



YOUTH SERVICES RESOURCE DIRECTORY

A GUIDE TO SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN & YOUTH IN OUACHITA
AND MOREHOUSE PARISHES



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Call **2-1-1** for community
information and referrals.

Call **318.323.1505** for individual
or family crisis intervention.

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NOTICE:

This directory was created by the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana for the 4th Judicial District Youth Services Planning Board. This document is meant to provide information about the services available to children and families in or at-risk of entering the juvenile justice system in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes.

Every effort has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information. However, due to ever-changing resources, some information may become inaccurate over time. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and additions, especially since we cannot claim to have listed every service or program.

A listing in this directory does not constitute an endorsement or a recommendation of any program, service, or agency. It is provided solely as a service to families in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes.

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This resource directory has been published for use by parents and families of at-risk children in Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes. Service providers and other agencies will also find this to be an invaluable source of information. We are pleased to make this directory available to you both electronically and in hard copy. Please visit the Children's Coalition website at www.childrenscoalition.org and click on the link to access the directory.

Inside you will find information on programs and services which are available for parents and families of at-risk children for prevention, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation services. The services listed have been confirmed by the Youth Services Planning Board to be currently available to children and their families in Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes. It is our expectation that this directory will link children and their families to service providers in the early stages of the court proceedings so that the family unit as a whole can begin treatment for their specific problems.

This directory will also be used to conduct community forums which will educate participants on how to properly and effectively use the directory. These community forums would also encourage input from families, service providers, drugs courts, and social service agencies to identify any gaps in services, increase the organized capacity of existing programs, identify barriers to accessing services, and address system problems adversely affecting children and families.

This directory has been published by the Youth Services Planning Board (YSPB). The mission of the YSPB for the Fourth Judicial District is to promote accessible and culturally relevant services for the prevention, intervention, and treatment of children, youth, and families in or at-risk of entering the foster care or criminal/juvenile justice systems.

For several years I have recognized the need for a community resource directory. Not only do I have such a need while sitting on the bench, I also receive numerous calls directed to my office making inquiries for service referrals. Over the years I have informally collected this type of information, but have had no resources to produce and upkeep a directory. It is my sincere hope that this directory will provide our community with a tool to ensure the consistent and appropriate linkage of children, youth, and families along a continuum in the areas of prevention, intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

I commend the YSPB for commissioning the directory and thank the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana for its efforts in seeing the project to completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Marchman".

SHARON I. MARCHMAN, JUDGE

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ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Agency: Monroe Addictive Disorders Clinic

Program: Adolescent Substance Abuse Program: ASAP

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Pam Williams

Phone Number: 318-362-5188

Fax Number: 318-362-5215

Address: 3200 Concordia Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=23

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The Adolescent Substance Abuse Program offers Substance Abuse Treatment groups through education and therapy, individual sessions, and family group health and fitness. The primary goal of the ASAP at Monroe ADC is to facilitate and enhance the functioning of adolescents and their family systems.

Who does this agency serve?

Adolescents and families

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Approximately 12 weeks, meeting at least three days weekly

Cost of Services: Sliding fee scale

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can apply with the agency directly or be court appointed.

AL-ANON: WE CARE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

Agency: We Care Al-Anon Family Group

Program: Al-Anon

Contact Information:

Contact Person: David Thiels

Phone Number for Meeting Times Information: 318-651-0026

Address: 3217 Concordia Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71207

Website: www.al-anon.org

Meeting Hours: 1:00 PM and 5:30 PM, Monday and Thursday
8:00 PM, Sunday

Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Al-Anon offers one hour meetings to share experiences, strengths, and hope to help friends and families of alcoholics find recovery through an action-based spiritual program; literature is also available.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Anyone

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Individuals can attend as often and as long as they wish

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

This agency accepts walk-ins.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Agency: Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 1-800-371-4017

Address: 216 Heard Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71292

Website: www.aa-louisiana.org/groups/district4.html

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provided: Treatment and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

Alcoholics Anonymous offers substance abuse counseling as well as addictions and dependencies support groups. Alcoholics Anonymous is a self-help program for alcoholics and/or the families and friends of alcoholics. They offer Alcoholics Anonymous groups for family support and Alateen groups for teenagers who have a family member with an alcohol problem.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Alcoholics and the families and friends of alcoholics

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Concordia, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies by program

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call for more information before coming to a meeting.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Agency: American Red Cross

Program: American Red Cross Youth Services

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Anne Patten

Phone Number: 318-323-5141

Fax Number: 318-323-5191

Address: 414 Breard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.nelaredcross.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

American Red Cross Youth Services offers youth community service projects. Youth volunteers provide assistance at first aid stations and coordinate supply drives throughout eleven parishes. Youth also participate in AIDS education, disaster services, nursing home visitations, and health and safety services. The agency also offers babysitting certification classes and lifeguard training for youth.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth ages 5-18 years old

Youth Summer Programs for ages 12-18 years old

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, La Salle, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies (call for specific programs)

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



ANOTHER CHANCE ENTERPRISE

Agency: Another Chance Enterprise

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Billy Foster

Phone Number: 318-325-9503

Fax Number: 318-325-9504

Address: 3001 Armond Plaza, Suites D and E
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: anotherchanceent@bellsouth.net

Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Another Chance Enterprises is a program designed to provide clients with quality substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support services. The program is dedicated to linking its clients to resources available in the community. The main goal is to provide services in the least restrictive environment.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Adolescents, children, men, pregnant women, women, and women with dependent children

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies by individual



Agency: ARCO

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Roma Kidd

Phone Number: 318-387-7817

Fax Number: 318-322-0914

Address: 901 N. 4th Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

E-Mail Address: roma@arcomonroe.org

Website: www.arcomonroe.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

ARCO seeks to empower persons with developmental disabilities and their families to have quality lives through instruction, support, and opportunity. ARCO believes that all persons are of equal value, all persons have the same basic needs, and all persons learn in uniquely different ways. ARCO supports adults through its Supported Independent Living and Supported Work programs. The program focused on assisting children and their families is the Early Intervention program.

Early Intervention

Contact Person: Shellie Hubbard, EIP Director

Phone Number: 318-322-8974

Address: 509 North 2nd Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

E-Mail Address: shellie@arcomonroe.org

Website: www.arcomonroe.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Families of children ages birth to three years can find intervention opportunities to deal with developmental issues that require therapeutic or instructional assistance. Whether a child has a developmental delay indicating a risk of disability or whether he or she has an identified disabling condition, a child's needs are addressed by a multiple-disciplinary team that considers what the family hopes to achieve. The plan of therapy and instruction is tailored to meet the unique needs of each infant and family as appropriate for the child's presenting issues. Educating the family about the affects of the disability or potential disability and helping the family find ways to address these within the natural activities of daily family life is the focus of the service.

There are no fees for children ages 0 to 3 years old, please call for the fees for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

BASTROP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency: Bastrop Police Department

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Sgt. Anthony Evans

Phone Number: 318-281-1322

Fax Number: 318-283-3378

Address: 202 East Jefferson Avenue
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Website: www.cityofbastrop.com

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Services Provided: The Bastrop Police Department is a law enforcement agency that provides:

1. Drug Prevention Education through the program D.A.R.E.
2. Background Checks
3. Fingerprints- Free of charge upon request for adults and children

Parishes Served: Morehouse



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA-LOUISIANA PURCHASE COUNCIL

Agency: Boy Scouts of America

Program: Boy Scouts of America-Louisiana Purchase Council

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Eddie Enlow

Phone Number: 318-325-4634

Fax Number: 318-325-5050

Address: 2405 Oliver Road
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.LouisianaPurchaseCouncil.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Saturday

Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Boy Scouts of America-Louisiana Purchase Council offers:

1. Youth development programs: Tiger Cubs (1st grade), Cub Scouts (2nd-5th grades), Boy Scouts (11-18 years of age), Explorers (14-20 years of age, co-educational). Boy Scouts also holds special programs for drug education and child abuse prevention as well as at risk youth programs such as: Monroe Housing Authority, Learning for Life (special educational students, co-ed.)
2. Camp T. L. James: Open year round for Scouts use.
3. Camp Attakapas: Open year round for Scouts use; volunteers are needed year-round to serve as leaders.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Boys ages 5-18 years old

Parishes Served: Morehouse and Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies; children are not turned away for inability to pay.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Louisiana

Program: Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Louisiana

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Tom Morris

Phone Number: 318-323-1644

Fax Number: 318-324-9999

Address: 500 Evergreen Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71292

Website: www.bgcwestmonroe.org

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Saturday

Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Louisiana offer after-school and summer programs to children and youth ages 5 to 18 years old at three sites in western Ouachita Parish. The sites are located at 500 Evergreen Street, 400 5th Street in West Monroe Community Center, and at 1600 North 7th Street in the old West Monroe Jr. High building (this is also the site for “The Club TeenCenter”). Activities and services include:

Character and Leadership Development: Programs in Character and Leader Development empower youth to support and influence their Club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, develop a positive self-image, participate in the democratic process and respect cultural identities.

Education and Career Development: Programs in Education and Career Development enable youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.

Health and Life Skills: Programs in Health and Life Skills develop young people’s capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals, and live successfully as adults.

The Arts: Programs in The Arts enable their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts, crafts, performing arts, and creative writing.

Sports, Fitness, and Recreation: Programs in Sports, Fitness, and Recreation develop fitness, positive use of leisure time, skills for stress management, appreciation for the environment, and social skills.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Boys and Girls ages 6-15 years old (Kindergarten age is eligible if the child is enrolled in Kindergarten.)

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies; call for more information

Cost of Services: After School Program: \$10.00 yearly membership; Summer Program: \$40.00 for first child and \$20.00 for each additional child.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call or visit the agency for more information.



CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Agency: Center for Children and Families

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Cindy Murray

Phone Number: 318-398-0945

Fax Number: 318-398-4314

Address: 622 Riverside Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: cmurray@cfcfnela.org

Website: www.cfcfnela.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provides: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

The Center for Children and Families, Inc. operates with the commitment of being “dedicated to the promotion of safe, healthy environments for children and families through advocacy, counseling, education, and prevention”. The Center for Children and Families, Inc. is an umbrella organization consisting of four different programs:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Contact Person: Greg Guthrie, CASA Director

Email Address: gguthrie@cfcfnela.org

CASA is a volunteer advocacy program for abused and neglected children in the 4th Judicial District. These volunteers are intensely focused on protecting the best interests of a child. The volunteer provides a report to judge on what they feel is in the best interest of the child, for example, allowing the child to remain in foster care or going back to live with the child’s parents. Children who are in State’s custody and are appointed by a judge to have a CASA advocate on their behalf.

The CAC (Children’s Advocacy Center) of Northeast Louisiana

Contact Person: Ashton Hines

Email Address: ahines@cfcfnela.org

The Northeast Louisiana’s Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) serves children who have been sexually or severally physically abused, or have witnessed a violent crime. The CAC works to collaborate the efforts of all the agencies and officials who are involved in child victim cases in order for the process to be less traumatizing to innocent victims. All of the necessary steps - assessments, forensic interviews, medical exams and victim support services - are conducted in one child-friendly and supportive location. Everyone works together for the best interest of the child in the hopes of bringing the perpetrator to justice. It is through this process that the CAC hopes to relieve some of the strain and trauma from the children who have suffered through no fault of their own.



Family Foundations

Contact Person: Matthew Thornton

Email Address: mthornton@cfcfnela.org

Family Foundations is a practical and goal-oriented treatment program that specifically targets at risk adolescents and their families. The goal of the program is to improve caregiver discipline practices, enhance family affective relations, decrease youth association with deviant peers, increase youth association with pro-social peers, improve school or vocational performance of the youth, develop a support network of extended family, neighbors and friends to help caregivers achieve and maintain the changes that occur.

Family Foundations consists of two different programs: Reintegration and Family Preservation. The Reintegration Program is a strength-based program focusing on education and planning for post-release struggles encountered by the young men released from Swanson Correctional Center for Youth. The main goal of this program is to supply these young men and their families with the tools and opportunities that will allow them to effectively re-enter society and lessen the chances of returning to prison.

Family Preservation primarily aims to prevent home displacement of adolescents and enhance the parent's ability to create a safe and nurturing home environment. This program encourages the idea of children growing up within their own families, and family empowerment is key. The work done with the families focuses on helping them find ways to act for themselves and become more confident in their own abilities

How Can You Apply for Services?

Family Foundations accepts referrals for clients from the Office of Youth Development (OYD), local judges and Families in Need of Service (FINS). Our clients typically include males and females between the ages of 12 and 17 and their families.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

CHILDREN'S COALITION FOR NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana

Contact Information:

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Phone Number: 318-323-8775

Fax Number: 318-323-1150

Address: 1363 Louisville Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: lgavioli@childrenscoalition.org

Website: www.childrenscoalition.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Friday

Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Child Care Connections

Contact Person: Gerry Binkley

Phone Number: 318-323-4522 or Toll Free at 877-206-0819

Email: gbinkley@childrenscoalition.org

Northeast Louisiana Child Care Connections is the early care and education program of the Children's Coalition and is funded by the Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS). Child Care Connections consists of three components: Resource and Referral which provides parents with available child care options as well as Training & Technical Assistance for child care providers. All components work together to encourage, support, and enhance the quality of child care in our region.

Health Care

Contact Person: Lindsey Murry

Email: lmurry@childrenscoalition.org

The Children's Coalition serves as the regional Covering Kids and Families contractor for the Region 8 area, servicing all 12 parishes within the region. We strive to seek and enroll eligible children into the LaCHIP and Medicaid programs through the initiatives of our local coalition comprised of businesses, healthcare professionals, non-profits, school systems and community centers.



Parenting

Contact Person: Gatha Green

Email: ggreen@childrenscoalition.org

The Children's Coalition offers a variety of parenting workshops, seminars, and training sessions for educators, childcare workers, custodial and non-custodial parents, extended family members and community volunteers. One of The Children's Coalition core values is that "families are the first and best teachers for children." By adapting classes to the specific needs of participants with regard to the age of the child, work schedules and family circumstances; we are empowering parents with the skills to strengthen their families. All of our professional trainings can be conducted at local organizations, churches, schools, facilities, etc. throughout the region. Full day or part day trainings are available, as well as a variety of classes, including Right from Birth, Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP), Early STEP, Nurturing Skills for Families, and Effective Black Parenting. These workshops help parents to understand some of the fundamental components of quality child care and parenting.

Youth Development

Contact Person: Denna McGrew

Email: dmcgrew@childrenscoalition.org

The Coalition believes that it is critical that our youth be empowered and supported to make positive decisions and see themselves as true problem solvers within the community. With this goal in mind, we have implemented a youth leadership program, 21st Century Youth Leadership. This program encourages teens to become actively involved in their community through service projects that they design and implement.

In addition to the youth programs, we feel that adults must work together to address some of the serious problems facing our teens. The Coalition tracks 32 indicators of child-wellbeing for each parish in the region. Using this information, we work with other agencies, faith-based organizations and concerned citizens to develop strategies addressing these issues. This has resulted in the formation of a regional adult coalition to address high-risk and underage drinking, the C.A.R.E. Coalition.

This strategy also resulted in the Children's Coalition serving as the fiscal agent and facilitator for the 4th JDC Youth Services Planning Board. The YSPB promotes services for youth who are in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice systems.

Teen Screen is a free mental health screening program administered by professionals through the school systems in Ouachita Parish. Youth who are identified as at-risk for mental health problems are referred to the appropriate resource for help (www.teenscreen.org).

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AND RESOURCE CENTER

Agency: White's Ferry Road Church of Christ

Program: The Christian Counseling and Resource Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Kevin T. Nieman, Ph. D., LMFT

Phone Number: 318-396-8152

Church Office: 318-396-6000

Fax Number: 318-396-8153

Address: 3201 North 7th Street
West Monroe, LA 71291

Email Address: knieman@wfrchurch.org

Website: www.wfrchurch.org/crc

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The Christian Counseling and Resource Center provides Christ-centered counseling by highly trained, licensed professionals in the areas of: marriage issues, parent-child relationships, child behavior, adolescent issues, financial counseling, anger management, grief recovery, abuse, alcohol recovery, addictions, depression, pre-marital relationship counseling, and spiritual issues.

In addition to counseling, the center provides support groups:

Celebrate Recovery: A support group ministry to bring healing to individuals for life's hurts, hang-ups and habits. CR meets on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship center.

Griefshare: A grief recovery support group.

Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids: caring group of people who meet weekly to help the individual face the challenges of moving towards rebuilding your life after divorce.

The Third Option: A group designed for all married couples interested in improving their marriage or healing a hurt relationship.

Parishes Served: Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Union

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Variable fee scale. Most counselors on staff accept insurance payments.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call for more information

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Agency: Cognitive Development Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Adrian Fisher or Felicia Downs

Phone Number: 318-387-1304

Fax Number: 318-387-1306

Address: 1816 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

E-Mail: fisheradrian@aol.com

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided: The Cognitive Development Center provides outpatient mental health care through individual, family, and group counseling; medication management; mental health and psychiatric assessments; parent and family intervention; and crisis intervention. The center also provides on site assessments and will meet with individuals and families at alternate setting such as school and homes.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals ages 5 years old and older

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services:

Depends on the service; accepts insurance and private payment

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency does accept walk-in applications; individuals can also be Court appointed.



THE COPE CENTER

Agency: The COPE Center: Champions of Purpose Empowerment Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Janice Butler

Phone Number: 318-324-3324

Address: 2901 Cameron Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: jbutler@foryourgrace.org

Website: www.foryourgrace.org

Hours of Operation: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

The COPE Center provides recovery support services that help individual's self-worth, potential, and purpose. COPE is driven by the agency's passion to uncover the hidden values of individuals, which will make a major difference in the community. The services provided include: addiction and recovery group sessions; abuse recovery; parenting skills; life skills; family retention; prevention services; childcare, assistance with housing; job readiness skills and job placement; GED preparation and testing; tutoring; health and fitness; transportation to and from the program; social service assistance; after school programs; and crime victim recovery.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Women, Youth, and Families

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: No Fees

How Can You Apply for Services?

COPE does accept walk-ins; please call the agency for more information.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Agency: 4th Judicial District's District Attorney's Office

Contact Information:

District Attorney: Jerry Jones

Ouachita Parish:

Phone Number: 318-388-4720

Fax Number: 318-327-1420

Address: 400 St John Street
P.O. Box 1652
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Morehouse Parish:

Phone Number: 318-281-4907

Address: P. O. Box 1079
Bastrop, LA 71220

Email Address: opda@bayou.com

Website: www.4thda.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Description of Services Provided:

The District Attorney's Office offers criminal justice and legal services such as: check enforcement, felony and misdemeanor, traffic, investigation support enforcement, victim assistance and domestic violence to individuals residing in the 4th Judicial District: Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes. The DA's office also provides child support assistance in order to shift the burden of support of minor children from the taxpayer to the children's natural parents if they are physically and financially capable of supporting their children.

Adolescent Diversion

Contact Person: Brenda Wade

Phone Number: 318-327-3451

Fax Number: 318-327-3453

Address: 223 South Grand Street, Suite A
Monroe, Louisiana 71210

The Adolescent Diversion Program offers juvenile diversion and truancy counseling for youth ages 16 and under. This program is an intervention program dealing with youth who have committed first offenses that are of a more serious nature. This program:

1. Diverts first time offenders from court system and crime and monitors progress of these children in school and other areas to make sure they are attending class and doing homework.
2. Deals with runaways and truants; this program also requires them to attend classes.
3. Counsels parents who are having problems with their children at home or school.
4. Conducts workshops on juvenile related issues & mentors youth



Adolescents at Risk

Contact Person: Brenda Wade
Phone Number: 318-327-3451
Fax Number: 318-327-3453
Address: 223 South Grand Street, Suite A-1
Monroe, Louisiana 71210
Website: www.4thda.org/adolescentsatrisk.html

Adolescents at Risk offers juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion counseling for pre-offenders ages 16 and under. This program aims to identify drug problems that may be the cause of the behaviors and strives to give the youth workable options to prevent criminal offenses.

1. Provides Logical Resolves of Options to first-time juvenile offenders and families and to families with teens in crisis.
2. Educates first-time juvenile offenders as to how the criminal justice system works.
3. Counsels pre-adjudicated juveniles, creating alternatives to incarceration.
4. Provides volunteer mentors and/or role models for offenders.
5. Mentoring program for first-time offenders.
6. Peer Counseling

Domestic Violence Prevention Program

Contact Person: Karen Mitchell, Director
Phone Number: 318-327-1408
Fax Number: 318-327-1435

The District Attorney's Domestic Violence Prevention Program offers crime victim support and help with domestic violence issues help. This program helps victims of domestic violence with any paperwork, provides support for victims of domestic violence, and collaborates with social service agencies that may provide direct services for the victims.

Drug Court

Contact Person: Request the Assistant District Attorney assigned to Drug Court
Phone Number: 318-388-4448

The Fourth Judicial District Drug court was established in 1998 to assist drug addicted criminals in their rehabilitation from their drug use. For first time offenders, this program not only offers drug rehabilitation but also the opportunity to obtain a Louisiana code of Criminal Procedure Article 893 known as a dismissal or acquittal of the criminal charges.

In order to qualify for a referral for the Drug court Program in this District, a person must, as a minimum, (1) be arrested for a felony, (2) must not have been convicted nor arrested currently for a crime of violence as defined in the Louisiana Criminal Code, (3) must not have been convicted for simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling, and (4) must be addicted to drugs.

Information about Juvenile Drug Court may be found on page 39.



Juvenile Accountability Based Sanctions Program

Contact Person: Artis Wilson

Phone Number: 318-327-1425

Fax Number: 318-327-3453

Address: 223 South Grand

Monroe, LA 71210

Email Address: tiaja@bayou.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

The overall goal of the JABS Program is to aid clients in leading more productive lives and decrease criminal behavior by offering house arrest and home monitoring for youth ages 16 years old and under as an alternative to criminal prosecution. Most clients receive services between 3 to 6 months; however, it can be longer, depending on the circumstance and behavior of the client.

Teen Court (See Youth Services of Northeast Louisiana on page 118)

Victim Assistance

Phone Number: 318-327-1408

The victim assistance program is designed to provide direct services to all victims of crime whose cases are being prosecuted by the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office. The coordinator is an advocate for the rights of the victim, both in the courtroom and in the office and ensures that their rights are honored without interfering with the effective and efficient prosecution of criminals. The coordinator forms an approach to assisting victims that is based on compassion, dignity and respect.

ECSS: EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

Agency: Early Childhood Supports and Services: ECSS

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Leu Ann Prince

Phone Number: 318-362-4676

Fax Number: 318-362-4580

Address: 309 McClendon Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Website: www.ecssla.gov

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Early Childhood Support Services offers mental health services. ECSS is a program of the State Office of Mental Health that offers mental health and support services to children from birth to age 6 and their families. Eligible families must meet income eligibility requirements and they must reside in Ouachita parish. ECSS in Ouachita parish collaborates with over 20 local and state agencies, faith based and non-profit organizations to provide a comprehensive and personalized service plan for each family that is referred. All services are provided at no charge. Families without transportation may receive services in their homes. Services include the following:

1. Mental Health assessments for children from birth through age 5
2. Interventions that address parent/child relationships and healthy attachments
3. Referrals to other community services
4. Parenting
5. Case Management
6. Emergency Intervention Funds

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children ages 0 to 6 years old

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

THE EXTRA MILE, INC.

Agency: The Extra Mile, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Candace Corkran

Phone Number: 318-388-6088

Fax Number: 318-388-6872

Address: 1900 Lamy Lane, Suite I
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: theextramile@bellsouth.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The Extra Mile offers mental health and substance abuse treatment. The Extra Mile is an agency dedicated to assisting individuals with mental illnesses, addictive disorders, and developmental disabilities.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals with mental illnesses, addictive disorders, and developmental disabilities

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals must be referred by Office of Mental Health.



FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

Agency: Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Aliscia Banks

Phone Number: 318-361-0487

Fax Number: 318-361-0417

Address: 5200 Northeast Road
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Website: www.fhfnela.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

This program offers information, referrals, and support services for families. Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana, Inc. is a family directed resource center for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families with children who have developmental disabilities by birth, illness, or accident

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency does accept walk-ins, please call for more information.



FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES: 4TH JDC

Agency: 4th Judicial District Court System

Program: Families in Need of Services (FINS), 4th JDC

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Lorie Morris

Phone Number: 318-361-2220

Fax Number: 318-361-2222

Address: 300 St. John Street, Suite 304
Monroe, LA 71201

Email Address: 4jdcfins1@gmail.com

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The agency's major activity is to work with juveniles, primarily ages 12 to 16 years old, who are ungovernable, truant, runaways, repeatedly possess or consume intoxicating beverages or misrepresents or deceives age in purchasing these items or repeatedly loiters around these places, juveniles who commit an offense that applies only to children, children under the age of 10 years old who have committed an act which if committed by an adult would be a crime, or caretakers that encourage such acts. For truancy, the agency will work with children as young as pre-K.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families in the 4th Judicial District

Parishes Served: Ouachita & Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: 6 months; can be extended up to 1 year by court approval or necessity if family is brought to court

How Can You Apply for Services?

An applicant is referred to the agency by the Court or by the Schools.

FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES: MONROE CITY COURTS

Agency: Monroe City Court System

Program: Families in Need of Services (FINS), Monroe City Courts

Contact Information:

Contact Person: James Turner

Phone Number: 318-329-2658

Fax Number: 318-329-2689

Address: 700 Calypso Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

E-Mail Address: turner4207@bellsouth.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

This program is for families of juveniles with problems before adjudication. This program works as a mediator with juveniles and their families to remediate problems. Offers services such as:

1. Family Interventions: Seeks to provide intervention before delinquency develops
2. Family mediation: Assists parents with troubled youth to help get them back on the right track.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families who live within the 4th Judicial District

Parishes Served: Morehouse and Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: 6 months to 1 year

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

An applicant is referred to the agency by the Courts or by the Schools.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS, FAMILY MATTERS

Program: Family Connection/ Family Matters

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Tamera Thompson, Program Director

Phone Number: 318-340-0989

Fax Number: 318-340-0233

Address: 610 16th Street South
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Family Connection/ Family Matters offers foster parent resource center and supportive services to foster parents. This program also provides family based counseling, parent skill development, life skills, and respite for families referred by OCS or FINS.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Foster Parents

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



FAMILY NEW LIFE REHABILITATION CENTER, INC.

Agency: Family New Life Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Adrian Williams

Email Address: familynewlife@yahoo.com

Website: www.fnlrehab.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Bastrop Office:

Phone Number: 318-556-4081

Fax Number: 318-325-8385

Address: 200 McCreight Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Monroe Office:

Phone Number: 318-325-8050

Fax Number: 318-325-8385

Address: 1705 Washington Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Category of Services Provided: Treatment and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

Family new Life Rehabilitation Center, Inc. in provides mental health care and counseling. The center specializes in providing treatment to children, adolescents, and adults who are experiencing mild to severe psychiatric, behavioral, and/or family problems. These services are provided in the person's natural environment. Services include: assessment screening, medication management, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, individual/group psycho-social skills training, anger management skills, parenting skills training, home/school visits. Services are approved through the Office of Mental Health.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals ages 5-99 years old with diagnosed mental, emotional, and conduct problems.

Parishes Served: Northeast Louisiana

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies, payments are taken in the form of private pay, insurance, and Medicaid/Medicare

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please Call the Monroe office for a phone assessment. Eligibility will be assessed from that point. Pending eligibility, an appointment will then be made for an intake form family and social history. The agency welcomes calls and referrals from physicians, health care organizations, hospitals, home health agencies, schools, family, friends, and individuals.

FAMILY PLUS

Agency: Louisiana Methodist Children's Home

Program: Family Plus

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Joe Key

Phone Number: 318-343-5832

Fax Number: 318-343-3766

Address: 4390 Sterlington Road
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: familyplus@bellsouth.net

Website: www.lmch.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Family Plus offers counseling in the natural environment of the child in the home, school, and community. The program provides family tools for dealing with children who exhibit problems.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and families

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: 3 to 5 months, open-ended in outpatient counseling

Cost of Services: Sliding fee scale, \$25 to \$85

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can apply with the agency or be court appointed. The agency does accept walk-ins.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Agency: Family Justice Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Jana Hutzler

Phone Number: 318-998-6030

Fax Number: 318-998-6034

Address: 620 Riverside Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.fcjouachita.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Family Justice Center is a one stop information and service center for those seeking assistance in domestic violence situations. The agency offers Outreach and Education programs such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking education programs that are free of charge, as well as, a variety of training classes that are open to the public and free of charge.

The agency offers a Teen Dating Violence Program to the youth. It is an online program where teens can go to learn more about and ask questions related to sexual and/or violent relationships they might be involved in. The website also gives teens solutions to these types of problems and ways to get help. The site is: www.thesafespace.org

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Victims of domestic violence

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Agency: Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Hollis Conway

Phone Number: 318-387-8326

Fax Number: 318-387-8325

Address: 1 Stella Mill Street, Suite B
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: hconway@fca.org

Website: www.nelafca.org

Hours of Operation: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The fellowship is a non-profit, interdenominational organization. The focus is on campus ministering to coaches and athletes and all they influence. The Fellowship's programs are targeted to male and female young people in junior high, high school and college.

1. Huddles - student-led students initiated fellowship groups.
2. Adult Chapters - serve as a Booster Club to the "Huddles". (Raising money to scholarship student athletes and coaches to camps)
3. Fellowship Camps - A week of "inspiration and perspiration" where students receive the highest quality of instruction in their sport and in the game of life, learning teamwork, leadership and spiritual skills to help them make good choices.
4. One Way 2 Play - a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program, young people have signed a pledge to abstain from drugs and alcohol

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Junior High and High School Students

Parishes Served: Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Richland

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call this agency for more information.

FIRST WEST COUNSELING CENTER

Agency: First West Counseling Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Tina Jinks

Phone Number: 318-323-1427

Fax Number: 318-322-1477

Address: 212 Cypress Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: tjinks@firstwest.com

Website: www.firstwest.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

First West Counseling Center provides professional Christian counseling in an atmosphere of hope, healing, and restoration. This agency offers marriage and family therapy, individual counseling, and group therapy for a variety of issues including: marriage, marriage preparation, parent child relationships, child behavioral issues, spiritual issues, divorce, anxiety, depression, grief, anger management, addictions, career, financial, ADHD, developmental and academic screenings, and LPC supervision.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children, parents, families, and married couples

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: \$75.00 per 1 hour session or based on a sliding scale.

How Can You Apply for Services?

This agency accepts walk-in applications as well as individuals by appointment.

GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISIANA: PINES TO THE GULF

Agency: Girl Scouts of Louisiana: Pines of the Gulf

Program: Girl Scouts of Louisiana: Pines of the Gulf

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Nan Cogburn

Phone Number: 318-325-2691

Fax Number: 318-325-7903

Address: 102 Arkansas Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.girlscoutspinestogulf.org

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The Girl Scout program is an informal educational experience where girls learn to work together. They participate in new challenges while developing leadership skills. The Girl Scout program can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment. The Girl Scout program is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law and four fundamental goals that encourage girls to:

- Develop to their full potential.
- Relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect.
- Develop a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making.
- Contribute to the improvement of society.

Girl Scouts are divided into Daisy Girl Scouts (ages 5-6), Brownie Girl Scouts (ages 6-8), Junior Girl Scouts (ages 8-11), and STUDIO 2B for girls ages 11-17.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

All girls ages 5 to 17 years old

Parishes Served: All parishes in Louisiana are served by Girl Scouts.

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: \$10.00 per year

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



GLENWOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT

Agency: Glenwood Regional Medical Center

Program: Glenwood Behavioral Health Unit

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Anna Clements

Phone Number: 318-329-4525

Fax Number: 318-329-4526

Address: 6200 Cypress Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

E-Mail Address: aclements@iasishealthcare.com

Website: www.grmc.com

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Glenwood Behavioral Health Unit offers free assessments to determine the most appropriate treatment options. This agency offers comprehensive treatment for: Depression/Anxiety disorders, Stress and Suicidal Thinking, as well as Substance Abuse and Chemical Dependency.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals ages 18 and older

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

Agency: Go Care

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Richard Womack

Phone Number: 318-325-1092

Fax Number: 318-325-1222

Address: 2915 DeSiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: rwomack@bayou.com

Website: www.go-care.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Wednesday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Go Care offers case management and a full range of services provided for HIV infected persons and their families such as: counseling, medical and social services, and emergency assistance.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

HIV patients and their families, patients must be at least 13 years old

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information; the agency does accept walk-ins.

GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTERS

Agency: Granberry Counseling Centers

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Amy Butler

Phone Number: 318-345-8200

Alternate Phone Number: 1-877-345-7411

Fax Number: 318-342-8049

Address: 7200 Desiard Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: granberry@lbch.org

Website: www.lbch.org/granberry

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Some After Hours Appointments are Available

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Granberry Counseling Centers offers individual, couples, marital, and family counseling that is affordable, professional, and Christian.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth ages 6 years old and older

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Franklin, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, and Union

Cost of Services: The standard session fee is \$75 per hour but fees maybe adjusted for anyone in need and private insurance is accepted.

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual can apply with the agency, the agency accepts walk-ins, and/or the individual is Court appointed.



GREEN OAKS JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

Agency: Green Oaks Juvenile Detention Home

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Michael Rhodes

Phone Number: 318-329-4041

Fax Number: 318-329-4044

Address: 4820 South Grand
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: mrhodes@oppj.org

Website: www.oppj.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Green Oaks Detention Home is a center for the detention of male and female juvenile offenders.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Juvenile offenders between the ages of 10 and 16 who have committed a crime

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None for Ouachita Parish

HEARTBEAT MONROE AFTER SUICIDE SUPPORT

Agency: Heartbeat Monroe After Suicide Support

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Teddi McGehee

Phone Number: 318-345-0785

Address: St. Thomas Episcopal Church
3706 Bon Aire Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: heartbeatmonroe@yahoo.com

Website: www.heartbeatmonroe.org

Hours of Operation: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, 2nd Thursday of Every Month

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Heartbeat Monroe After Suicide Support seeks to help survivors, both new and seasoned, by providing books, leaflets, and web information. New survivors are sent a packet with a booklet and other brochures to help them. Monthly newsletters are sent which contain book reviews, national suicide prevention news, topics of interest for email response, items that are unique to suicide survivors, and articles which members submit. We participate in nationally sponsored activities to commemorate our loved ones and broaden the awareness/prevention of suicide. If we come up with a new innovation, we try our best to provide it.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Suicide Survivors

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Richland

Typical Length of Services Provided: 2-3 years for new survivors; mail continues indefinitely

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-in applications.

HOPE YOUTH RANCH

Agency: Hope Youth Ranch

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Chris Haynes or Roy Martinez

Phone Number: 318-371-0047

Fax Number: 318-371-1685

Address: 114 Hope Ranch Road
Minden, Louisiana 71055

Email Address: hopeyouthranch@earthlink.net

Website: www.hopeyouthranch.com

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Hope Youth Ranch is an interfaith, Christian-based, residential treatment program for boys between the ages 8 and 17. The Ranch offers troubled and lonely boys an opportunity to mature spiritually, educationally, emotionally and physically. The Ranch is located on a 345-acre farm that raises Angus cattle, horses, and a variety of other animals such as lamas, miniature donkeys, goats, and other small animals.

Hope Youth Ranch Alternative Center is a Parish school licensed by the State of Louisiana. The school is located on Ranch property in the former Evergreen Community School building. Four certified teachers and a teacher's aid staff the school, along with 16 to 18 Ranch Direct Care Staff. The school's schedule and curriculum follow state guidelines.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Boys between the ages of 8 and 17 years old

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

The applicant must be referred by the State of Louisiana.

INDIGENT DEFENDER BOARD

Agency: Indigent Defender Board: 4th Judicial District

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 318-322-6643

Fax Number: 318-325-7814

Address: 714 St. John Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Persons charged with criminal offenses may request of the presiding judge that they be referred to the Indigent Defender Board to determine whether or not they qualify for court appointed counsel. Request must be made in open court so that the matter can be entered into the minutes of that court session and the defendant placed under oath. They must then come to the office and begin the procedure to determine their qualifications. Persons in jail will be interviewed on site by investigators once they have been referred.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals in the 4th Judicial District that meet the requirements set by the board and who are unable to afford counsel

Parishes Served: Morehouse and Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: varies

Cost of Services: \$40.00 application fee

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual must fill out an application.



JOHNNY ROBINSON'S BOYS HOME

Agency: Johnny Robinson's Boys Home

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Matt Robinson

Phone Number: 318-388-1104

Fax Number: 318-325-9564

Address: 3209 South Grand Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Johnny Robinson's Boys Home is a residential facility that offers individual and group counseling to address behavioral issues, substance abuse education, and independent living skills and peer relations.

The agency also offers: family counseling, sex offender treatment by a local psychologist, and educational services through the local school systems.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Males ages 12 to 17 years old

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual must be court appointed.

JUVENILE DRUG COURT, 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Program: 4th Judicial District Juvenile Drug Court

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Kathryn Bagley

Phone Number: 318-361-2225

Fax Number: 318-361-2256

Address: 300 St. John Street, Suite 304
Monroe, LA 71201

Email Address: kbagley@4jdc.com

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

Juvenile Drug Court offers an intensive outpatient therapy, frequent supervision meetings with a case manager and/or a probation officer, regular court hearings, random drug screens, and curfew checks. The program offers also uses incentives to encourage our youth's positive behavior.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Juveniles between the ages of 13 to 16 years old who has committed a crime in Ouachita parish and who are facing at least 12 months in custody; the juvenile also has to have problems involving drugs and/or alcohol.

Parishes Served: Morehouse and Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: at least 9 months

Cost of Services: \$30 a month: this covers a \$10 court fee and \$20 probation fee

How Can You Apply for Services?

The applicant is referred by a Judge or by the District Attorney.



LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: Legal Services of Northeast Louisiana

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Alma S. Jones

Phone Number: 318-699-0889

Fax Number: 318-699-0191

Address: 3016 Cameron Street
Monroe, LA 71201

Email Address: a.jones1@lsnl.org

Website: www.lsnl.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Legal Services of Northeast Louisiana is a private non-profit law firm providing legal assistance to the indigent in our service area in civil legal matters.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Qualifying individuals who meet Federal Poverty Guidelines and Legal Services of Northeast Louisiana

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

The applicant is referred by the Courts.



LIBERTY HEALTHCARE CHILD ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL

Agency: Liberty Healthcare Child Adolescent Behavioral Health Hospital

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Toby Tubbs

Phone Number: 318-281-2448

Fax Number: 318-281-2499

Address: 4673 Eugene Ware Boulevard
Bastrop, LA 71220

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM,. Monday through Friday

Hospital Care: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Liberty Healthcare Child Adolescent Behavioral Health Hospital in Bastrop provides healthcare services for children and adolescents ages 7 to 17 years old that meet one of the 3 admission criteria:

1. have suicidal thoughts
2. have homicidal thoughts
3. be gravely disabled: school failure/truancy, running away, isolation, depression, eating disorders, frequent tantrums, sexually acting out

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and adolescents ages 7 to 17 years old

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concorida, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Cost of Services: \$1,800 per diem: free transportation provided

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-ins or application by phone.



LIFE CHOICES PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Agency: Life Choices, Pregnancy Resource Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Lyndsey Breard

Phone Number: 318-323-2200

Address: 1500 Royal Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: lifechoices@centurytel.net

Hours of Operation: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Health and Educational Resource Center provides accurate information on pregnancy and fetal development, adoption, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Counseling is also provided by trained volunteers and Marriage and Family Therapy Interns. Abstinence education and Post Abortion Counseling is provided. The Center also has baby items to distribute to an individual while they are enrolled in the program.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Women who are pregnant or who may be pregnant

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency to make an appointment and for more information.

LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Agency: Life Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dr. Perry Hancock

Phone Number: 318-343-2244

Fax Number: 318-343-0613

Address: 7200 DeSiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: phancock@lbch.org

Website: www.lbch.org

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Children's Home provides residential childcare to children who are in kindergarten through 12th grade. Each child lives in a family style cottage with a Christian couple who serves as cottage parents. Each cottage provides a family atmosphere with no more than 12 children per cottage. Children's medical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs are provided by the support staff of LBCH including social workers, counselors, doctors, and local schools and churches.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and their families

Typical Length of Services Provided: varies by individual child

Cost of Services: varies by individual family's income. LBCH will not turn a child away if the family cannot pay anything for services provided.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



LOUISIANA MENTOR

Agency: Louisiana Mentor

Program: Foster Care

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dana Burch

Phone Number: 318-410-8823

Fax Number: 318-410-8826

Address: 1890 Hudson Circle, Suite 12
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: Dana.Burch@thementornetwork.com

Website: www.thementornetwork.com

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

The MENTOR Model is based on a one-to-one placement of a client in the home of a trained paraprofessional called a "Mentor" - these services are referred to as "therapeutic foster care". Other service and support options include adoption assistance, educational services, in-home support, day programming, employment services, small group care and supported living.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Adults and children with disabilities including offenders with developmental disabilities, children and families participating in therapeutic foster care, and people with acquired brain injury

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Richland

Typical Length of Services Provided: 6 months to 1 year

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are court appointed. Individuals are placed through contracts with OYD and OCDD currently as well as through private pay.

LOUISIANA METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Agency: Louisiana Methodist Children's Home

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Terrel Deville

Phone Number: 318-255-5020

Fax Number: 318-255-6623

Address: 901 South Vienna
Ruston, Louisiana 71273

Email Address: terrel.deville@lmch.org

Website: www.lmch.org

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Residential Care Program provides structured residential living for boys and girls with professional supervision and trained 24-hour child care staff. Each house has an incentive program to encourage youth participation in daily activities and decision making.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and their families

Typical Length of Services Provided: varies

Cost of Services: varies by individual family

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE: TROOP F

Agency: Louisiana State Police: Troop F

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Captain Don French

Phone Number: 318-345-0000

Fax Number: 318-362-5198

Address: 1240 Highway 594
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: Don.French@dps.la.gov

Website: www.lsp.org

Hours of Operation: Open 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Louisiana State Police: Troop F strives to protect and serve and offers law enforcement services, drug education, and traffic seminars available by appointment.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll



LOUISIANA TEEN CHALLENGE

Program: Louisiana Teen Challenge - Ruston

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 318-254-2830

Fax: 318-254-2867

Address: 411 E. California Ave
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

Email Address: intake@louisianateenchallenge.com

Website: www.teenchallenge.com

Hours of Operation:

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Louisiana Teen Challenge provides youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems so that they may become productive members of society. By applying biblical principles, Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive. Through committed staff and effective programs, Teen Challenge seeks to produce graduates who function responsibly and productively in society, and who have healthy relationships in the work place, family, church and community.

The induction duration of the program is a 4 month residential phase after which students are transferred to our Training Center where students complete the remaining 8 months, making the length of the residential program 12 months.

Parishes Served: All parishes in Louisiana

Typical Length of Services Provided: 12 month residential program

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

LSU AG CENTER

Agency: LSU AG Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Robert Huchinson

Northeast Region Office

Phone Number: 318-435-2908

Fax Number: 318-435-2902

Address: Northeast Region Office
212 Macon Ridge Road, Building B
Winnsboro, LA 71295

Email Address: rhuchinson@agcenter.lsu.edu

Website: www.lsuagcenter.com

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
Class Times: vary based on programs

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The LSU AG Center is dedicated to innovation, education and improving the lives of the citizens of Louisiana.

Family Resource Management

Contact Person: Cynthia Stephens

Phone Number: 318-323-2251

Fax Number: 318-387-9376

Address: 704 Cypress Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: cstephens@agcenter.lsu.edu

Website: www.lsuagcenter.com

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
Class Times: vary based on programs

Family Resource Management offers services to clients who seek financial security and stability by reducing debt and improving money management.



LSU AG CENTER CONTINUED

Nutrition Education

Contact Person: Cathy Agan
Phone Number: 318-323-2251
Fax Number: 318-387-9376
Address: 704 Cypress Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291
Email Address: cagan@agcenter.lsu.edu
Website: www.lsuagcenter.com
Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Nutrition Education offers services that help clients to establish healthy eating habits, food safety, and budgeting food dollars.

Parenting Education

Contact Person: Danna Gillett
Phone Number: 318-728-3216
Fax Number: 318-387-9376
Address: 704 Cypress Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291
Website: lsuagcenter.com
Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
Class: Times vary based on program

Parenting Education offers informal parenting education sessions to learn and/or utilize skills to improve family resiliency.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Morehouse, and Ouachita

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

MED CAMPS OF LOUISIANA

Agency: Med Camps of Louisiana

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Caleb Seney

Phone Number: 318-329-8405 • 877- 282-0802

Fax Number: 318-329-8407

Address: 102 Thomas Road, Ste. 615
West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: info@medcamps.com

Website: www.medcamps.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

MedCamps of Louisiana holds a series of one-week, fun-filled camps each summer free of charge for children in Louisiana facing the challenges of a variety of physical and mental disabilities. These include spina bifida, cerebral palsy, asthma, sickle cell anemia, autism, epilepsy, juvenile arthritis, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech impairment and those developmentally disabled. Medical supervision is provided.

Children battling these disorders are often unable to participate in normal childhood activities. Consequently, they are often “left out” because they have special needs. With MedCamps that is no longer the case.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

MedCamps serves children and youth ages 6 – 16 who have a variety of physical and mental disabilities.

Parishes Served: all of Louisiana

Typical Length of Services Provided: Each camp is one week.

Cost of Services: free of charge

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call for more information.

MERCY MINISTRIES OF AMERICA

Agency: Mercy Ministries of America

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Margaret Troquille

Phone Number: 318-388-2040

Fax Number: 318-322-5310

Address: 804 Spell Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71292

Email Address: info@mercyministries.com

Website: www.mercyministries.com

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Mercy Ministries of America is a residential program provided to young women who face life-controlling issues. This program is free of charge and designed to address the whole person: spiritual, physical, and emotional. The programs taught include learning about basic life-skills to educational opportunities.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Females from ages 13 to 28 years old who are pregnant; are having problems with alcohol, suicidal thoughts or behaviors, and emotional problems; or who have suffered from sexual abuse. Each individual is admitted upon a case by case basis.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: an average stay is 6 months, but length varies from person to person

Cost of Services: free of charge

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call for more information or visit the agency's website to fill out an application.

MONROE CITY COURT

Agency: Monroe City Court

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 318-329-2580

Fax Number: 318-329-2622

Address: 600 Calypso Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.monroela.us/legal.php

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Fine Payments: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Description of Services Provided:

The Monroe City Court has three divisions:

Civil Division

Contact: Nancy Summersgill

Phone Number: 318-329-2240

Email: nanci.summersgill@ci.monroe.la.us

This Division is generally responsible for handling legal matters of a civil nature in the fields of administrative law, bonds, bid laws, building codes, civil liability, condemnation, contracts, construction laws, deeds, election laws, environmental laws (state and federal), expropriation, federal civil rights laws, federal grants, franchises, insurance, labor laws, leases, ordinances, personnel administration, planning, resolutions, safety codes, sales, state tax laws (occupational license, property tax, sales tax, etc.), torts, transportation, workman's compensation, and zoning. This Division litigates at the trial and appellate level in both the state and federal courts and in administrative law systems.

Prosecuting Division

Contact: Anselm Nwokorie

Phone Number: 318-329-2618

Email: anselm.nwokorie@ci.monroe.la.us

The Prosecuting Division is currently under the direction of the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office. This Division is responsible for prosecuting criminal misdemeanor violations of the City of Monroe Code in the Monroe City Court and related including bond forfeitures. This Division also handles all appeals related to the City Court prosecutions at the state and federal court systems. The Prosecuting Division also prosecutes what is known as civil violations of the Monroe City Code, including building code violations, safety code violations, and zoning code violations.

The Prosecuting Division is responsible for monitoring and updating the City criminal code provisions for compliance with charges in state laws and court jurisprudence. The Division also assists in instructing members of the Police Department on charges in status and procedures as required.



MONROE CITY COURT CONTINUED

Pre-Trial Diversion

Contact: Jason Stewart

Phone Number: 318-329-3928

Email: Jason.stewart@ci.monroe.la.us

The pre-trial diversion program has provides counseling services, educational services, and rehabilitation services to first time offenders in an effort to return them to society through a productive channel. The program works to deter misdemeanor offenders from committing offences, while providing them with a second chance to reform and contribute to a safer community.

To be eligible for the program, an individual should have no previous convictions, the crime in question must be one from a prescribed list of convictions, and the offender must be at least 18 years of age. Certain components to the pre-trial diversion program include (1) regular attendance at counseling sessions (2) responsible thinking sessions (3) anger management classes and (4) drug abuse training sessions. In addition to class attendance, each participant is required to perform and complete a community service project specifically designed to “pay back a debt” to the city of Monroe in an attempt to show the program is a positive contributing factor to the municipality.



MONROE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Agency: Monroe City School Board

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Vickie Irwin

Phone Number: 318-325-0601

Fax Number: 318-323-2864

Address: 2101 Roselawn
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: vickie.irwin@mcschools.net

Website: www.mcschools.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Monroe City Schools: School Board offers education, schools assessment tutoring, and specialized instruction.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and youth from preschool through high school graduation

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

The individual must be of school age and live in a Monroe City School zone.



MONROE DISTRICT SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Agency: Louisiana Department of Social Services

Program: Monroe District Support Enforcement Services Office

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Delores Paine

Phone Number: 318-362-5271

Fax Number: 381-362-3363

Address: 2006 Tower Drive

P.O. Box 3144

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: dpaine@dss.state.la.us

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Monroe District Support Enforcement Services Office offers established paternities, establishes and enforces child support orders, establishes medical orders such as insurance coverage, and locates absent parents.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families and children

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Union

Cost of Services: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Applicants can call or stop by the office for more information.



MONROE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Agency: Monroe Mental Health Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Loria Pierce

Phone Number: 318-362-3339

There is 24 hour access to the agency by phone

Fax Number: 318-362-3336

Address: 4800 South Grand Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: lpierce@dhh.la.gov

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Description of Services Provided:

Monroe Mental Health Center provides out-patient assessment /treatment and in-patient referral for persons in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. The following programs are available for children and youth:

C.A.R.T. (Children & Adolescent Response Team)

The C.A.R.T. program provides crisis triage, evaluations, emergency interventions, referrals, and follow-up visits to children and adolescents with the goal of preventing hospitalization.

Clinic Services

Clinic Services provides evaluation, referral, and treatment services for those experiencing emotional and behavioral disorders.

Respite

Respite provides out of home placement on emergency and planned basis to avoid more restrictive care.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: Varies by individual

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information; the agency does accept applications by walk-in.



MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency: Monroe Police Department

Contact Information:

Chief of Police: Ron Schleuter

Phone Number: Chief's Office: 318-239-2501

24-Hour Service: 318-329-2588

Fax Number: 318-329-4441

Address: 700 Wood Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.ci.monroe.la.us/police

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Patrol: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Description of Services Provided:

D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program)

Contact Person: Sergeant Mary Fuller

Phone Number: Chief's Office: 318-239-2501

24-Hour Service: 318-329-2588

Email Address: mary.McElroy@ci.monroe.la.us

The Monroe Police Department teaches the D.A.R.E. core curriculum to the exit grade of the elementary school, either 5th or 6th grade. The agency teaches as many visitation lessons as possible to K-4th grade students, educates youth about the consequences of getting involved with drugs and violence, and teaches basic life skills to help children grow to become healthy, productive citizens.

OK Program

Contact Person: Corporal Larry Wilson

Phone Number: Chief's Office: 318-239-2501

24-Hour Service: 318-329-2588

Email Address: larry.wilson@ci.monroe.la.us

The OK Program provides role models with strong, positive characters; raises awareness about the incarceration rate of African American males; educates young African American males about police procedures; educates young African American males in how to interact with police officers; enhances individual self esteem and self confidence; maximizes academic performance; promotes healthy lifestyles; and enhances individual and civic responsibility.

Children are referred or selected from their schools; anyone who wants to be a mentor can contact Corporal Larry Wilson.



MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

School Resource Officers

Contact Person: Captain Carol Andrews

Phone Number: Chief's Office; 318-239-2501

24-Hour Service: 318-329-2588

Email Address: carol.andrews@ci.monroe.la.us

School Resource Officers bridge the gap between the Monroe Police Department, the community, and the schools. The program increases positive attitudes toward law enforcement and decrease negative attitudes, becomes proactive through involvement in school activities, and establishes a crime watch model that anticipates student behavior. The program counsels at-risk students that are headed for trouble due to low grades, high absenteeism, and other problems.

Truancy

Contact Person: Captain Carol Andrews

Phone Number: Chief's Office; 318-239-2501

24-Hour Service: 318-329-2588

Email Address: carol.andrews@ci.monroe.la.us

The program has a Truancy Hearing Board, follow up with students and families, tracks student's attendance, locates agencies to provided needed services, provides counseling for students and families, and offers parental outreach and support.



MOREHOUSE CAREER SOLUTIONS

Agency: Louisiana Department of Labor

Program: Morehouse Career Solutions

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Kathy Cerda

Phone Number: 318-283-0849

Line #2: 318-283-0882

Fax Number: 318-283-0850

Address: 250 Holt Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Website: www.laworks.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Career Solutions is a one stop career center that offers job placement and job search.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals ages 16 years old and older

Parishes Served: Morehouse, Union, West Carroll

Cost of Services: Varies

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



MOREHOUSE PARISH COURTHOUSE, 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Agency: 4th Judicial District Court: Morehouse Parish Courthouse

Contact Information:

Phone Number: Judges Office: 318-281-0863

Clerk of Court: 318-281-3343

Fax Number: 318-283-2861

Address: 100 East Madison
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Website: www.4jdc.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday



MOREHOUSE PARISH HEALTH UNIT

Agency: Office of Public Health, Region 8

Program: Morehouse Parish Health Unit

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Susan Coston

Phone Number: 318-283-0807

Fax Number: 318-283-0860

Address: 650 School Road
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Email Address: scoston@dhh.la.gov

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Parish Health Unit offers Family Planning Programs, Maternity Clinic, Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, Immunizations, Child Health Clinic, Help in acquiring Birth Certificates and Death Certificates, Pregnancy Testing, and T.B. Skin Testing

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Morehouse Parish residents

Parishes Served: Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: Varies, based on income

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency to schedule an appointment.

MOREHOUSE PARISH LIBRARY

Agency: Louisiana State Library System

Program: Morehouse Parish Library

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Mary Hodgkins

Phone Number: 318-281-3682

Fax Number: 318-281-3683

Address: 524 East Madison
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Website: www.youseemore.com

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The Morehouse Parish Library offers books for loan and summer reading programs. The library also has computer stations with internet connections which are available for public use.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Morehouse Parish residents

Parishes Served: Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

MOREHOUSE PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agency: Louisiana Department of Social Services

Program: Morehouse Parish Office of Community Services

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Karen Herington

Phone Number: 318-283-0820

Fax Number: 318-283-0866

Address: 451 East Madison Avenue
Bastrop, Louisiana 71221

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Parish Office of Community Services is the Public Child Welfare Agency. The office investigates reports of child abuse and neglect, provides foster care and adoption services, parenting, counseling, and family services.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children in Morehouse Parish

Parishes Served: Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



MOREHOUSE PARISH OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT

Agency: Louisiana Department of Social Services

Program: Morehouse Parish Office of Family Support

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Willie Mae Hall

Phone Number: 318-238-0825

Fax Number: 318-283-0208

Address: 1045 East Madison Avenue
Bastrop, Louisiana 71221

Email Address: ofsmorehouse@dss.state.la.us

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Tuesday, Thursday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Parish Office of Family Support provides assistance to families through temporary financial assistance, job readiness programs, educational training, the food stamp program, and child care assistance.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families who meet the agency's guidelines

Parishes Served: Morehouse Parish

Typical Length of Services Provided: varies

Cost of Services: varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Agency: Morehouse Parish School Board

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Tom Thrower

Phone Number: 318-281-5784

Fax Number: 318-283-3456

Address: 714 South Washington
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Email Address: tthrower@mpsb.us

Website: www.mpsb.us

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Parish School Board offers public education to children and youth ages kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as, GED and adult education services.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children in Morehouse Parish

Parishes Served: Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies by Program

Cost of Services: varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



MOREHOUSE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency: Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office

Contact Information:

Sheriff: Danny McGrew

Sheriff Elect (Administration to begin July 1, 2008): Mike Tubbs

Phone Number: 318-281-4141

Fax Number: 318-283-1773

Address: 351 South Franklin Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Email Address: mtubbsmp2@bellsouth.net

Website: www.mpso.net

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office is a Law Enforcement agency that offers the DARE Program, School Resource Officers, and Truancy Officers.

Parishes Served: Morehouse



THE MULHEARN GROUP

Agency: The Mulhearn Group

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dianne L. Guillot

Phone Number: 318-329-0141

Fax Number: 318-329-0146

Address: 500 Saint John Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: mumsguillot@aol.com

Website: www.mulhearnfuneralhomes.org

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The Mulhearn Group offers grief support for families following the death of a family member or friend, individual facilitating, and help with any grief issue.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals and families

Parishes Served: Franklin, Ouachita, and Richland

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can apply by walk-in or be court appointed; the agency does prefer that an individual call for an appointment.



NORTH LOUISIANA AHEC (AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER)

Agency: North Louisiana AHEC

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Sharon Burns

Phone Number: 318-361-7250

Fax Number: 318-362-4520

Address: Ouachita Parish Health Unit
1650 DeSiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Website: www.nlahec.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The primary goal of North Louisiana Area Health Education Center is to bring healthcare education and resources to rural and underserved communities throughout North Louisiana. Through community based initiatives, we implement programs designed to improve the health status of citizens, increase the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals, as well as, provide outreach to promote health care resources to the rural and underserved areas throughout our twenty-one parishes.

Healthy Start

Contact Person: LaRhoda Coleman

Phone Number: 318-746-4644

Fax Number: 318-746-4677

Address: 1513 Doctors Drive, Suite 2
Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

Email Address: rcoleman@nlahec.org

Website: www.nlahec.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

The overall goal of Healthy Start is to reduce the infant mortality rate, by providing community-based, family centered care to women, infants, and their families and integrate these services into existing systems of prenatal care. This is done through Case Management, Home Visitation, Parenting Education, Prenatal Depression Screening, and Advocacy Outreach.



Project Hope Parenting Center

Contact Person: Sharon Burns, Project Director

Phone Number: 318-361-7250

Fax Number: 318-362-4520

Address: Ouachita Parish Health Unit
1650 DeSiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Project Hope Parenting Center provides parenting education for teenage mothers. The public health grant, which is a collaborative project of North LA AHEC and the Office of Public Health, supports early pregnancy care, healthy child development, and positive parent-child interactions.

Who Does This Agency Service?

Parents

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

A referral form can be obtained from the office; individuals can apply by the phone, fax, or mail.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA FAMILY LITERACY CONSORTIUM

Agency: Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Consortium

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Kaye Sharbono

Phone Number: 318-338-2292

Fax Number: 318-338-5314

Address: 701 Saint John Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: sharbono@opsb.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The mission of the Northeast Louisiana Family Literacy Consortium is to help parents become full partners in the education of their young children by raising the literacy level and academic success of adults and children, by strengthening parent/child interactions, and by collaborating with high quality services for children, adults, and families. The consortium also provides specific services to migrant families and need help learning English as a second language.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children, adults, and families

Parishes Served: Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: 12 months

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-in applications.



NOVICE HOUSE

Agency: Novice House, Inc.

Program: Novice House

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dorothea Bridges

Phone Number: 318-323-0311

Fax Number: 318-387-1747

Address: 806 Standifer Street

Monroe, Louisiana

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Novice House provides emergency shelter for youth pending a 72 hour hearing and works as a liaison for the court system. The agency provides counseling for families, individuals, and groups.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children ages 11 to 17

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: between 30 and 45 days

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are court appointed.

OFFICE FOR ADDICTIVE DISORDERS: REGION 8

Agency: Office for Addictive Disorders: Region 8

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Jean Hartzog

Phone Number: 318-362-3270

Fax Number: 318-362-3268

Address: 2807 Evangeline Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: jhartzong@dhh.la.gov

Website: www.dhh.state.la.us/OADA

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The vision for the Office of Addictive Disorders is to empower the citizens of Louisiana with healthy lives that will reduce the environmental risk for alcohol and other addictions, as well as, to provide effective treatment for those individuals affected by alcohol and other addictions. OAD provides services to the community through projects which are contracted out to local organizations. OAD also provides treatment options for those who have drug or alcohol addictions.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: REGION 8

Agency: Louisiana Department of Social Services

Program: Office of Community Services: Region 8

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Jackie Perkins

Phone Number: 318-362-3362

Fax Number: 318-362-3353

Address: 122 St. John Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Office of Community Services: Region 8 is a Public Child Welfare Agency. The office investigates reports of child abuse and neglect, provides foster care and adoption services, parenting, counseling, and family services.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children in Region 8

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT: REGION 8

Agency: Louisiana Department of Social Services

Program: Office of Family Support: Region 8

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Daniel Sledge

Phone Number: 318-362-3386

Fax Number: 318-362-3358

Address: 2808 Evangeline Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Office of Family Support: Region 8 provides assistance to families through temporary financial aid assistance, job readiness programs, educational training, the Food Stamp program, and child care assistance.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families who meet the agency's guidelines

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Cost of Services: varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Agency: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Program: Office of Public Health

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Steve McAdams

Phone Number: 318-361-7201

Fax Number: 318-362-3163

Address: 1650 DeSiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: smcadams@dhh.la.gov

Website: www.dhh.state.la.gov

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The Office of Public Health provides public health medical and social services such as: immunizations, family planning, maternity, child health, WIC, children's special health services, and STD control.

Who does this Agency Serve?

Individuals in Region 8

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies

Costs of Services: varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: REGION 9A

Agency: Department of Public Safety and Corrections Youth Services,
Office of Youth Development

Program: Office of Youth Development: Region 9A

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Patty Newman

Phone Number: 318-362-5262

Fax Number: 318-362-5209

Address: 1907 Washington Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: pnewman@oyd.louisiana.gov

Website: www.oyd.louisiana.gov

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description Services Provided:

The Office of Youth Development: Region 9A provides juvenile probation and parole supervision, non-secure and secure custody, tracker/mentor services, electronic monitoring, supervision of youths placed in non-secure facilities, and reintegration services.

Youth and family/guardians of youth in the juvenile justice system can contact the [Family Ombudsman](#), Kim Mims at 1-800-594-3941 or ombudsman@oyd.louisiana.gov. The Family Ombudsman educates families on how to effectively navigate through the juvenile justice system. She helps parents have a voice within the system, and advocates for strong family involvement.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth ages to 21 years old

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Union

Typical Length of Services Provided: Determined by the Court

Cost of Services: monthly probation supervision fees determined by the Court

How Can You Apply for Services?

All the services provided by the agency require a youth to be adjudicated through the juvenile court system.

OIC OF OUACHITA, INC.

Agency: Opportunities Industrialization Center of Ouachita, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Juanita Rambo

Phone Number: 318-325-1678

Fax Number: 318-325-1616

Address: 3710 Dunlop
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: JRambo-ExecDir@jam.rr.com

Website: <http://www.mcschools.net/mcs/community/oic/index.html>

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Daily

Description of Services Provided:

The Opportunities Industrialization Center of Ouachita works to educate, train, and secure employment for persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged, enabling them to lead a productive, self supportive life. This is accomplished through three major programs:

After School Tutoring

Contact Person: Sam Tennessee, Marruth White, or Petrecia Babers

Phone Number: 318-322-5615

Fax Number: 318-322-1997

Address: 2833 Robinson Street
Richwood, Louisiana 71211

Email Address: JRambo-ExecDir@jam.rr.com

GED Literacy/ After School Tutoring program provides GED literacy skills to youth who dropped out of school prior to receiving high school diploma. This program provides lessons on self-esteem, motivation, character building, and anger management.

ICAN (Individuals Committed to Achieving Now)

Contact Person: Juanita W. Rambo

Phone Number: 318-325-1678

Fax Number: 318-325-1678

Address: 3710 Dunlop Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Hours of Operation: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday
September through May

I CAN is an after-school program that offers: Tutoring, Homework Assistance in Math, Language, and Science Projects. Conflict Resolution Training is also provided, along with, Esteem building through Creative Arts; the program is for students in grades 3 – 6.



OIC OF OUACHITA, INC. CONTINUED

Job Training

Contact Person: Sam Tennessee or Marruth White

Phone Number: 318-322-5615

Fax Number: 318-322-1997

Address: 2833 Robinson Street
Richwood, Louisiana 71202

Email Address: marruthlwhite@yahoo.com

Job Training offers education, training, and secure employment for persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Those at economic and/or social disadvantage

Parishes Served: Morehouse, Ouachita, and Richland

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual can apply with the agency or be referred by another agency.



OMCAP

Agency: Ouachita Multipurpose Community Action Program

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Collins Wade

Phone Number: 318-387-9622

Fax Number: 318-325-1232

Address: 1505 Stubbs Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

OMCAP seeks to serve the underserved individuals of Ouachita Parish through various programs and providing the following services

1. Community Services, which include referral agencies to other agencies, blood pressure checks, glaucoma screening, self-defense classes, exercise classes, organizing neighborhood watch, elderly activities, family planning counseling, distress counseling and referrals, and volunteer income tax assistance
2. Food Distribution and Commodities, meal flour, beans, ect are distributed quarterly. Low income and elderly are required to fill out USDA applications.
3. Headstart Program

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Families

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.

ONE STEP FARTHER

Agency: One Step Farther

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Freeman Addison

Phone Number: 318-330-9191

Address: 2102 Louisville Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: faddison@bellsouth.net

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

One Step Farther provides trackers/mentors. Trackers provide surveillance services to individuals in the juvenile system. Surveillance services are at minimum, one face to face contact daily and a minimum of one telephone contact daily with juvenile and family or more as indicated by the juvenile's service plan. Also periodic verification of the juvenile's whereabouts as indicated in the juvenile's service plan and activities in relation to the Office of Youth Development's service plan. Trackers/Mentors also provides advocacy services which include arranging mental health, counseling, and medical appointments and transportation of the juvenile and family to service providers.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth referred by OYD

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual must be referred by the OYD.

OPTIMIST CLUB, GREATER MONROE

Agency: Optimist Club, Greater Monroe

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Jack Williams, President

Phone Number: 318-324-0011

Fax Number: 318-324-0034

Address: P.O. Box 259
Monroe, Louisiana 71207

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Optimist Club, Greater Monroe provides educational, leadership development; civic and community improvement project programs; athletic events; and scholarships for youth in the community. The agency sponsors Punt, Pas, & Kick; Pass, Dribble & Shoot; Soccer Pass; Dribble Shoot; Toy Wagon through the Salvation Army; and Octagon Clubs at Saint Frederick and Neville.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individual youngsters, youth groups, or organizations in the community

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please Call the agency for more information.



OUACHITA PARISH COURTHOUSE, 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Agency: 4th Judicial District Court: Ouachita Parish Courthouse

Contact Information:

Phone Number: Judges Office: 318-361-2250

Clerk of Court: 318-327-1444

Fax Number: 318-361-2273

Address: 300 Saint John Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.4jdc.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday



OUACHITA PARISH HEALTH UNIT

Agency: Ouachita Parish Health Unit

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Chris Brasher, Facility Manager

Phone Number: 318-361-7370

Fax Number: 318-362-0405

Address: 1650 Desiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Ouachita Parish Health Unit offers:

1. STD Testing and Treatment
2. General Immunizations
3. Children's Special Health Services
4. Regional Tuberculosis Clinic
5. Vital Records services which helps in acquiring records such as death certificates and birth certificates
6. Other services such as Family Planning, Maternity, Child Health, WIC Services, Nutrition, Injury Prevention, Dental Hygiene services which include teeth cleaning services provided by ULM Dental Hygiene students, Eye Exams provided by Haik & Humble, once a month for limited time during the year
7. Shots for Tots

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children under the age of 18 and low income families

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Services: varies by service

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals apply at the agency office.

OUACHITA PARISH HOUSING OFFICE

Agency: Ouachita Parish Housing Office

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Peggy Steele, Director

Phone Number: 318-327-1384

Fax Number: 318-327-1487

Address: 1333 State Farm Drive

Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM,

Monday through Thursday

7:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Ouachita Parish Housing Office provides Section 8 rental assistance to low income families throughout Ouachita Parish, the services are restricted to outside city limits of Monroe and West Monroe.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Low income families

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-ins and pre-made appointments. Documentation such as an ID card, birth certificate, social security card; proof of income; and a back ground check is required.



OUACHITA PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agency: Monroe Regional Office of Community Services

Program: Ouachita Parish Office of Community Services, Child Abuse Investigations

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Marsha Linam

Phone Number: 318-362-5320

Fax Number: 318-362-3353

Address: 122 Saint John, 4th Floor
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: mmlinam@dss.state.la

Website: www.dss.state.la.us/departments/ocs/Index.html

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Ouachita Parish Office of Community Services investigates child abuse and neglect; obtains medical attention for children; assess the safety of children in their homes and the need for removal; provides concrete services such as groceries, transportation, medical intervention, payment of utilities and/ or household items to prevent children from coming into custody of the state. The agency has a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on-call to respond to emergency referrals of abuse or neglect.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children and parents

Parishes Served: Caldwell, and Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: 60 days

Cost of Services:

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-ins and court appointed individuals.



OUACHITA PARISH OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT

Agency: Ouachita Parish Office of Family Support

Contact Information:

Phone Number: 318-362-5333

Fax Number: 318-362-3220

Address: 1306 North 19th Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: ofsouch@dss.state.la.us

Website: www.dss.state.la.us

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Tuesday, Thursday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The Ouachita Parish Office of Family Support offers:

1. Food Stamps
2. ITAP, Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program which determines assistance for cash public assistance program for families with children when their financial resources are insufficient to meet subsistence needs; benefits are provided through an electronic card
3. Kinship Care which is a public assistance program that provides cash assistance for eligible children who reside with qualified relatives other than parents.
4. Child Care Assistance STEP and Parenting Skills Classes
5. Strategies to Empower People Program: STEP, which provides opportunities for work eligible recipients of FITAP to receive job preparation, work and supportive services to enable them to leave the program and become self sufficient
6. On-the-job Training
7. Job Search/ Readiness
8. Vocational Education and Job Skills Training
9. Secondary school attendance, GED Preparation, and education related employment Support Services may include: childcare, transportation, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medical scans/drug tests necessary for employment, uniforms/clothing, equipment, tools needed for work or training.
10. Child Care Assistance Program

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Low income families

Parishes Served: Caldwell, and Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals must apply for the program; Please Call the agency for more information.



OUACHITA PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Agency: Ouachita Parish Public Library

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Cheryl Moulriere or Julie Crump, Director/ Branch Manager

Phone Number: 318-327-1490

Fax Number: 318-329-4057

Address: 1800 Stubbs Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.oplib.org

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Friday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Sunday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Ouachita Parish Public Library offers fiction, non-fiction, and reference books available for loan; talking books for visually and physically handicapped persons; recordings; films; art work; videos; CD's; DVD's available for loan; full text online magazine database; and electronic books. The agency also provides story hours and reading clubs to children; public meeting rooms; public internet access; adult literacy training; online book club and My Library Bookstore for ordering books; music and games are located on the homepage; Anna Meyer Branch; and Bookmobiles. As part of the Trailblazer Library System, patrons from other parishes are served. All branches now offer homework help as well; please call the branch for dates and times.

Who Does This Agency Service?

Any resident of Ouachita Parish

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Services: fees and fines vary according to service



OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Agency: Ouachita Parish School Board

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Bill Colvin

Phone Number: 318-388-2711

Fax Number: 318-338-5320

Address: 100 Bry Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: wcolvin@opsb.net

Website: www.opsb.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The Ouachita Parish School Board offers public education to children and youth ages kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as, GED and adult education services.

Drug Education program educates students about the dangers of drug use with classroom instruction and guest speakers.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Children in Ouachita Parish

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: varies by program

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are required to be enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12th.



OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency: Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office

Contact Information:

Sheriff: Richard Fewell

Sheriff Elect (administration to begin July 1, 2008): Royce Toney

Contact Person: Patti Everett

Phone Number: 318-329-1200

Prison Phone: 318-1377

Fax Number: 318-327-1358

Prison Fax: 318-327-1358

Address: 400 Saint John Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: pweverett@centurytel.net

Website: www.opso.net

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Description of Services Provided:

Crime Victim Reparations of Ouachita Parish

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Lea Jones

Phone Number: 318-329-1216

Fax Number: 318-322-4375

E-Mail: speicalservices@opso.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

The Crime Victim Reparations of Ouachita Parish helps crime victims cope with what has happened to them and helps them with medical and counseling needs.



OUR HOUSE

Agency: Our House, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Rachael Parker

Phone Number: 318-345-5556

Crisis 318-345-TEEN (8336)

Fax Number: 318-345-5550

Address: 205 Smith Avenue

Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Email Address: RaeParker@aol.com

Website: www.teen-help.com

Hours of Operation: Business Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Crisis Center: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

As a center for youth, Our House, inc. is prevention/intervention oriented and is unique because it accepts client self-referral. The immediate goal is to address the crisis and stabilize the youth and family toward reunification. Our House provides shelter services for males and females age 11 to 17, until the crisis is resolved and he/she can return home, obtain an alternative placement, or become self-sufficient.

Our House strives to provide an effective family setting with shared responsibilities and decision making and a sincere caring for youth. The daily routine is structured, but flexible. The routine delineates boundaries essential for youth in preparing for social interaction up upon their return home. The program will be modified to accommodate the needs of individuals as much as possible, without compromising the mission of the programs to provide an environment of structure and consistency. Staff throughout the program will demonstrate a concern and respect for ethical, spiritual, and moral values of youth and their families.

Safe Place Outreach

Contact Person: Rachael Parker

Phone Number: 318-345-5556

Crisis 318-345-TEEN (8336)

Email Address: RaeParker@aol.com

Our House/ Safe Place Outreach makes youth aware of its program and how it can be used: to send a volunteer to Safe Place location where youth has come for help, to answer the crisis calls, or crisis e-mail. The volunteer agency workers will go to the Safe Place Site where the youth has gone for help and will discuss the problem and present options. If necessary, Our House can provide immediate, short term shelter.

Transitional Living

Contact Person: Carolyn Hammond

Phone Number: 318-345-5556

Crisis 318-345-TEEN (8336)

Our House Transitional Living offers counseling and case management to young adults. The program also helps young adults learn the skill of responsible living, completing education, and networking with agencies and businesses.

Youth Shelter

Contact Person: Diana Caldwell or Jermekia Brandy

Phone Number: 318-345-5556

Crisis 318-345-TEEN (8336)

Our House Youth Shelter offers individual, group, or family counseling; tutoring; transportation for youth to school when local; address the problem(s) and often refers the youth to appropriate agencies for the kind of help needed; and case management when needed.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth between the ages of 12 and 17

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: It can be as short as three hours, involve a two week shelter stay, or a long-term arrangement through the transitional living program.

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts call-in or walk-in applications.

POSITIVE FORCES COUNSELING NETWORK

Agency: Positive Forces Counseling Network, INC

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Tami Heflin

Phone Number: 318-322-0037

Fax Number: 318-388-2356

Address: 1019 North 6th Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: pfcn_tami@centurytel.net

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Community based counseling agency that takes services to clients, providing counseling services for individuals and families who need help coping with every day issues as well as in times of crisis and stress. Programs include:

ACT (Assertive Community Treatment)

Assertive Community Treatment offers counseling and case management services that are in the home, community, and school. The goal of the program is to prevent out of home placement, prevent out of school placement, follow up for transition, and stabilization following a hospital stay.

After School and Mentoring

After School and Mentoring offers 3 afternoon per week of assistance with homework and social skills training, transportation is provided, and mentoring outings are scheduled either individually or in a group at least once a month. The program's first goal is to improve conduct grades by strengthening social skills through group activities daily. The second goal is to improve academic grades with homework assistance from mentors. The mentoring component for older youth, ages 13 to 18 years old, is designed to provide the client with a positive contact person to provide recreation and/or guidance to youth at least once a month.

CART – Children's Crisis System

The Children's Crisis System provides emergency assessments, intensive counseling, and case management services for up to 7 days.



POSITIVE FORCES COUNSELING NETWORK CONTINUED

Crisis Respite Shelter

The goal of the Crisis Respite Center is to provide temporary, out of home respite for children ages 6 to 17 years old with emotional, behavioral disorders who are at risk of experiencing a Psychiatric emergency. The program also provides respite to caregivers who need support.

Parent's Day Off

Parent's Day Off is a Saturday of respite for the parents of child with special needs at least one Saturday a month for approximately 6 hours. Each outing consists of recreation, arts and crafts, social skills training, and 1:4 ratios for supervision.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: 3-6 months

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual must have a referral from a Region Mental Health Clinic from one of the parishes listed above in order to apply.



PREVENT CHILD ABUSE LA, NORTHEAST LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Agency: Prevent Child Abuse LA, Northeast Louisiana Chapter

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Michael Wilkes

Phone Number: 318-327-5577

Kids Line, Crisis Intervention Line: 1-800-244-5373

Fax Number: 318-327-5856

Address: 909 N. 18th Street, Suite 223

Monroe, LA 71201

Email Address: mwilkes@pcal.org

Website: www.pcal.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Sunday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention and Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Prevent Child Abuse LA, Northeast Louisiana Chapter is an affiliate of a state wide volunteer based organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its' forms. The agency offers:

1. Education Workshops
2. Child Abuse Prevention
3. Mandatory Reporter Training
4. Internet Safety Training
5. Advocacy Aimed at Child Abuse and Neglect

Who Does This Agency Service?

Anyone

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



RENEWAL, INC.

Agency: Renewal, Inc.

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Bishop Alvin B. Walker

Phone Number: 318-387-2999

Fax Number: 318-387-0634

Address: 513 Sunnyside Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Email Address: bishopwalker@renewalinc.org

Website: www.renewalinc.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Renewal, Inc. is a faith based non-profit group that serves disadvantaged youth and economically disadvantaged communities through entrepreneurship training, computer skills, and small business development. The agency works with other faith based and community based groups to increase their organizational development skills. The programs targeted at youth include:

Youth-Adult Entrepreneurship Training Camp (YAEP)

The Youth-Adult Entrepreneurship Training Camp (YAEP) is a collaborative effort between Renewal and a variety of area organizations that is designed to teach youth and adults how to tap into their entrepreneurial spirits. YAEP is a 32-hour course taught by professors from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and other community instructors. Business tours and motivational speakers are an integral component of the curriculum. And at the end of the camp, every student is required to submit a business plan prior to graduation. Students are also encouraged to start their own businesses and become a member of Renewal's Small Business Support Group.

Youth Financial Education

The Youth Financial Education program targets youth up to 18 years of age. During these classes, students become skilled at financial literacy with emphasis on understanding the importance of money management, the proper handling of credit cards and team building.

Computer Training

Renewal recognizes the important role of technology in today's world and offers a variety of computer training courses to the community. Courses include Introduction to Computers, Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft Office.

Who Does This Agency Service?

Disadvantaged youth

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



RICHWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Agency: Richwood Community Development Agency

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Margie Davis, President

Phone Number: 318-322-2104

Fax Number: 318-323-3254

Address: 5130 Brown Road
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Richwood Community Development Agency is a non-profit organization that serves the community through various activities such as: Christmas Bike Giveaway for underprivileged youth, Easter Egg Extraganza for youth in the community, Juneteenth Celebration, Back to School Bash to aid in supplying needy youth with school supplies, and Area Wide Trash Pickup throughout the town.

Who Does This Agency Service?

Members of the Richwood community

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please Call the agency for more information.



RIVER CITY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES

Agency: River City Professional Counseling Services

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Deborah Doublin

Phone Number: 318-325-8782

Fax Number: 318-325-8749

Address: 141 Desiard Street, Suite 507
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: rivercitypcs@bellsouth.net

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention and Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

River City Professional Counseling Services LLC offers general counseling services covering a variety of issues such as depression, anger control, substance abuse, and life skills deficiencies.

Who Does This Agency Service?

Adults, adolescents, and children

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: 3 to 6 months

Costs of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual can apply directly with the agency, be Court appointed, or have a referral from other agencies, physicians, health care providers, family, or one's self. The agency does accept walk-ins.



SALVATION ARMY, CENTER OF HOPE: MONROE UNIT

Agency: Salvation Army, Center of Hope: Monroe Unit

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Major Glen Riggs, Commanding Officer

Phone Number: 318-325-1755

Fax Number: 318-387-7158

Address: 105 Hart Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.salvationarmy.org

Hours of Operation: Social Services: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday
Men and Women's Shelter: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention and Rehabilitation

Description of Services Provided:

The Salvation Army, Center of Hope: Monroe Unit provides:

1. Family Assistance
2. Soup Kitchen
3. Emergency Shelter Services
4. Emergency Lodging and Food for Stranded Individuals
5. Character Building Programs for Youth and Seniors. Scouting type programs for youth include: Sunbeams for girls ages 6 to 11 years old, Guards for girls ages 12 to 18 years old, Adventure Corps for boys ages 6 to 18 years old,
6. Summer Camps for boys and girls of all ages, and other youth oriented programs and projects
7. Shelter for Homeless Women and Children

Who Does This Agency Service?

Needy and Homeless individuals

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Franklin, Madison, Ouachita, Richland, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: none

How Can You Apply for Services?

The agency accepts walk-in applications.



SEEKER SPRINGS

Agency: Seeker Springs

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Terry Slawson

Phone Number: 318-249-4495

Fax Number: 318-249-4494

Address: 1280 Okaloosa Road
Eros, Louisiana 71238

Website: www.seekersprings.com

Description of Services Provided:

Seeker Springs provides a comfortable, natural setting for children and their families to retreat from their everyday lives and focus on their relationship with God. Participants are enabled to have life changing experiences that lead to life changing decisions that lead to life changing directions.

After School Camp - A program for kids in grades K-8 in the West Ouachita area that provides a safe Christian environment after school. Services include recreation, homework help, and snack.

Freedom Ranch Retreats - Freedom Ranch Retreats offer 3 day retreats which include horse riding instruction, horse education, recreation, meals, camp fire activities, and much more. This program is designed to use horses as a means of teaching youth and children relationship skills, self esteem, and building trust.

Mission Camps - This camp targets high crime apartment complexes in Ouachita and Lincoln Parishes to provide a day camp experience for these kids through recreation, swimming, crafts, music, nature activities, bible studies, and a break from their everyday lives. A bus goes to the apartment complex and picks up kids for 4 days, Tuesday – Friday.

Ropes Challenge Course - The Ropes Challenge Course helps groups develop teamwork, self esteem, problem solving skills, conflict management, and much more. The high and low initiatives give groups the opportunity to face challenges that mirror everyday life situations. The duration is either ½ day or full day.

Summer Camps - Christian camps for children and youth throughout the summer offering recreation, crafts, music, nature trails, praise and worship, and creative bible studies

West Ouachita Youth Basketball - Basketball league for kids ages 6-14.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can apply directly with the agency; please call the agency to set up a time.

SELLERS MATERNITY HOME

Agency: Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries

Program: Sellers Maternity Ministries

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dr. Perry Hancock

Phone Number: 318-343-2244

Fax Number: 318-343-0613

Address: 7200 Desiard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

Website: www.lbch.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Sellers Maternity Home provides crisis pregnancy counseling and residential care from a Christian perspective for single, pregnant young women 12 years old and younger.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Single, pregnant women ages 21 years old and younger

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: 1-9 months

Cost of Services: no cost

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals must fill out an application with the agency.

SHREVEPORT JOB CORPS CENTER: MONROE

Agency: Shreveport Job Corps Center: Monroe

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Sheila Bumcon or Latricia Kyle, OA/OPP Supervisor

Phone Number: 318-323-0047

Fax Number: 318-323-7090

Address: 1205 North 18th Street, Suite 208
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: kyel.latricia@jobcorps.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The Shreveport Job Corps Center: Monroe offers at risk youth the opportunity to obtain a trade, high school diploma, or GED.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Individuals ages 16 to 24

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: no cost

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can apply by walk-in or by phone.



SWANSON CENTER FOR YOUTH

Agency: Swanson Center for Youth

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Alan Michel

Phone Number: 318-362-5000

Fax Number: 318-362-5202

Address: 4701 South Grand
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Email Address: amichel@oyd.louisiana.gov

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
Residential: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Swanson Center for Youth is a juvenile detention facility that provides:

1. Treatment Services for Youth men ages 14.5 to 21 years old
2. Education and Job Skills Program
3. Religious Services and Activities
4. Medical, Dental, and Mental Health Services

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Juvenile delinquents

Parishes Served: Ouachita



TAB-N-ACTION

Agency: TAB-N-Action

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Roosevelt Wright, Director

Phone Number: 318-388-1310

Fax Number: 318-388-2911

Address: 810 Breard Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.newtabernacle.com

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

TAB-N-Action offers faith based youth services.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Teens

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information; the agency does accept walk-in applications.



TEEN COURT OF MOREHOUSE

Program: Teen Court of Morehouse

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Randy Williams

Phone Number: 318-281-8222

Address: Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office
351 South Franklin Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Email Address: rlw318@bellsouth.net

Hours of Operation: Varies

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Teen Court of Morehouse seeks to prevent youth from further and more serious delinquency by providing services for youth who are first time offenders. The program also seeks to use peer pressure as a positive force in our parish by having local teens pass sentence on juveniles who commit minor criminal offenses.

Parishes Served: Morehouse

Typical Length of Services Provided: Juveniles that are selected to participate in Teen Court will be given a court date on the first or third Tuesday of the month and once sentence has been handed by their peers they will have 60 days to complete all requirements which includes: jail tour, jury duty, community service, and any other appropriate sentence determined by the jury.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are Court appointed, recommended by the D.A. or the City Judge.



THE WELLSPRING

Agency: The Wellspring

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Judy Bell

Phone Number: 318-651-9314

Crisis Line: 318-323-1505

Fax Number: 318-651-9320

Address: 1515 Jackson Street

Monroe, Louisiana 71202

Email Address: jbell@wellspringalliance.org

Website: www.wellspringalliance.org

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Friday

Crisis Lines are Open 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Description of Services Provided:

The Wellspring works to strengthen and value the family through direct service, education, advocacy, and women's leadership. This work is accomplished through four main programs:

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Contact Person: Jane Brandon

Phone Number: 318-323-9034

Fax Number: 318-807-0500

Address: 1101 Hudson Lane, Suite C2

Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: jbrandon@wellspringallinace.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Louisiana is a nationally acclaimed mentoring program offering adult to child mentoring. Adult to child mentoring is when a caring adult volunteers to serve as a mentor for youth ages 6-18. Programs include: school-based, community-based, and site-based one-to-one mentoring and are offered in Lincoln, Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters also facilitates the Mentoring Children of Promise program designed especially for children who have at least one parent who is incarcerated in the State or Federal Correctional System. These children, who are between the ages of 4 and 18, are matched with a caring adult volunteer mentor.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information, to volunteer, or to see if your child is eligible.

Counseling Center

Contact Person: Caroline Cascio

Phone Number: 318-323-1505

Address: 11031 Hudson Lane
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: ccascio@wellspringallinace.org

The Wellspring offers a wide range of services within the Professional Therapy program. Licensed Professional Counselors have experience in the process of reconciling a range of family and individual concerns while focusing on peoples' capacity and resources. Services offered include: Individual Therapy, family therapy, group therapy, pre-marital counseling, divorce counseling, parent education, custody evaluations, critical incident stress debriefing, and supervised visitation.

The Counseling Center's services include our 24/7 crisis phone lines. Call us anytime to talk to a trained crisis counselor.

The Counseling Center charges an hourly fee for most counseling services. Some services are offered free of charge. We accept most major insurance and Visa. Please call (318) 323-1505 for more information.

Domestic Violence Program

Contact Person: Valerie Bowman

Phone Number: 318-998-6030

Address: Inside the Family Justice Center located at
620 Riverside Drive
Monroe, LA 71201

Email Address: ybowman@wellspringallinace.org

The Wellspring Domestic Violence Program provides free confidential services to adults and children in violent, abusive relationships. These services are offered to help survivors of domestic violence have a life free from emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuse.

THE WELLSRING CONTINUED

Housing Services

Contact Person: Lawana Brown

Phone Number: 318-807-6200

Locations: Main office - 718 Jackson Street, Monroe 71202

Phone: 318.807.6200

Administrative offices - 1515 Jackson Street, Monroe 71202

Phone: 318.651.9314

Winnsboro office - 502 Prairie Street, Suite B, Winnsboro 71295

Phone: 318.412.0226

Bastrop office - 529 N. Washington Street, Bastrop 71220

Phone: 318.281.3655

Email Address: lbrown@wellspringallinace.org

Providing housing has been a part of services provided by Wellspring since its beginning in 1931. Today The Wellspring provides housing and services for homeless families with dependent children as well as those homeless because of domestic violence.

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: based on income

How Can You Apply for Services?

An individual can apply by walk-in or by referral from other service providers or community members.

ULM COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER

Agency: ULM Community Counseling Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dr. Yolanda Dupre, Assistant Professor of Counseling

Phone Number: 318-342-1259

Fax Number: 31318-342-1213

Address: 700 University Avenue
Strauss Hall, Room 284
Monroe, Louisiana 71209

Email Address: dupre@ulm.edu

Website: www.ulm.edu

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday
Except Summer

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

The ULM Community Counseling Center offers confidential counseling for individuals and groups for personal, career, substance abuse, and school related problems. For assistance during summers, individuals can call the Marriage and Therapy Clinic at 318-362-3003.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Open to all

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: sliding fee scale: University students and employees are free, the general public is \$15 per session which is negotiable according to financial need

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals can call the agency for an appointment or walk-in.



ULM MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Agency: ULM Marriage and Family Counseling Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dr. Janna Sutton

Phone Number: 318-362-3003

Fax Number: 31318-342-1213

Address: 700 University Avenue
Strauss Hall, Room 284
Monroe, Louisiana 71209

Email Address: drjannasutton@aol.com

Website: www.ulm.edu/mft/mftclinic

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Friday

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

ULM Marriage and Family Counseling Center offers confidential counseling for individuals, couples, or families seeking help with relationship concerns. Classes are also offered which includes: parenting classes, couples enrichment, pre-marital education, and helping children at school.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Open to all

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: sliding fee scale

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency to make an appointment.



UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: United Way of Northeast Louisiana

Program: United Way 2-1-1

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Jan Wawrzyniak

Phone Number: 318-325-3869

Fax Number: 31318-325-4329

Address: 1201 Hudson Lane
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: jwawrzyniak@uwnela.org

Website: www.uwnela.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
2-1-1 Services: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

United Way 2-1-1 is a telephone information and referral program. Callers are connected to available community resources. 2-1-1 also hosts an online "Guide to Human Services" which can be accessed through the United Way website at www.unitedway.org.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Anyone

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Typical Length of Services Provided: length of telephone call: 3 to 5 minutes

Cost of Services: None

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency.



VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: Volunteers of America of Northeast Louisiana: VOA

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Judith Mower, Regional Vice President

Phone Number: 318-322-2272

Fax Number: 318-322-2263

Address: 1808 Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Email Address: jmower@voanorthla.org

Website: www.voanorthla.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

Volunteers of America of Northeast Louisiana promotes self-sufficiency and provides services that meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals; thereby strengthening the families and communities served. The services the agency offers include:

1. Twin Cities Early Head Start
2. Life Rulz: Teen Pregnancy Prevention
3. Mental Health Services
4. Hurricane Recovery Case Management
5. Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Services
6. Certified Medicaid Application Center
7. Pregnancy Testing

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Infants and toddlers ages 0 to 3 years old, pregnant moms, families, mentally ill, Medicaid applicants, general public (program dependent)

Parishes Served: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Cost of Services: sliding fee scale

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals applying for ACT and Supportive Housing must be referred through the Office of Mental Health; for applications for all other services, please call the agency.



WEST MONROE CITY COURT

Agency: West Monroe City Court

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Charlene Crocker, Clerk of Courts, Civil Division
Juawanna Burson, Clerk of Courts, Criminal Division

Phone Number: 318-396-2767

Fax Number: 318-296-2738

Address: 2303 North 7th Street

West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Website: www.westmonroe.com

Description of Services Provided:

The Court is comprised of several divisions with a staff that provides the necessary support to the judge, the legal community and the citizens of West Monroe and Ward 5. These include: Civil Division, Misdemeanor Criminal/Traffic Division, Juvenile Division and Probation. There is an appointed Clerk of Court for the Civil Division and for the Misdemeanor Criminal/Traffic Division.

West Monroe City Court has civil jurisdiction over civil filings, judgments, evictions and garnishments. The Court also has jurisdiction over violations of City ordinances and misdemeanor cases, juvenile traffic, juvenile criminal matters and child in need of care cases.



WEST MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER

Agency: West Monroe Community Center

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Denise Calhoun

Phone Number: 318-387-4001

Fax Number: 318-387-1443

Address: 400 South 5th Street
West Monroe, Louisiana 71292

Email Address: dcalhoun@westmonroe.com

Website: www.wmcommunitycenter.com

Hours of Operation: Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The West Monroe Community Center provides quality support and services to families and residents in West Monroe's Riverbend area through education, leadership, awareness, and encouragement as well as promoting responsibility and taking pride in oneself and the community.

Links/T4

Links/T4 provides after school and summer programming to students grades 1st through 12th, with a focus on academic enrichments, life skills training, leadership and community involvement, homework assistance, and teambuilding exercises.

Report/Resource

The Report/ Resource program provides youth with counseling during Saturday Suspension, hosts special youth events, offers a school approved Pre-GED program, provides job readiness workshops for teens, and offers summer employment opportunities to workshop graduates. The goal of the program is to assist youth in making good choices and building character.

TIP

The TIP program helps juveniles make good choices and holds them accountable for delinquent behavior.

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Service: Varies

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call or visit the agency for more information.



WEST MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Agency: West Police Department

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Christopher Elg, Chief of Police

Phone Number: 318-396-2722

Fax Number: 318-396-4903

Address: 2301 North 7th Street

West Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: chiefelg@westmonroe.com

Website: www.wmpd.net

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

The West Monroe Police Department is a law enforcement agency that provides:

1. Drug Prevention Education in West Monroe public schools and other school upon request
2. Self Protection seminars for women
3. Drivers Education Safety courses for senior citizens at the West Ouachita Senior Center
4. Neighborhood Watch Program and Neighborhood Zone Meetings
5. Fingerprint Children upon request
6. Citizens Police Academy
7. Junior Police Academy
9. Background Checks: Please call for a date and time

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Anyone within the West Monroe corporate limits

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Cost of Service: \$5.00 background check for employment

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call or visit the agency for more information.



WIA YOUTH PROGRAM

Agency: Workforce Investment Board

Program: WIA Youth Program

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Lisa Lewis

Phone Number: 318-362-5111

Fax Number: 318-325-5146

Address: 1301 Hudson Lane
Monroe, LA 71202

Email Address: llewis@ouachitaonestop.org

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Service Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The WIA Youth Program offers tutoring, study skills training, dropout prevention strategies, and summer employment directly linked to academic and occupational learning. Occupational skills training, leadership development, mentoring, supportive services, and follow-up services are also part of the services program.

Who Does This Agency Serve?

Youth

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: 2-4 years, or until youth receive a credential and employment.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Court Appointed, Apply, Walk-in



YMCA OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Agency: YMCA of Northeast Louisiana

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Chris Pealer

Phone Number: 318-387-9622

Fax Number: 318-325-1232

Address: 1505 Stubbs Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Website: www.ynela.org

Hours of Operation: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Category of Services Provided: Prevention

Description of Services Provided:

The YMCA of Northeast Louisiana provides several programs to enrich the lives of children and youth in the community including Y-Kids After School, Spring Break, Summer and Holiday Camps, Youth Volunteer Corps, and Football and Cheerleading.

Who does this agency serve?

Youth ages 6-18

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: Varies based on program

Cost of Services: Sliding scale

How Can You Apply for Services?

Please call the agency for more information.



YOUTH HOUSE OF OUACHITA

Agency: Youth House of Ouachita

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Dr. J. Garland Smith

Phone Number: 318-323-6644

Fax Number: 318-323-6711

Address: 101 Ludwig Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71291

Email Address: youthhouse@comcast.com

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Category of Services Provided: Treatment

Description of Services Provided:

Youth House of Ouachita offers a group home facility for girls ages 12 to 18 years old, including those who are pregnant, who have been placed through the Court system

Who does this agency serve?

Females ages 12 to 18 years old placed through the Court system, including pregnant girls

Parishes Served: Ouachita

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are placed with the agency by the Office of Community Services or the Office of Youth Development.



YOUTH SERVICES OF NORTHEAST LOUISIANA, INC.

Agency: Youth Services of Northeast Louisiana

Program: Teen Court

Contact Information:

Contact Person: Valisia Tisdale

Phone Number: 318-387-8286

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Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Teen Court is a voluntary alternative system of justice, which offers first time offenders between the ages of 10 and 16 years old an opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses through community services and educational opportunities. Teen Court also provides a "hands on" educational experience for student volunteers in an effort to help them better understand our system of justice. Teen Court strives to promote feelings of self-esteem and a desire for self improvement and to foster a healthy attitude toward rules and authority. Teen Court does not determine guilt or innocence; rather it recommends a constructive sentence.

Who does this agency serve?

Juvenile first misdemeanor offenders ages 10 to 16 years old

Parishes Served: Ouachita

Typical Length of Services Provided: 6 months

How Can You Apply for Services?

Individuals are referred by the District Attorney.



YOUTH SERVICE OPTIONS

Agency: Youth Service Options

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Category of Services Provided: Intervention

Description of Services Provided:

Youth Services Options is a day treatment program that provides 6 subjects of education including social skills by certified for T-certified teachers; individual, group, and family counseling by Masters level counselors; and behavior modification. Students are transported to and from the agency's day treatment program. The program's day treatment is for adjudicated and FINS 12 to 18 year old students. The agency's goal is to provide a strength based program to help students who have been suspended or expelled from school to integrate back into public school or receive their GED. The ultimate goal is for youth to get out and stay out of the Court system by learning skills and making better choices.

Who does this agency serve?

Students ages 12 to 18 years old

Parishes Served: Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, and Union

Typical Length of Services Provided: The average length of stay is based on the student's behavior. Behavior is measured by the agency's behavior modification point system. The student must demonstrate public school behavior and has a feasible academic plan. This usually takes 4 months.

How Can You Apply for Services?

Students are Court appointed and must be referred by a FINS or Probation Officer.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Addiction is a compulsion and craving to use drugs regardless of negative or adverse consequences. Addiction is characterized by psychological dependence, and often (depending on the drug or drugs) physical dependence. An inability to set or maintain limits results in loss of control is also a characteristic of addiction.

Addictive Disorder is a disorder characterized by the chronic use of an agent and resulting in the development of tolerance, physical dependence, and finally drug-seeking behavior.

Adjudication is the act or process of determining a matter or an issue judicially, by the courts.

Advocacy is the act of arguing on behalf of a particular issue, idea, or person. Individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments can engage in advocacy.

Alcoholic is defined as a person who drinks alcoholic substances habitually and to excess or who suffers from alcoholism.

Alcoholism is a primary, chronic disease with genetic, psychosocial, and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations. The disease is often progressive and fatal. It is characterized by continuous or periodic: impaired control over drinking, preoccupation with the drug alcohol, use of alcohol despite adverse consequences, and distortions in thinking, most notably denial.

Anger Management Skills are techniques to help control anger through the use of a system of psychological therapeutic techniques and exercises by which someone with excessive or uncontrollable anger can control or reduce the triggers, degrees, and effects of an angered emotional state.

ACT is the shortened name for Assertive Community Treatments is an intensive case management process for people with mental illnesses.

At-Risk Youth is a person who is susceptible to the participation in activities that include drugs, alcohol, violence, gangs, premature sexual activities, and are economically stressed. In addition, at-risk includes youth who are victims' of abuse, neglect, violence, and demonstrate delinquent and/or anti-social behavior.

Case Management is a service that helps people arrange for appropriate service and supports such as: mental health, social work, educational, health, vocational, transportation, advocacy, respite care, and recreational services as needed.

Case Manager coordinates mental health, social work, educational, health, vocational, transportation, advocacy, respite care, and recreational services, as needed in the Case Management process; making sure that the changing needs of the child and family are met.

Chemical Dependency is a term used to describe addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs; a need for a substance so strong that it becomes necessary to have this substance to function properly.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONTINUED

Child Abuse is a physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or neglect of a child.

Civic Responsibilities describe the responsibilities or duties of a citizen including the role of a citizen to participate in government, church, volunteering, and other community organizations.

Civil Legal Matters are legal issues that deal with the rights of private citizens, such as marriage and divorce.

CINC Cases stands for Child in Need of Care. This term refers to cases in which children are removed from their parents or guardians.

Court Appointed is a term used to describe an assignment of an attorney to a defendant made by a court; such as lawyers are often appointed by the courts to represent a client free of charge.

Court Hearing is a proceeding before a court or other decision-making body or officer. A hearing is different from a trial in that it is usually shorter and often less formal.

Criminal is a person that breaches a rule of law for which a punishment may be prescribed by some governing authority or force.

Criminal Justice System is a system of practices, and organizations, used by national and local governments, directed at maintaining social control, deter, controlling crime, as well as, sanctioning those who violate laws with criminal penalties.

Criminal Offense is an act committed or omitted in violation of a law.

Delinquent is a person who neglects or fails to do what law or duty requires; a delinquent is often used to refer to a juvenile who commits a minor criminal act, such as juvenile delinquents.

Developmental Disabilities are life-long disabilities attributable to mental, physical, or the combination of the two impairments; manifested prior to age twenty-two.

Diversion is an alternative to formal court proceedings, usually for first time offenders.

Domestic Violence, also referred to as Domestic Abuse or Spousal Abuse, occurs when a family member, partner, or ex-partner attempts to physically or psychologically dominate another. Domestic violence often refers to violence between spouse, or spousal abuse, but can also include cohabitants, such as non-married partners.

Eating Disorder is a compulsion to eat or avoid eating that negatively affects one's physical and mental health.

Esteem Building is the process of becoming comfortable with one's self and help moving on to a life of happiness, health, and self respect.

Felony is one of several grave crimes, such as murder, rape, or burglary; punishable by a more stringent sentence than that given for a misdemeanor.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONTINUED

FINS is the agency known as Families in Need of Services, the agency can be found on Page

First Offense is the first violation of the law.

GED is a General Equivalency Diploma; which is widely accepted in place of a high school diploma.

Graded Fee Scale is the payment for a product or service that is based on the recipient's ability to pay; amount of payment is based on income. This term is also known as a Sliding Fee Scale.

Group Therapy involves sessions guided by a therapist and attended by several clients who confront their personal problems together.

Halfway House is a rehabilitation center where people who have left an institution, such as a hospital or prison; are helped to re-adjust to the outside world.

House Arrest is the confinement to one's home, rather than prison, by administrative or judicial order.

Immunization Clinic is a facility, often associated with a hospital or medical school that is devoted to providing immunizations.

Incarceration is imprisonment.

Incorrigible Youth are usually 12 to 17 years old and have run away and/or been in serious conflict with parents; these youth have trouble complying with parental or other authority.

Independent Living Services are support for a young person living on his or her own. These services include therapeutic groups' homes, supervised apartment living, and job placement. Services teach youth how to handle financial, medical, housing, transportation, and other daily living needs; as well as, how to get along with others.

Indigent Defender is an attorney who has been appointed by the court to represent defendants in criminal court who are financially unable to hire an attorney for their case; also known as Court Appointed

Individuals Therapy is a therapy session involving one client who is guided by a therapist.

Infant Mortality Rate is the ratio of the number of deaths in the first year of life to the number of live births occurring in the same population during the same period of time.

Intervention Services are programs that identify and assess risk and needs of youth involved in the juvenile and foster care systems. This would include referral services as well.

Juvenile is defined by the type of case he or she is involved in; for delinquency proceedings a minor is defined as under age 17, for FINS or CINC cases a minor is defined as under age 18.

Liaison is an individual that acts as a mediator between two parties or one that maintains communication with other parties.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONTINUED

Life-Skills Program is a program designed to help individuals develop essential skills needed in daily life such as communication, decision –making, problem-solving, time management, and planning.

Mandate is a formal order from a judge.

Mediator is one who serves as a go between for two parties.

Medication Management is the specific instructions for medication use given to the medication user by the prescribing doctor. These instructions are given on a case by case basis.

Mental Health is how a person thinks, feel, and acts, when faced with life’s situations. Mental Health is how people look at themselves, their lives, and other people in their lives; evaluate their challenges and problems; and explorers choices. This includes handling stress, relating to other people, and making decisions.

Mental Illness refers to a psychological or physiological pattern that occurs in an individual and is usually associated with distress or disability that is not expected as part of normal development or culture.

Misdemeanor is a crime punishable by a year or less in prison.

Multi-Systemic Therapy is an intensive family and community-based treatment program designed to make positive changes in the various social systems (home school, community, and peer relations) that contribute to the serious antisocial behaviors of children and adolescents who are at risk for out-of-home placement.

Natural Ecology is the natural environment or setting in which an individual is the most comfortable, such as their home or school.

Neglect is the failure to provide for a child’s basic physical and/or psychological needs.

Non-adjudicated refers to an individual that has not been adjudicated regardless of whether charges are pending.

Non-Secure Custody is custody over a juvenile that is not physically restraining.

OCCD is the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disorders; the agency is located on Page.

OCS is the Office of Community Services; the agency is located on Page.

OYD is the Office of Youth Development; the agency is located on Page.

Parenting Skills refer to the skill set needed to properly care for and rear a child to be a healthy, productive adult.

Prenatal is the stage in child development that occurs before the child is born and is still in the womb.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONTINUED

Pre-Release Program is a program that helps the inmate adapt to the community in which they will live. These programs are implemented before the inmate is scheduled for release from prison.

Prevention Services are programs that support at-risk, high risk youth and families in positive development; directing them away from entry into the juvenile justice and/or foster care system.

Prosecution is the institution and continuance of a criminal suit involving the process of pursuing formal charges against an offender to final judgment.

Psychiatric Problems are the symptoms resulting from emotional or psychological factors, such as mental illness.

Referral is to direct a person to a source for help or information.

Rehabilitation Services are programs for youth currently involved in the juvenile justice or foster care systems. This would include pre or post adjudicated youth. Types of programs would be inclusive of day treatment, mentoring programs, group homes, reintegration programs, alternative schools.

Respite is a delay or cessation for a time, especially for anything distressing or trying; an interval of relief.

Sex Education is a broad term used to describe education about human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexual intercourse, and other aspects of human sexual behavior.

Sex Offender is a person who has been criminally charged and convicted of, or has pled guilt to a sex crime.

Sexual Abuse is any form of non-consensual contact. It includes rape, molestation, or any sexual contact with a person who lacks the mental capacity to exercise consent.

Sexual Addiction is a way some people medicate their feelings and/or cope with their stresses to the degree that their sexual behavior becomes their major coping mechanism for stresses in their life. The individual often can not stop this sexual behavior for any great length of time by themselves. The sex addict spends a lot of time in the pursuit of his or her sexual behavior/fantasy or they have a binge of sexual behaviors.

Sliding Fee Scale is the payment for a product or service that is based on the recipient's ability to pay; amount of payment is based on income. This term is also known as a Graded Fee Scale.

STD Clinic is a clinic that specializes in the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

Substance Abuse is the overindulgence in and dependence on a drug or other chemical leading to effects that is detrimental to the individual's physical and mental health, or the welfare of others.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONTINUED

Suicidal Thoughts are one's feelings of wanting to die, thinking about suicide, talking about suicide and making statements which indicate thoughts of hopelessness, helplessness, or worthlessness. Persons with suicidal thoughts have a preoccupation with death and made suicidal plans or attempts.

TB Clinic is a clinic that specializes in the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Treatment Services are programs for youth to address identified needs and risk factors. These could be provided by community-based programs or residential care facilities.

Truancy is any intentional unauthorized absence from compulsory schooling.

Vocational Program is an educational program that trains the student to perform a specific job skill or trade. **WIC Clinic** is a clinic that provides assistance for women, infants, and children.

Work Release Program is a program that allows prison inmates to hold a job away from the facility campus while the inmate is serving a prison term.

Youth Development describes the ongoing growth process in which youth learn to (1) meet their basic personal and social needs (2) build skills and competencies that allow them to function and be successful in their daily lives.

What Parents Should Know About Our Youth

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Parents, you are everything to the world today. When we were children, we were taught certain things, know that we are youth; we are doing what we see.

Parents, we as youth need your help and guidance every step of the way. In case we fall, we need for you to pick us up again and start us on our way.

Today, our parents and youth are failing our jobs. Parents, we are failing to teach, and youth we are failing to learn.

The youth is the world of tomorrow.

It has been spoken: If a person has never made a mistake, then they have never tried hard enough.

Parents I encourage you in all you do be willing to teach, and guide our youth today.

Youth, don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for those in speech, in life, in love, and in purity.

Youth, I encourage you to be willing to lead your generation, because the world is watching.

Parents, the youth is our next generation of leaders.



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