local guidelines are followed. Some offices may be closed for face-to-face appointments. Telephone or virtual sessions may be provided.**

**ABC Training Center**, 222 Walcot Rd., Westlake, LA 70669 Telephone: (337)882-0204  
Fax: (610) 927-3508 Web address: <https://www.abc.org>

Associated Builders and Contractors, ABC Training Center, offers training in 27 qualifications, with the most reviewed qualifications being Welding Certification, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Certification and Electrical License. Time to complete the training ranges from 2 hours to 2 years depending on the qualification, with a median time to complete of 6 months. The cost to attend ABC Training Center ranges from \$45 to \$2,800 depending on the qualification, with a median cost of \$250.

**ABC Wellness Group**, 402 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 401-4686  
Fax: (337) 201-3054 Psychiatric care from within the community. ABC Wellness Group offers both Medication Management and Therapy for the majority of psychiatric conditions to include Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, Mood Disorders and more. Call the office to schedule an appointment

**Acadiana Legal Service Corporation**, 2911 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Telephone:  
(337) 439-0377 Toll Free (877) 256-0639 Fax: (337) 439-0636 Web address: [www.la-law.org](http://www.la-law.org)

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. closed for lunch)  
Acadiana Legal Services Corporation is a private non-profit law firm which provides free legal services to those in need that meet certain qualifications. However, there are fees for court costs, filing fees, curator, etc. Examples of the types of cases handled for clients are consumer, education, employment, family, juvenile, health, housing, and civil rights. Due to the continued spread of the coronavirus, services may be modified to help reduce the spread of the virus. Access to the office is limited and is by appointment only. Call the office first so that the receptionist can determine if you need to appear in person for services.

**Allen Parish Hospital**, Recovery Unit, 108 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, P. O. Box 1670, Kinder, LA 70648,  
Telephone: (337) 738-9460 Ext. 444 Hot line (800) 737-2527 Fax: (337) 738-4673  
Web address: [www.allenparishhospital.com](http://www.allenparishhospital.com)

The Recovery Unit is a drug or alcohol rehabilitation center with a primary focus on mental health. The facility provides substance abuse treatment, detoxification services and psychiatric stabilization with counseling. The hospital has a new program called New Vision. New Vision is a medically supervised, in-hospital service for people with addictions who experience impending or active withdrawal from substance use disorder. Most insurance plans are accepted including Medicare, Medicaid, Private Health Insurance, State Insurance (other than Medicaid), Military Insurance and Self Payment.

**American Red Cross of SWLA**, 3512 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA 70607

Telephone: (337) 478-5122 Web address: [www.redcross.org/la/lake-charles](http://www.redcross.org/la/lake-charles)

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross exists to provide compassionate care to those in need, relieving suffering in our area and around the world. There are five key service areas: Disaster Relief (home fires, hurricanes, earthquakes), Supporting America's Military Families, Supplying Lifesaving Blood, Providing Health and Safety Courses (CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard training), and Providing International Services.

**Archer Institute of Lake Charles Memorial Health System**, 6713 Nelson Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605 Telephone: (337) 480- 7792 or (833) 282-7792

Archer Institute is the most modern advanced 42-bed behavioral health hospital in Southwest Louisiana. The first phase includes a 14-bed child and adolescent unit and a 28-bed adult unit. Phase 2 and Phase 3 will include two 28-bed units and a medical office building. When all phases are completed, a total of 65,000 square feet and 102 beds will be available to treat the behavioral health needs of Southwest Louisiana. Mental health evaluations are available, free of charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call or walk in anytime for a free and confidential assessment with one of Archer Institute's mental health professionals.

**B Arc Community Thrift Store**, 217 Mahlon Street, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 221-3017 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

B Arc Community Thrift Store has used clothing and household items at a minimal cost. All proceeds benefit the Beauregard Association of Retarded Citizens. Senior citizens and military personnel receive 15% off every Tuesday. Debit/Credit Cards accepted. Checks are not accepted.

**Beauregard Agape Community Clinic**, 213 West 2nd Street, P. O. Box 1087, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 462-1066 Fax: (337) 462-1067

Hours: First and third Thursdays 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (First come, first served)

Beauregard Agape Community Clinic is a non-profit corporation offering quality healthcare to working, uninsured adults living in Beauregard, Allen and Vernon parishes. Clients must work and meet certain financial criteria. Each patient **must** have the following information at each visit:

1. Three most recent payroll check stubs 2. Previous year's income tax return 3. Driver's License or picture ID 4. Social Security Card 5. All medications or a list of them.

**Beauregard Behavioral Health Clinic** of the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority 106 West Port Street, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 462-1641 Hotline: 1-800-272-8367

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8: 00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (DeRidder Clinic)

Services provided for adults and children on mental health and addiction issues include evaluation, therapy and counseling. The clinic has three psychiatric nurse practitioners who prescribe and monitor medications. Counseling with medication management is provided, along with free medications to those without insurance or prescription plans.

Tuesday and Thursday the clinic is open in Allen Parish, 402 Industrial Drive, Oberlin, LA from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Telephone: (337) 639-3001

**Beauregard Business & Career Solutions Center**, 1102 West First Street, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 462-5838 Fax: (337) 462-6115 Web Address: [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net)  
 Hours: Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.  
 Closed for lunch 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

The one-stop center provides career consultation, provisions for training/education, information on job opportunities and placement. Also, many resources are offered to aid individuals in completing applications for jobs, writing a resume and cover letter, school financial aid, etc.

**Beauregard Christian Women=s Job Corps**, 202 North Royal St., P. O. Box 1362, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-4451 Open by appointment only.  
 Web address: [www.beauregardcwjc.org](http://www.beauregardcwjc.org) Follow BCWJC on Facebook.

The Beauregard Christian Women=s Job Corps gives women in need the opportunity to gain job skills to equip them for employment, and to assist in their spiritual and emotional growth. Participants must be age 18 or older, free from alcohol or illegal drug use, committed to attending classes and activities and willing to set goals and take steps to achieve those goals. Classes include Computer Skills, Jobs for Life, Customer Service, Conflict Resolution, Bible Study, GED or HiSET Preparation, Health and Nutrition, CPR and First Aid, Parenting Skills and more. Classes are free.

**Beauregard Community Action Association (BCAA)**, 2575 Hwy 190 West, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 463-7895 or (337) 463-7263 Fax: (337) 463-8382  
 Email address: [bcaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:bcaa@bellsouth.net) Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The BCAA provides a variety of services including Low-Income Home Energy Assistance when funds are available. Applicants must meet income criteria. Appointments are made by telephone. BCAA also provides Food for seniors. Applicants must be 60 or over and meet income guidelines. BCAA provides an emergency food and shelter program to assist with disconnection notices on electricity and gas and eviction notices. BCAA sponsors a Christmas Angel Tree annually.

**Beauregard Community Concerns (June N. Jenkins Women=s Shelter)**, P. O. Box 815, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 462-1452 Fax: (337) 463-5495 Open 24 hours a day.  
 The shelter provides a safe haven for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. Services offered at the shelter include women support groups, classes on parenting skills, group and individual counseling for women and children, legal counseling and volunteering. Food and clothing are provided as needed.

**Beauregard Council on Aging**, 104 West Port Street, P. O. Box 534, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 463-6578 or (337) 463-9694 Fax: (337) 463-7431  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The council provides services for people 60 and over including limited medical transportation, Meals on Wheels for homebound and assistance in filing for Medicare/Medicaid. There are two locations of meal sites: Former Eastside School cafeteria at 506 MLK and the Community Facility Building at 104 Port Street. They also offer a caregiver program to relieve clients that take care of elderly family members. COA provides recreational activities such as yoga, cards, quilting and bingo at the Community Facility Building on Port Street.

**Beauregard Parish Department of Children and Family Services, Child Welfare Section,**  
 Beauregard Parish Child Protection, 1891 Highway 190 West, P. O. Drawer 848, DeRidder, LA  
 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-2069 Web address: [www.dcfsls.la.gov](http://www.dcfsls.la.gov)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 24 Hours emergency services 1-855-452-5437  
 This agency provides child protection services and limited family services to qualified families.  
 Services include in-home family services, foster care services, services to parents of foster children,  
 information and referrals. Family services are limited to six months.

**Beauregard Parish Department of Children and Family Services, Economic Stability Section**  
 1891 Highway 190 West, P. O. Drawer 848, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-6091  
 Web address: [www.dcfsls.la.gov](http://www.dcfsls.la.gov) Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 The Economic Stability Section of DCFS connects families with needed assistance programs,  
 including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - formerly Food Stamps), Kinship  
 Care Subsidy Program (KCSP) and the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program  
 (FITAP). These programs are provided for families who qualify.

**Beauregard Parish Health Unit,** 216 Evangeline Street, P.O. Box 327, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 463-4486 Fax: (337) 462-2486  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Services provided include early screening and diagnostic testing, immunizations and communicable  
 disease control, family planning, counseling, medical services, nutrition education and consultation,  
 disabled children=s services, environmental health services and the WIC Program. Also, the Health  
 Unit coordinates the Nurse Family Partnership Program which is a prenatal and early childhood  
 intervention designed to improve the health and social functioning of low-income, first-time mothers  
 and their babies. The first visit must be initiated before 28 weeks gestation, and visits continue  
 through the child=s second birthday. Nurse home visits work intensely with families to improve  
 women=s health behavior, family caregiving for infants and toddlers and maternal life development.

**Beauregard Parish Library,** 205 South Washington Avenue, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 463-6217 Fax: (337) 462-5434 Email address: [help@beau.org](mailto:help@beau.org) Web  
 address: <https://library.beau.org> For regular updates, like the Beauregard Parish Library=s  
 Facebook page, follow the library on Instagram and check out the library=s Pinterest boards.  
 Beauregard Parish Library has branches at East Beauregard, Fields, Merryville, Singer and South  
 Beauregard. Contact the library for schedules.

In addition to books, magazines, newspapers and DVDs, the library also offers cardholders access to  
 a wide variety of e-books, audiobooks, music downloads, research databases, language learning help  
 and live homework assistance. In order to access live homework help, cardholders visit the BPL  
 website and log into Tutor.com. Once there, students of all ages can receive help in math, sciences,  
 social studies and English. The library offers a large assortment of events for different age groups as  
 well as story times scheduled throughout each month. Check the library=s social media pages, online  
 calendar for details.

**Beauregard Parish School Board Office,** 202 W. Third Street, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 938, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-5551  
 FAX: (337) 463-6735 Web Address: [www.beau.k12.la.us](http://www.beau.k12.la.us) Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. -

4:00 p.m. Mission: To provide an environment that empowers students to achieve their potential to learn the skills, acquire the knowledge and develop the attitude for meeting the challenges of a global society.

**Beauregard Parish School Board, Title 1 Media Center**, 506 Martin Luther King Drive, Suite A, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-5905 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Used school uniforms are provided for disadvantaged youth by donors (limited supply). The Media Center also administers the Title X, Part C program which provides educational services for homeless students B students living in a shelter, hotel/motel, doubled-up (sharing housing with other persons, etc) or unsheltered (car, campground without running water/electricity, abandoned building, substandard housing, FEMA trailers, FEMA rental assistance). Applications must be completed at the school that the child attends. (Principal must sign.)

**Beauregard Public Transit**, 710 S. Pine Street, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-4389 or (337) 463-4390 Fax: (337) 463-4388 Service Hours: Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment. This agency provides non-emergency transportation to all Beauregard Parish residents. Medicaid recipients who qualify ride free. They must call the Medicaid office in advance to verify eligibility for transportation. The Medicaid office will then call the Transit office to schedule the appointment for transportation.

Fare Rates: One Way Trip within DeRidder City Limits - \$5.00

Senior Citizen (Age 60 & up) - \$3.00

Children - \$2.00 (Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent.)

Outside DeRidder Limits Round Trip Fares

Leesville - \$18.00

Merryville/Sugartown - \$18.00

Ragley - \$28.00

Longville/Dry Creek/Singer/Fields - \$23.00

Lake Charles - \$50

Alexandria - \$65.00

**Benefits Check Up**, Web address: [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)

BenefitsCheckUp is a free service of the National Council on Aging (NCOA), a nonprofit service and advocacy organization in Washington, DC. This service assists seniors in identifying benefits for which they may not know they qualify. BenefitsCheckUp asks a series of questions to help identify benefits that could save money and cover the costs of everyday expenses. Expenses may include medications, food, utilities, housing, taxes, transportation and health care.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**, 4135 Common St., Lake Charles, LA 70607 Telephone: (337) 478-5437 Fax: (337) 474-5677 Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon Web address: [www.bbbs-swla.org](http://www.bbbs-swla.org) Follow BBBS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

BBBS of SWLA is a mentoring program that matches volunteers with children from the ages of 6 - 12 who meet monthly to establish a one-to-one relationship that will help the children achieve positive outcomes. Volunteers are screened and act as role models for the children. Programs include

Lunch Buddy/Reading Readiness, Mentor U, Summer Program and Foster Grandparent Program. Also, adult “Bigs” age 18 or older, are matched with “Littles” in a one-to-one mentoring relationship. Big Brothers Big Sisters serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vernon parishes.

**Boys Village Foundation**, 7378 Highway 90 East, Lake Charles, LA 70615  
Telephone: (337) 436-7553 Fax: (337) 436-8291 Web address: [www.boysvillages.org](http://www.boysvillages.org)  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Boys Village has two 24-hour facilities that provide home-like living for its residents. Six bedrooms in each facility accommodate a total of twenty-four boys. Services provided include educational needs, family services, individual and group therapy, substance abuse and addiction treatment, spiritual guidance, skill training, medical and dental care and recreational activities.

**Brentwood Hospital**, 1006 Highland Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101  
Telephone: (318) 678-7500 Toll Free: (877) 678-7500

Web address: [www.brentwoodbehavioral.com](http://www.brentwoodbehavioral.com) Accessible 24-hours, 7 days a week  
Brentwood provides high quality psychiatric and addictive disease treatment to children, adolescents, adults and seniors. Inpatient and outpatient services are designed to heal psychiatric and behavioral issues. Brentwood Hospital offers free, 24/7 crisis intervention, assessment, referral and admission services. Most insurances, Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE and Private Pay are accepted.

**BrightHope Counseling & Neurotherapy**, 701 South Royal Street, DeRidder, LA 70634  
Telephone: (337) 463-4900 Email address: [brighthope@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:brighthope@suddenlinkmail.com)

Fax: (337) 463-4908 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
A Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist are available. Telehealth is also available. There is a sliding-fee scale based on client income, and most forms of insurance are accepted.

**CART (Child Adolescent Response Team)** Telephone: 1-800-272-8367  
Web address: <https://ldh.la.gov>

CART provides free crisis intervention and support 24 hours a day/7days a week. CART assists children and their parents during times of crisis by providing support for the family in their own resolution of the crisis. The child must be 17 years of age or younger. Any person believing a child to be in crisis can make the call, but a legal guardian must be in contact with CART to receive services. In SW Louisiana, call Leslie Nolan at (337) 475-8022, 4105 Kirkman St., Lake Charles, LA 70605

**CASA of West CenLA, Inc.**, 420 McMahan Street, P. O. Box 146, DeRidder, LA 70634  
Telephone: (337) 462-4667 Fax: (337) 462-1554 Web address: [www.casawestcenla.org](http://www.casawestcenla.org)  
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association provides a program for CASA volunteers appointed by a juvenile or family court judge to speak in the best interest of the children who are brought before the court. These community volunteers are trained by National CASA standards. Other services provided by CASA are Birthday Buddies, Christmas Project, Go Blue, Baskets of Hope and Light up the Park. Follow CASA on Facebook.

**Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Diocese of Lake Charles**

1225 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Telephone: (337) 439-7436 Fax: (337) 439-7435  
 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. WEB: <https://www.catholiccharitiesswla.com>  
 Serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis Parishes. The Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana offer a variety of services intended to help those in need gain stability in their lives. They offer food, basic necessities, baby food and formula, non-perishables, drinking water, cleaning supplies, religious information, bus tickets for medical transportation and help for Veterans. Numerous additional services are provided. Call for qualification requirements and appointment.

**Cenla Medication Access Program (CMAP)**, 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101A, Alexandria, LA 71301  
 Telephone: (318) 443-7494 or 1-888-443-7494 Fax: (318) 448-4473 Web address: [www.cmaprx.org](http://www.cmaprx.org)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Follow CMAP on Facebook.  
 CMAP offers chronic care prescription medications to people who cannot afford them and promotes preventive health practices. To be eligible you must reside in Louisiana, income below 200% Federal Poverty Level, must not have any prescription coverage, insurance, Medicaid or Medicare and be over 18 years of age. CMAP also has a mobile unit that travels throughout Central Louisiana which offers breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening for qualified individuals. Appointments are necessary.

**Central Louisiana Technical Community College, now SOWELA Technical Community College - Lamar Salter Campus,**

15014 Lake Charles Highway, Leesville, LA 71446 Telephone: (337) 537-3135 or 1-800-278-9855  
 Web address: [www.clccc.edu](http://www.clccc.edu) Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) is a comprehensive public two-year community college that provides academic, occupational and specialized training leading to industry-based certifications, technical certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. CLTCC also offers Adult Education/High School Equivalency Program to help individuals obtain their High School Equivalency Diploma. Through this program, CLTCC is educating individuals and helping them move into higher education and pursue college-level academic programs upon successful completion of the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). CLTCC also offers Distance Education Courses (Online, Hybrid and Video conferencing) and dual enrollment. Dual enrollment is a pathway that allows high school students to enroll in college courses while still in high school and receive college and high school credits at the same time. Using innovative educational strategies, the college creates a skilled workforce and prepares individuals for advanced educational opportunities.

**Child Protection Hotline** Telephone: 1-855-4LA-KIDS or 1-855-452-5437

This hotline is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to report child abuse through the Department of Children & Family Services State of Louisiana.

**Choices, Coordinated Care Solutions**, 1800 Ryan Street, Suite 103, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
 Telephone: (337) 310-3735 Fax: (866) 390-9274 Web address: [www.choicesCCS.org](http://www.choicesCCS.org)  
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Choices Coordinated Care Solutions serves youth and their families who are affected by mental, emotional or behavioral challenges. Choices addresses the needs of children who are at risk of or already living in an out-of-home care situation. Choices serves youth and families in their natural settings, reducing the need for more invasive institutional care. Referrals can be made by families, schools, justice and social service agencies, as well as mental and physical health professions. The



youth must be a Medicaid recipient ages 5 - 21.

**Christus Behavioral Health Hospital**, 524 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
Telephone: (337) 491-7754 or (337) 431-7936 Web address: [www.christuspatrick.org](http://www.christuspatrick.org)  
Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

The hospital provides psychiatric inpatient services for 18 years of age and above, including geriatric patients. Patients receive individualized treatment from a multidisciplinary team of professionals. The hospital provides education, relief and support to family members or caregivers who are learning to cope with their loved one's emotional health. The hospital offers an ACCESS Center that is your direct line to immediate help. Call 337-431-7936 anytime, any day, and professionals will identify your needs and match them to the appropriate care.

**Christian Counseling Clinic**, 132 Arlington Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70605  
Telephone: (337) 474-1219

This service is by appointment only. The clinic provides counseling for addiction, including gambling addiction, marriage, behavioral, emotional, and anger management problems.

**Community Pregnancy Center**, Hope Village, 422 McMahon St., DeRidder, LA 70634  
Telephone: (337) 463-9500 After Hours: (601) 519-9156 Fax (337) 463-4600  
Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This program offers free pregnancy tests and an educational program for mothers from conception to 24 months. Mothers that participate in this program are then eligible to shop in the Ababy boutique@which has almost all the essentials young mothers need. Counseling is available. Ultrasounds are available on Tuesday mornings.

**Crime Victim Assistance Program**, District Attorney's Office, 124 South Stewart Street, P. O. Box 99, DeRidder, LA. 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-5578  
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This program is designed to assist victims and families by informing them about the case, keeping them notified about its progress and helping to resolve any questions or problems they may have as a result of the crime. The District Attorney's Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to assist by informing victims about the following: Victims' Rights Act, Judicial System, Court Orientation, Crime Victim Reparations Assistance, Counseling Referrals, Victim Impact Statements, L.A. D. O. C. Notification Request and Return of Property. For **Crime Victim Reparations Assistance**, call the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, 412 Mayeaux Drive, DeRidder, LA 70634  
Telephone (337) 463-3281.

This program is designed to ask for reimbursement of funeral, counseling, medical and other expenses that are incurred by a victim or victim's family as a result of certain felony crimes.

**Cypress Grove Behavioral Health Hospital**, 4673 Eugene Ware Boulevard, Bastrop, LA 71220  
Telephone: (318) 281-2448 Fax: (318) 281-2499  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hospital 24 hours

This short term inpatient psychiatric hospital serves youth between ages 5 and 17. The program offers psychiatric evaluation, behavior modification, individual and group therapy, medication management, social skills training and family therapy. Payor sources include Medicaid, Medicare,

private insurance and private pay.

**DeRidder Housing Authority**, 600 Warren Street, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 463-7288 Fax: (337) 463-3671 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Housing is for low income families. An application must be completed with proof of income, age, and applicants must show a social security card and criminal record. There is a long waiting list.

**Early Steps Program, The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities** Telephone: (225) 342-0095 or (866) 783-5553 Fax: (225) 342-8823

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Web address: [www.earlysteps.dhh.louisiana.gov](http://www.earlysteps.dhh.louisiana.gov)

Early Steps provides services to families with infants and toddlers aged birth to three years (36 months) who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays. Children with delays in cognitive, motor, vision, hearing, communication, social-emotional or adaptive development may be eligible for services. Early Steps services are designed to improve the family's capacity to enhance their child's development. These services are provided in the child's natural environment, such as the child's home, child care or any other community setting typical for children aged birth to three years (36 months). Anyone can make an Early Steps referral. Children can be referred to Early Steps by contacting the System Point of Entry (SPOE) in their region. Once the SPOE receives the referral, the family will be contacted to begin the eligibility determination process. Beauregard Parish residents should call or visit the Imperial Calcasieu Human Services District/Authority at 3501 Fifth Avenue, Suite C-2, Lake Charles, LA 70607 Telephone: (337) 475-8045. IMCAL serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff Davis parishes. Early Steps Regional Coordinator is Steven Ivey at (337) 475-4831 or [steve.ivey@la.gov](mailto:steve.ivey@la.gov).

**Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC)**, 2400B Morgansar Street, P.O. Box 864, Lake Charles, LA 70602 Telephone: (337) 433-1062 Fax: (337) 439-1094 Web address:

[www.etcyouth.org](http://www.etcyouth.org) Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Educational and Treatment Council provides services based on referrals from FINS, DCFS, OJJ and ImCal. Services provide in-home counseling services as well as classroom type programs. The in-home services focus on assisting children with behavioral problems and parents lacking parenting skills.

**Eye-Care America, American Academy of Ophthalmology** Telephone: 1-800-222-3937

Web address: [www.aao.org/eyecareamerica](http://www.aao.org/eyecareamerica) **Individuals must apply online.**

Call Toll Free 877-887-6327 Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, if you do not have access to a computer. Eye-Care America provides medical eye care to those who qualify. EyeCare America offers two programs: The Seniors program is free for eligible seniors 65 and older, and the Glaucoma program provides a glaucoma eye exam at no cost to those who are eligible and uninsured. Eyeglasses are not covered.

**Family Health Partners**, 1808 Highway 190 West, Suite C2, DeRidder, LA 70634

(Westside Office Complex by Dental Plus) Telephone: (337) 348-0031

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed for lunch 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Family Health Partners is a full-service primary care clinic, focusing on providing fast and friendly care to all members of the family. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointment is preferred. Family Health Partners provides general medical care.

**Families Helping Families of Southwest LA, Inc.**, 1830 Ryan Street Suite A, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Telephone: (337) 436-2570 Toll Free: 1-800-894-6558 Fax: (337) 436-2578

Web address: [www.fhswla.org](http://www.fhswla.org) Email: [info@fhswla.org](mailto:info@fhswla.org)

Also, follow Families Helping Families on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This agency enables and empowers individuals with disabilities and their families by providing information, referral, education, training, peer support and advocacy skills. The agency serves Region V which includes Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff Davis Parishes.

**Families in Need of Services (FINS)**, 124 South Stewart Street, P. O. Box 99, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 463-5578 Fax (337) 462-6925 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FINS addresses issues of truancy (grades 6-12), ungovernable behavior and runaways, providing referrals to needed services. If court intervention is warranted, children and families are referred to the court system for further assistance in resolving their problems.

**Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.** 220 Louie Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Telephone: (337) 436-9533 Fax: (337) 439-9941 Follow FYCA on Facebook.

Web address: [www.fyca.org](http://www.fyca.org) Email address: [info@fyca.org](mailto:info@fyca.org)

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Family and Youth Counseling Agency is a non-profit organization that provides affordable and professional family services to people of Southwest Louisiana through programs and services dedicated to advocacy, counseling and education. The agency is committed to building family values for a stronger and more stable community. Additional services include providing opportunities for persons with autism, creating a safe haven for abused and neglected children and developing leadership skills for youth. Web-based and phone counseling sessions are available.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** Telephone: 1-800-621-3362

Web Address: <http://www.fema.gov> This federal agency provides assistance in times of emergency.

**God=s Food Box (Ministry of Beauregard Ministerial Alliance)**, 426 McMahan Street,

P. O. Box 1245, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-4449

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This ministry provides food for those in need in Beauregard Parish. To qualify for food assistance, families must verify residency, household income, and present a current photo ID of the adult applying for food assistance. If you receive food stamps, you must provide verification.

**Goodwill Industries**, 1015 North Pine Street, De Ridder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 202-4133

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Goodwill has used clothes and household items at reasonable prices. They provide job training for high school students 17 years old or older. Job training is also provided to welfare recipients who

qualify. Senior citizens and military get a 20% discount every Wednesday. Goodwill will donate items to disaster victims and the homeless.

**Grace Place**, 106 Smith Street, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 221-3073

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon, 1- 3 p.m. Wednesday, 10:00-12 noon  
Closed Friday - Sunday

Grace Place is a ministry of Grace Church that provides food, clothing, school uniforms and coats to those in need. Household items are also available. Grace Place prepares food boxes for the needy during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Grace Place is also a disaster relief center.

**Grace Church Soul Soup Kitchen**, 808 East First Street, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 463-5382 Hours: Open 7 days a week 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Soul Soup Kitchen provides free hot meals to those in need. No questions asked.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana**

7732 Goodwood Blvd Suite 204, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 15275,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815 Telephone: (225) 810-3555 Fax: (225) 216-2662

Web Address: [www.lagrg.org](http://www.lagrg.org) Email: [lagrginfo@yahoo.com](mailto:lagrginfo@yahoo.com)

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Louisiana is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering Both information and support to grandparents and other kinship caregivers and their families.

**Gulf Coast Social Services**, 700 Pujoe Street, Suite A, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Telephone: (337) 436-6622 Fax: (337) 436-4403 Web address: [www.gcssla.org](http://www.gcssla.org)

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This non-profit community organization takes OJJ referrals only. Its Tracker/Mentoring Program provides surveillance and mentoring services to at-risk and high-risk youth on probation.

**Habitat for Humanity Calcasieu Area, Inc.** 3551 Avenue C, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Telephone: (337) 497-0129 Fax: (337) 497-0470 Web address: [www.hfhca.org](http://www.hfhca.org)

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International serves the five-parish area of SWLA (Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jeff Davis). Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with families, communities, and those in need by building and renovating homes to make affordable housing a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is not a give-away program. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest loans.

Each homeowner family invests at least 300 hours of their own labor into the building of their home.

**Harbour House**, 2400 Morgansar Street, Building A, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Telephone: (337) 433-6739 Fax: (337) 436-7720 Web address: [www.etcyouth.org](http://www.etcyouth.org)

Harbour House is a 16-bed licensed residential facility for youth ages 7 - 17. The program offers emergency shelter services to run-away and homeless youth, status offenders and other youth in need of a safe place. Harbour House provides group and individual counseling, educational and recreational activities, aftercare and linkage to community resources. Harbour House takes referrals from agencies.

**Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority, Developmental Disabilities Division,**

One Lakeshore Drive, Suite 2000, Lake Charles, LA 70629 Telephone: (337) 475-3100

Web address: [www.lmcalhsa.org](http://www.lmcalhsa.org)

The agency provides support and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. These disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and other related conditions. Citizens with mental health, addictions and developmental challenges in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis are empowered to live a satisfying, hopeful and contributing life.

**Institute for Neuropsychiatry, 2829 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 150, Lake Charles, LA 70601**

Telephone: (337) 477-7091 Fax: (337) 474-4552 Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This facility offers a psychiatrist, psychologist and counselors on site, mental health rehab services and individual and group counseling. Private insurance and Medicaid are accepted. Dial 911 if it is an emergency.

**Kingdom Center, 628 High School Drive (the old BeauCare building), DeRidder, LA 70634**

Telephone (337) 396-5452 (Ask for Billy or Dorothea Clark.) Hours:

A non-profit youth community center helping the next generation become successful young adults and leaders. The center offers after-school grade improvement, life-skills training, career paths & pursuit, mentorship and game room.

**La Familia Resource Center, 650 Dr. Michael Debakey Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601**

Telephone: (337) 794-0373 Fax: (337) 564-5402 Web address: [www.lafamilia-swla.org](http://www.lafamilia-swla.org)

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays

La Familia Resource Center is a bilingual, multi-service, 501(C)3 non-profit organization developed to meet the needs of multi-cultural families and individuals by providing information, referrals, access to services and programs within the Southwest Louisiana community. Programs and services include American citizenship classes, ESL classes, HOPE tutoring classes, and Spanish classes.

**LifeShare Blood Centers, 214 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601**

Telephone: (337) 436-4932 ext. 1021 or 1-800-256-4932 Fax: (337) 439-1511

Web address: <http://www.lifeshare.org>

LifeShare Blood Center is the community blood bank. It is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) service organization. Without the community's involvement, LifeShare would not exist and lives would not be saved. One donation could save up to three lives. Every blood type is important. Regular donors, those who donate at least twice a year, are covered by the Donor Benefit Plan. When teens donate blood, it gives them an opportunity to work on receiving a scholarship.

Member hospitals in Beauregard and the surrounding area include: Beauregard Memorial Hospital, DeRidder; Christus St. Patrick Hospital, Lake Charles; DeQuincy Memorial Hospital, DeQuincy; St. Patrick Hospital, Lake Charles; Lake Area Medical, Lake Charles and West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital, Sulphur.

**Literacy Council of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.**, 520 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Telephone: (337) 494-7000 or (337) 602 8438 Fax: (337) 494-7915

Web address: [www.literacyswla.org](http://www.literacyswla.org) Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Follow Literacy Council SWLA on Facebook.

Beauregard Adult Education, 401 First Street, DeRidder, LA Telephone: (337) 375-7794

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Literacy Council SWLA is a non-profit organization committed to literacy and lifelong learning.

Instructional programs are designed to help adults improve their literacy skills and their lives.

Services are available in Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis. Face-to face classes have resumed in DeRidder, Jennings and Lake Charles. The program is open to adults ages 18 and older.

**Louisiana 211** Web address: <https://www.louisiana211.org>

Louisiana 211 is a statewide network that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in the area. Louisiana 211 works to link people and resources for a better Louisiana through collaborations and partnerships. Need help? Dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### **Louisiana Answers (Part of Governor=s Office)**

**Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)** Governor=s Office of Elderly Affairs, 525

Florida Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 61, Baton Rouge , LA 70821-0061

Telephone: 1-877-340-9100 or (225) 342-7100 Fax: (225) 342-7133

Web address: [www.louisianaanswers.com](http://www.louisianaanswers.com)

ADRC is a single point of access for information and assistance with unmet and long term care needs for members of our community including older adults, 60 or older, adults who have adult-onset disabilities and anyone seeking information on long term support services. ADRC serves people without regard to income or assets. Individuals in Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vernon parishes can contact the regional ADRC at Calcasieu Council on Aging, 3950 Highway 14, Lake Charles, LA 70607, Telephone: (337) 474-2583 FAX: (337) 474-6563 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LaTAN)**, 3042 Old Forge Dr., Suite D,

Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Telephone: 1-800-270-6185 Fax: (225) 925-9560

Web address: <http://www.latan.org/>

The mission of LaTAN is to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve enhanced quality of life and greater independence through access to assistive technology (AT) and equipment. LaTAN is a non-profit organization that serves Louisiana residents of all ages with all types of disabilities and functional limitations.

**Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling (LACG)**, 324 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101

Telephone: (318) 227-0883 Helpline: 1-877-770-STOP Fax: (318) 221-0005

Web address: [www.helpforgambling.org](http://www.helpforgambling.org)

The Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing cost-effective, quality assistance for all individuals in Louisiana who may be affected by gambling problems.

**Louisiana Civil Justice Center, LCJC** Telephone: 1-800-310-7029 (Free Hotline)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Web address: <https://www.laciviljustice.org>  
 The LCJC is a non-profit that provides civil legal assistance for low-income, elderly, and disaster-affected residents of Louisiana through the toll free hotline, court-based help desks and community legal clinics. Its mission is to improve access to justice for vulnerable people across Louisiana by providing legal services and connecting those in need with resources. Via the website, community members can benefit from better access to legal services, including an online legal intake form, mobile-friendly formatting and links to helpful resources to assist in resolving legal issues. Interactive tools also allow residents to locate nearby legal clinics and enables attorney volunteers to sign up to help at various legal clinics. All calls are screened for eligibility of services.

**Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation**, 2020 Gravier Street, Suite B, New Orleans, LA 70112  
 Telephone: 1-800-441-5466 or (504) 525-7235 Fax: (504) 528-7377  
 Web address: [www.lalioneyeses.@bellsouth.net](http://www.lalioneyeses.@bellsouth.net) Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 The Lions Eye Foundation serves thousands of patients through eye exams, surgeries, the Low Vision Program and eyeglasses to help improve their vision. The Cubsight Program screens children to identify eye diseases at an early stage. The following area clinic works with the Lions to serve children: Thomas Vision Clinic, 1100 North Fifth Street, Leesville, LA 71446  
 Telephone: (337) 239-2020 Fax: (337) 239-0755 Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program**, Camp Beauregard, 505 F Street, Pineville, LA 71360 Telephone: 1-800-CAMP-KID (1-800-226-7543)  
 Web address: [www.langycp.com](http://www.langycp.com) Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 The Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program (YCP) is an alternative educational program which offers 16 - 18 year old at-risk adolescents an opportunity to change their future while working to obtain their high school equivalency diploma (GED/HiSet). The initial program consists of a five month residential phase. After graduation, students return home and enter a 12-month post residential phase which is designed to help students continue in a positive direction.

**Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice, Region 6**, 807 Bayou Pines West, Lake Charles, LA 70601  
 Telephone: (337) 491-2833 Fax: (337) 491-2842 Email Address: [stefanie.krygowski@LA.GOV](mailto:stefanie.krygowski@LA.GOV)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice, Region 6 serves the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis. OJJ is a quality system of care which embraces partnerships with families, communities and stakeholders. OJJ provides individualized services to youth and their families in order to redirect their lives and help them become responsible citizens. Juvenile probation officers are responsible for monitoring and providing needed services to adjudicated youth. Caseloads are heavy and officers are required to travel between parishes. As of July 27,2021, visitation/volunteering has been suspended due to the current surge on COVID-19 positive cases. Protocols and visitation will be reviewed regularly.

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services**, 3616 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles, LA 70607-3006  
 Telephone: (337) 475-8038 Toll Free:1-800-520-0589 Fax: (337) 475-8037  
 Email address: [hbeard@lwc.la.gov](mailto:hbeard@lwc.la.gov) Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

LA Rehab. provides services to help persons with disabilities to obtain the job skills and other resources they need to get a job, keep a job and develop a career. Region V serves Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis.

**Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home of Southwest Louisiana**

3029 North Beglis Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 Telephone: (337) 527-5056  
 Methodist Children's Home of Southwest Louisiana is one of three children's home of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services. Services encompass structured residential care, and the most intensive and comprehensive level of residential psychiatric care available in Louisiana for children who cannot live with their families, in foster care or in treatment group homes due to their significant emotional and behavioral needs.

**Louisiana Workforce Commission (Calcasieu Business and Career Center)**, 2424 Third St., Lake Charles, LA 70601 Telephone: (337) 721-4010 Fax: (337) 721-4187 Web address: [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net) Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Workforce Commission assists in job search, resume help, job fairs and more. A Southwest Louisiana WORKFORCE Resource Guide is available. The guide provides step-by-step instructions that prepares one for a job in support of area industry.

**LSU Ag. Center, Cooperative Extension Services**, 203 West Third Street, P. O. Box 609, DeRidder, LA 70634, Telephone: (337) 463-7006 Fax: (337) 463-7007  
 Web address: [www.lsuagcenter.com/beau](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/beau) Email: [mlavergne@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:mlavergne@agcenter.lsu.edu)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This office houses the County Agent and promotes 4-H in Beauregard schools. A nutritionist is also available. The Ag center also offers a Master Gardening Program and a Beekeeping Program. If interested, call the Ag Center for details.

**Medicaid Office, LaChip, Kid Med**, Calcasieu Regional Office, One Lakeshore Drive, Suite 700 Lake Charles, LA, 70629 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 3250, Lake Charles, LA 70634  
 Medicaid Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-342-6207

Web address: [www.Medicaid.la.gov](http://www.Medicaid.la.gov) Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Medicaid Office issues medical cards to low income families and administers LaChip (Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program) which provides total health care for children without insurance at no or low cost. You can apply for any Medicaid programs/services through the Louisiana Medicaid Online Application Center.

**Merryville Community Health Center**, P.O. Box 487, 567 Walker Street, Merryville, LA 70653 Telephone: (337) 825-1728 Fax: (337) 560-1012 Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Merryville Community Health Center is a medical home healthcare facility, when at full capacity, will offer medical, behavioral health, and dental services to all, without regard to their ability to pay. The center accepts Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and offers discounts to those who are uninsured or under-insured. CDL physicals are provided. Child immunizations are provided through the state. Walk-ins are welcome.



**Merryville Housing Authority**, 100 Heard Street, P. O. Box 577, Merryville, LA 70653  
 Telephone: (337) 825-8770 Fax: (337) 825-8778  
 Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 Housing is available for low income families. An application must be completed with proof of income, age, and applicants must show a social security card. Housing is usually available.

**Moss Memorial Health Clinic**: 1000 Walters Street, Lake Charles, LA 70607  
 Telephone: (337) 480-8100 (In association with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital)  
 Urgent Care: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 (No appointment necessary.) Primary Care: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointment necessary.) Moss Memorial provides health care services for the underserved populations of southwest Louisiana. In addition to regular hospital services, there are Laboratory Services, Radiology Services and Respiratory Care. Specialty services have expanded to include Breast Health, Cardiology, Diabetes, Diagnostics, Family Medicine, Gastroenterology, Internal Medicine, Gynecology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics and Rheumatology.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI of Southwest Louisiana)**, P.O. Box 2210, Lake Charles, LA 70602 Telephone: (337) 532-5601  
 Email: [info@namiswla.org](mailto:info@namiswla.org) Web address: [www.namiswla.org](http://www.namiswla.org)  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Follow NAMI on Facebook.  
 NAMI Southwest Louisiana offers education, advocacy, support and referral services to individuals and families affected by mental illness at no cost. Programs provided by NAMI of SWLA include Basic, Family to Family, Peer to Peer, Family Support Group, Achieving Wellness/Connections Support Group and Warm Line/Mental Health Outreach.

**New Beginnings Adolescent Recovery Center**, 1649 Linwood Loop, Opelousas, LA 70570  
 Telephone: (337) 942-1171 Toll Free: (888) 706-1870 Fax: (337) 948-9101 Web address: [www.newbeginningsteenhelpp.com](http://www.newbeginningsteenhelpp.com) Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 New Beginnings Recovery Center provides substance abuse treatment services for adolescents ages 13-18. Referrals may be made through a physician, a counselor, a family member or another treatment program. Treatment follows a 12-step recovery process that includes family involvement. Individual, group, family and spiritual counseling are available.

**OASIS Sexual Violence Program**, P.O. Box 276, Lake Charles, LA 70602  
**A Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence**  
 Telephone: (337) 436-4552 24 hour crisis line: 1-866-570-7273 (Sexual Assault)  
 1-800-223-8066 (Domestic Hotline)  
 This program provides support services for those who have been sexually assaulted, educates the community and trains professionals to eliminate conditions which contribute to sexual assault. Services are free and confidential to all victims regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, or disability.

**Oceans Behavioral Hospital**, 1420 Blankenship Drive, DeRidder, LA 70634  
 Telephone: (337) 460-9472 Fax: (337) 460-9473 Web address: [www.oceansderidder.com](http://www.oceansderidder.com)  
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Out-Patient)  
 Email: [deridderinfo@oceanshealthcare.com](mailto:deridderinfo@oceanshealthcare.com) Hospital 24 hours

Oceans Behavioral Hospital is a 20 bed inpatient psychiatric hospital specializing in treating the behavior health needs of senior citizens ages 55 years and above. Oceans provides mental health services that meet the needs of patients and their families. The program puts emphasis on strengths, capabilities and management skills; each patient receives an individualized treatment plan that takes into account their level of understanding of themselves while promoting dignity, privacy and comfort. Oceans also provides intensive outpatient services for 18 year olds and above.

**Outpatient Medical Center, Incorporated**, 908 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesville, LA 71446

Telephone: (337) 238-1274 or 1-800-308-7569 Office Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Main Administrative Office - Natchitoches, LA (318) 352-9299 or 1-800-

268-5872 Web Address: [www.outpatientmedical.org](http://www.outpatientmedical.org)

The Outpatient Medical Center provides services to the community which include General and Family Practice, Pediatrics, Dental Care, WIC, KidMED Screening, Immunizations, Nutrition, Family Planning, counseling and treatment of infectious diseases.

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance** Web address: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

Louisiana residents can log on at <https://la.pparx.org>

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) is a clearinghouse for more than 475 public and private assistance programs, including nearly 200 offered by pharmaceutical companies. Those who are eligible may qualify for savings on prescription medicines, or even free medicines, through these programs. The PPA also connects people to free health clinics in their community. The PPA helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines by matching them with the right assistance programs. The PPA helps find the program that's right for each individual, free of charge. The PPA has assisted more than 8.5 million people in getting the medicines they need for free or nearly free.

**Patient Advocate Foundation**

Telephone: 1-800-532-5274 Fax: (757) 873-8999 Web address: [www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This service offers free help in navigating healthcare systems, along with assisting with insurance, job and debt financial issues and assisting patients with chronic life-threatening illnesses.

**Phoenix Family Life Center**, 710 Versailles Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303

Telephone: (318) 449-4474 Fax: (318) 449-4472 Web address: [www.phoenixflc.com](http://www.phoenixflc.com)

Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday - Sunday On Call 24 hours a day

This facility is a Mental Health Rehabilitation center committed to helping people with mental health needs. Medicaid only is accepted. In-home counseling is mandatory. Counselors create individual schedules based on needs. The Leesville office is located at 300 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 303, Leesville, LA 71447, Telephone: (337) 392-9996

**Psychiatric Services of Lake Charles**, Memorial Hospital, 1701 Oak Park Boulevard, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Telephone: (337) 494-3000 or (337) 477-9024 (Day Program)

Open 24 hours each day. Provides inpatient program for adolescents, adults and geriatrics with mental health problems. Also, the Center provides a day program for adults, intensive outpatient

program and group therapy for adults.

**Resource Information** Direct Dial 211 or (337) 310-info Toll Free: 1-866-310-4636

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Web address: [www.310info.org](http://www.310info.org)

Resource information is available through the call center Monday - Friday from 8: a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This is a program of The Volunteer Center Southwest Louisiana, Inc., 1023 Common Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. It is the designated 211 provider for Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, Rapides, and Vernon Parishes. This resource is a comprehensive centralized vehicle to bring people and resources together.

**RX Connection** Telephone: (859) 663-0698 Web address: [www.therxconnectionllc.com](http://www.therxconnectionllc.com)

Email address: [info@THERXCONNECTIONLLC.com](mailto:info@THERXCONNECTIONLLC.com)

RX Connection offers direct access to over 250 Patient Assistant Programs all designed with individual=s needs and the needs of their family in mind. If one is uninsured, under-insured or on Medicare, RX Connection shows how one can receive the free or low-cost medications needed to stay healthy. They assist with the paperwork, approval and refill processes. RX Connection offers patients reliable assistance from start to finish to ensure successful enrollment.

**Safe and Drug Free Schools - Title I**, 506 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 463-5905 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Beauregard Parish School System is committed to providing a comprehensive drug prevention and school safety program for all students. Through the collaborative efforts of schools, parents, law enforcement and community agencies, students will become less vulnerable to drugs and violence as they become empowered to regulate and control their own behavior.

**Salvation Army Center of Hope**, 3020 Legion Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Telephone: (337) 433-4155 FAX: (337) 721-8068

Web address: [www.salvationarmyglm.org/lakecharles/center-hope](http://www.salvationarmyglm.org/lakecharles/center-hope)

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Center provides shelter for men only, 18 and older. Check-in time is 5:00 p.m. every day. (Dinner at 4:30 p.m.) An individual may use this service one day or up to three months. To receive services, one must have a photo ID, pass a Breath-a-Lyzer test, pass a drug test and cannot have any sexual crimes or violent crimes on record. Another valuable service offered is free breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and free dinner at 4:30 p.m. for anyone in need (does not have to be a man). This is a drug-free and alcohol-free facility. If one uses drugs or alcohol, they may come to eat breakfast or dinner; but they cannot stay.

**SoulCare Outreach, Grace Church**, 1208 Blankenship Drive, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 401-1857 Email address: [grandmi1017@outlook.com](mailto:grandmi1017@outlook.com) Hours: Appointment only

Mrs. Alba Dubois provides an anger management program developed specifically for youth pre-K through 12, age-appropriate curriculums. There are twelve sessions, a 45 minute session each week with the child then 15 minutes spent with parent. Charges are for cost of supplies which are determined on a sliding scale. An after-care program is available for parents.

SoulCare Outreach also provides bilingual tutoring (ESL) for students ages 3 through high school

**The Barnabas Ministry** provides encouragement to the community through Christ-centered

counseling in anger management, family therapy, domestic violence, hospital visits and more.

**South Beau C.A.R.E. (Christians Actively Reaching Everyone) Ministries**, 2465 Texas Eastern Road, Ragley, LA 70657 Telephone: (337) 526-1825 Email address: [sbcarecenter16@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcarecenter16@yahoo.com)  
Hours: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This center is primarily a food bank serving the following communities: Ragley, Longville, Topsy and Gillis. Food is distributed during the times listed above.

**Southwest Louisiana AIDs Council (SLAC)** and 425 Kingsley Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 Telephone: 1-800-256-5145 or (337) 439-5861 Fax: (337) 436-8713 Web address: [www.slac.org](http://www.slac.org)  
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Follow SLAC on Facebook. Free and confidential HIV testing is available. Call for an appointment. This non-profit community-based organization is supported by grants from the HIV/AIDS Program of the Louisiana Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). These grants provide HIV prevention and education programs as well as medical and social services to persons living with HIV and AIDS. SLAC offers a variety of additional services to qualifying persons in need of personalized care. In order to qualify for services through SLAC, an individual must be diagnosed HIV positive, live in Louisiana and meet federal income requirements. (Note: SLAC is currently seeing clients by appointment only. Remote or virtual services available via telemedicine or telephone.)

**Southwest Louisiana Center for Health Services**, 2000 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, LA Telephone: (337) 439-9983 Web address: <https://www.swlahealth.org>

Email: [info@swlahealth.org](mailto:info@swlahealth.org) Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Southwest Louisiana Center for Health Services provides quality, cost-effective and comprehensive primary health care and support services in an environment that embraces respect and dignity. Services provided include behavioral health, dental, adult medicine, fitness center, laboratory services, nutrition, ob/gyn and pediatrics.

**Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (SLIC)**, two locations, Lake Charles and Leesville: 4320 Lake Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605 Telephone: (337) 477-7194 or 1-833-600-5766  
1100 S. Third Street, Leesville, LA 71446 Telephone: (337) 238-1972 or 1-833-613-6171  
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Web address: [www.slic-la.org](http://www.slic-la.org)

SLIC has medical equipment available for elderly and disabled individuals who qualify. They provide service workers to assist with information and referrals, supervise independent living and supply telephones and interpretive services for hearing impaired.

**Southwest Louisiana Law Center, Inc.** 1011 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 402, Lake Charles, LA 70601 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Magnolia Building) Telephone: (337) 436-3308 Fax: (337) 433-2523  
Email address: [frontdesk@swla-law-center.com](mailto:frontdesk@swla-law-center.com)

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

The center handles legal questions for people needing legal assistance. The Law Center provides reduced fee legal services to the economically disadvantaged of Southwest Louisiana. Fees are determined after consultation and are charged on an hourly rate, based on a sliding scale.

### **Southwest Louisiana Workforce Resource Guide**

Web address: [www.SWLAresourceguide.com](http://www.SWLAresourceguide.com)

A step-by-step guide to prepare you for a job in support of area industry.

**St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop**, 5072 Hwy 113, DeRidder, LA 70634

Telephone: (337) 328-7778 Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon - 4:45 p.m.

The shop provides free clothing and household goods for people burned out of homes or facing financial difficulties. The shop also provides free school uniforms for children in need if their size is available. Limitations of service is based on need.

**Substance Abuse Hotline** Telephone: 1-877-664-2248

This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Suicide Prevention Hotline** Telephone: 1-877-994-2275

This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Louisiana Partnership for Youth Suicide Prevention, Department of Health and Hospitals/Veterans Crisis Line** Telephone: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) Available 24 hours/7 days. If you or someone you know is suicidal, call this number immediately.

**The Life of a Single Mom**, Grace Church Champion Center, 1021 West First Street, DeRidder, LA 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-5383 Email: [acarhee@gracederidder.org](mailto:acarhee@gracederidder.org) Meeting Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

The program is a faith-based support group for single moms. The program focuses on helping single moms succeed in parenting, finances, health and wellness. Whether you are single parenting because you are divorced, separated, never married, widowed or grand-single-parenting, this program may be for you.

**ThinkChange Interventions**, 318 East Elizabeth Street, Sulphur, LA 70663

Telephone: (337) 528-6969 Fax: (337) 528-6970 Web: [www.Tcinterventions.com](http://www.Tcinterventions.com)

Email address: [thinkchangeinterventions@yahoo.com](mailto:thinkchangeinterventions@yahoo.com)

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Individual and family counseling are available for victims of crimes including sexual assault and domestic abuse. A contract with OJJ provides for a Sex Offended Program for juvenile offenders.

**Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC)**, 124 South Stewart Street, P. O. Box 99, DeRidder, LA, 70634 Telephone: (337) 463-5578 Fax: (337) 462-6925

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The TASC Program works in collaboration with families, schools, churches, social service organizations, law enforcement agencies and the courts to mobilize resources that address truancy problems of children in grades K - 5. TASC is a Arapid response@ truancy initiative, designed to address truancy and its underlying causes before problems become entrenched and more difficult to treat. Services include raising awareness of the importance of school attendance during the formative years, connecting at-risk children and their families with services needed, mentoring

care center staff and family home care providers.

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