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It is the policy of the Ascension Parish School Board to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities, or veteran status in its educational programs and activities. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, educational services, financial aid, and employment.

Transition Resources



Ascension Parish Special Education

Department

LeBlanc Special Services Center

611 North Burnside

Gonzales, LA 70737

www.apsb.org



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LOCAL OFFICES

The ARC of EA
1122 S. East Ascension Complex Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
(225) 621-2000
www.coeathearc.com

Elizabeth Sussell, Director

COEA mission is to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families through services of support choice, independence, and dignity. Programs include supported employment, adult day training, supported living, respite care, personal care attendant services, adult day training program, and elderly/adult waiver services.

Families In Need of Services

1222 East Cornerview Road
Suite C
Gonzales, La 70737
Phone: (225)621-8515 Fax: (225) 644-5170
Veronica Hilliard, Supervisor of Ascension FINS

Families in Need of Services (FINS) is a delinquency prevention/early intervention program of the 23rd Judicial District Court. FINS staff work with kids and their families who are risk for delinquency. Juveniles (typically age 6 – 16) and their families are eligible for FINS services if the family is identified as a Family in Need of Services due to the Child's behavior, truancy, repeatedly violating school rules, ungovernable behavior at home or community, or runaway or various status offenses.

Social Security Office

5455 Bankers Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
(866) 613-3070 or (800) 772-1213
www.ssa.gov

To obtain a social security number/card, explanation of claims and disability benefits, Medicare, etc., call to set up an appointment. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

State Colleges and Universities

Nicholls State University

Office of Disability Services- Student Access Center
Office Location: 158 Shaver Gym
Phone: 985-449-7009

Bridge to Independence program

For Information on Bridge services and eligibility requirements, please contact:

Dr. Mary Breaud College of Education
985-448-4341
mary.breaud@nicholls.edu

Louisiana State University

Office of Disability Services
Office Location: Office of the Dean of Students
115 Johnston Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
Phone: 225-578-5919
Fax: 225-578-4560
disability@lsu.edu

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge

2356 Drusilla Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

(225) 216-7474 or (866) 216-7474

E-mail www.fhfgbr.org

info@fhfgbr.org

Family directed resource center for individuals with disabilities and their families: educational assistance for parents of children with Autism: technical assistance with rights, laws and empowerment for parents.

Exceptional Lives: Disability Information for Families

[Exceptional Lives](#) offers free resources for families of kids with disabilities to help them connect to resources and navigate. It is a not-for-profit organization which provides easy-to-read information for parents and caregivers of children and adults with developmental disabilities. They have created a **free online information platform** to help families find the resources they need and to walk them through the complicated processes of getting services and benefits for their child or family member. They have created two types of resources:

1. Personalized **How-To Guides** to help families apply for services like: special education, Medicaid Waivers or SSI. They are written in plain language and designed to be easy to understand and navigate.
2. A searchable **Resource Directory** of services, therapies and support programs in the state. Each resource is personally vetted, and we update the listings every 3 months.

The online platform includes personal support through phone, email, text and live chat.

The goal is to help people with disabilities get the support they need to live their best life.

Bayou Land Families Helping Families

286 Hwy 3185

Thibodaux, La 70301

(985) 447-4461 or (800) 331-5570

Executive Director Charlie Michel

bayoulandfhf@gmail.com

Family directed resource center for individuals with disabilities and special needs and their families. Assistance is provided for educational, financial and medical concerns

STATEWIDE RESOURCES

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

www.disability.affairs@la.gov (225) 219-7550

Department of Children and Family Services

www.dcfs.la.gov 1-(888) 524-3578

Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

www.la.gov go to Dept. of Health and Hospitals link
(225) 342-0095

Donaldsonville Area A.R.C. Inc. (DARC)

P.O. Box 624

1030 Clay Street

Donaldsonville, LA 70346

(225) 473-4516

Marlene Dominique, Director

DARC provides individuals real vocational opportunities in integrated settings. On-site adult day care program offers persons simulated work experience and vocational training in a sheltered environment. Residential services offer 24 hr. service for persons in various skill areas, such as self-help, money management, social, cooking, etc. allowing individuals to function as independently as possible.

River Parishes Community College (RPCC)

925 West Edenborne Parkway Gonzales 70737

PO Box 2367 Gonzales 70707

(225) 743-8500

www.rpcc.edu

RPCC is an open-admission, two-year post-secondary public institution serving the river parishes. The college provides curricula up to and including Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees for students transferring to other college and universities. RPCC also partners with the communities it serves by providing programs for personal, professional, and academic growth. For further information contact: Office of Admissions.

River Parishes Community College

Technical Training Center

925 West Edenborne Parkway Gonzales 70737

PO Box 2367 Gonzales 70707

(225) 743-8500

www.rpcc.edu

RPCC Technical Center offers diploma and certificate based instructional programs which provide skilled employees for business and industry that contribute to economic development and workforce needs of the state. Adult Education is located on this campus. The following are programs that are available: Welding, Process Technology, Industry Instrumentation, and Drafting Design.

Carville Job Corps Academy

5465 Point Clair Road

Carville, LA 70721

<http://carville.jobcorps.gov> (225) 642-0699

Job Corps is a residential Career Training Program where students may earn their GED/HiSet or come to get job training after receiving a high school diploma. Program offers work based skills learning aligned with industry based certification in addition to providing internships, career counseling and support after graduation. Available to both male and females ages 16 through 24.

BATON ROUGE OFFICES

Capital Area Human Services District

(Formerly Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities)

4615 Government St. Building 2

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(225) 925-1910 or (800) 768-8824

www.cahsd.org

Developmental disability services are based on eligibility criteria. Some supports and services available through CAHSD may include: Mental health services, Addiction services, Child/adolescent behavioral health services unit, Respite care, Medical supplies, Personal care attendant, Crisis interventions, Home modifications, and cash subsidy for severely disabled children, Supported employment, and Pre-vocational services.

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Louisiana Workforce Commission

Office of Workforce Development

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

3651 Cedarcrest Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA

(225) 295-8900 or (800) 737-2959

www.lwc.la.gov

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) assists persons with disabilities in their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or to achieve independence in their communities by providing rehabilitation services and working cooperatively with business and other community services. LRS provides the following programs to qualified clients: Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, Personal Care attendant, Community and family support, Traumatic head and spinal cord services, deaf and blind services.

Rehabilitation Counselor:

Debra Pearson (225) 295-8900

dpearson@lwc.la.gov

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East Ascension

St Amant High