



# RESOURCE GUIDE

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Hopefully, this Resource Guide will be helpful to you. Use it as a starting point in your quest for services to meet your needs.

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## ABOUT US

Autism Society Bayou is an affiliate of Autism Society which is the oldest and largest grassroots organization within the autism community.

Autism Society Bayou is a support organization that provides places to meet, get information and share experiences with real people affected by autism. Autism Society Bayou provides support to the following parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary, Terrebonne and Lower St. Martin.

Autism Society Bayou is a certified non-profit 501(c)(3) agency. This means the Autism Society Bayou can raise funds for the benefit of its local members and the autism community and can verify receipts of charitable donations over \$250 for deduction under federal income tax law.

Autism Society Bayou holds monthly support meetings where you can learn and share information about autism. We have a major fund raiser annually, HUNTING FOR THE MISSING PIECES, which is a 5k Run/Walk for autism awareness. The day also includes food, music, dancing, prizes, and activities for the whole family. The 5k Run/Walk funds are used to help our members, families, and person diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. We send parents and caregivers to workshops and conferences so they can learn important information to help care for their loved one dealing with an autism spectrum disorder enjoy a better quality of life.

You will find additional information on our website: [www.bayouautism.org](http://www.bayouautism.org) or email: [bayouautism@yahoo.com](mailto:bayouautism@yahoo.com)



## **Cardiology**

### **Pediatric Cardiology Associates, Inc**

Dr. Michael Brumund

7777 Hennessy Blvd., Ste. 103

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

(225) 767-6700



## **Dentists**

### **Bayou Children's Dental Center**

Dr. Claudia Cavallino

Dr. Paige Gaudet

4752 Hwy 311 Ste 115

Houma LA

(985) 868-8331

**\*Inform receptionist that you have a child with special needs when making the appointment\***



## **Ear Nose & Throat (ENT)**

### **Ear Nose & Throat Medical Center**

Dr. Charles LeBlanc  
5258 Dijon Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 769-1090  
(800) 960-1ENT



## **Hair Salon**

### **Silly Scissors**

905 Canal Blvd  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
(985) 492-2411

Kids hair salon that accommodates children with special needs



## **Learning Centers/Schools**

### **Stella Learning Center**

2600 Coteau Rd. Bldg #2

Houma, LA 70364

(985) 868-2671

Email: [daisy@stellalc.com](mailto:daisy@stellalc.com)

Website: <http://stellalc.com>

Stella Learning Center is a Learning Center for Home-Schooled individuals with Autism and Related Disorders

**\*Also offers ABA services on Saturday mornings**

The Touchstone Center

1018 Verret Street

Houma, LA 70360

(985) 873-6092

Email: [thetouchstonecenter@gmail.com](mailto:thetouchstonecenter@gmail.com)

### **Education for Children with Autism Foundation**

A member of the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations (LANO)

8733 Siegen Lane, #415

Baton Rouge, LA 70810

(225) 803-5225

Website: [www.BRECAF.org](http://www.BRECAF.org)





## Licensed Counselors

### **Teche Action Clinic of Houma**

Chris Bailey, LCSW  
809 W. Tunnel Blvd  
Houma La  
(985) 851-1717

### **April Pierce, LPC**

5540 Highway 1 – Suite A  
Lockport, LA 70374  
(985) 532-6340  
<http://www.aprilpiercelpc.com/>

### **Psychological Health Care of South Louisiana**

142A Rue Marguerite  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
(985) 625-0023

[www.psychhealthcare.com](http://www.psychhealthcare.com)

Providers who see children with spec. disorders

Dr. Chris Rachal, neuropsychologist/medical psychologist  
Wendy Rachal, MA (Houma & Thibodaux)  
Vera Holloway, MA (Thibodaux & Morgan City)  
Jennifer Danos, MA (Houma & Morgan City)  
Dawn Toups, LPC (Houma & Thibodaux)

Services offered: Child and Family Therapy, Medicine Management, Neuropsychologist, and Counseling



## **Medicine Management**

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Tim Pellegrin, MHNP  
809 W. Tunnel Blvd  
Houma La  
(985) 851-1717

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Services offered: Medicine Management



## Neurologists

**The Baton Rouge Clinic**  
7373 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge La  
(225) 246-9240



## **Pediatricians**

### **Center for Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine**

Dr Peltier and Dr Cruse

Offices in Gray and Thibodaux

(985) 448-3700 (Thibodaux)

(985) 851-2000 (Gray)



## **Psychiatrists**

### **Office of Mental Health Regional Office – Region III**

Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Mary

### **Office of Mental Health**

c/o Terrebonne Mental Health  
500 Legion Avenue  
Houma, LA 70364  
(985) 857-3615

### **Psychiatric Services, LLC**

4266 West Main, Suite 100  
Gray, LA 70359  
(985) 856-7893  
Email: [Psycserv@gmail.com](mailto:Psycserv@gmail.com)



## **Psychologists - Evaluations**

### **Psychological Health Care of South Louisiana**

142A Rue Marguerite  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
(985) 625-0023

[www.psychealthcare.com](http://www.psychealthcare.com)

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## STATE RESOURCES

### **Autism Society LA State Chapter**

[www.lastateautism.org](http://www.lastateautism.org)

[autismsociety\\_lastatechapter@yahoo.com](mailto:autismsociety_lastatechapter@yahoo.com)

(800) 328-8476

Autism Society Louisiana State Chapter has an extension state resource guide on their website.

### **Education**

#### **Louisiana State Department of Education**

LA State Department of Education  
Division of Education Improvement and Assistance  
PO Box 94064  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4064  
(225) 342-0520  
(225) 342-5880 (fax)

More information: 1-800-4MyChild (1-800-469-2445)

#### **LA Department of Education Regional Education Service Centers (RESC)**

Region III – Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne

Nicholls State University  
PO Box 2037  
Thibodaux, LA 70310  
(985) 448-4313  
(985) 448-4210 (fax)



## **Therapeutic Riding (Hippo Therapy)**

**Barnyard Fun, LLC**  
Therapeutic Riding  
294 Texas Gulf Road  
Bourg, LA 70343  
(985) 594-9166  
[info@barnyardfun.net](mailto:info@barnyardfun.net)

**Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc**  
PO Box 23284  
New Orleans, LA 70183  
(985) 651-LADY  
[horseyhartzell@hotmail.com](mailto:horseyhartzell@hotmail.com)

**Sensory Solutions**  
<http://www.sensorysolutionstherapy.com/hippotherapy.php>





## Therapists

### **Center for Pediatric Therapy**

270 Highway 3185  
Thibodaux LA  
(985) 449-0944

Services offered: Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy

### **Sensory Solutions**

1054 Canal Blvd  
Thibodaux LA  
(985) 665-7575  
Email: [sensorysolutions2013@yahoo.com](mailto:sensorysolutions2013@yahoo.com)

Services offered: Occupational Therapy

### **Nicholls State University Jo Carol Nolen Speech, Language, and Hearing Center**

-Communication disorders program that offers evaluation and therapy services to individuals with hearing impairments and/or to individuals with speech, articulation, voice or fluency concerns  
(985) 448-4582

### **Cusps & Capabilities LLC**

#### **Dawn Gilcrease, Med, BCBA**

201 Belle Helene Drive  
Houma, LA 70360  
(985) 232-6346

[dawn.gilcrease@yahoo.com](mailto:dawn.gilcrease@yahoo.com)

Services offered: ABA therapy



## **Urologists**

**Houma Surgi-Center**  
Dr. Stephen Charbonnet  
1020 School Street  
Houma LA  
(985) 868-4320



## ARC Centers

### **Assumption Arc**

Offers day programs, employment, training and residential services for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities

PO Drawer 1040

Napoleonville, LA 70390

(985) 369-2907

Website: <http://www.assumptionarc.org>

### **Lafourche Arc**

Offers day programs, employment, training and residential services for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities

PO Box 269

Thibodaux, LA 70301

(985) 447-6214

Website: <http://www.lafourchearc.com>

### **St. Mary Center of Hope**

Provides day programs, employment and training services for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities

PO Box 3

100 Missouri Street

Centerville, LA 70522

(337) 826-9445

Website: <http://stmarycenterofhope.org>

### **TARC (Terrebonne Arc)**

Advocacy programs, community homes, work training, independent apartment living program, sheltered and supported employment, and respite program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

No. 1 McCord Road

Houma, LA 70363

(985) 876-4465

Website: <http://www.terrebonnearc.org>



## **Children's Special Health Services**

Provides diagnostic and treatment services for eligible children who have certain chronic physical illnesses or serious disabilities causing (or likely to cause) impairments that could significantly limit major life activities. Services provided may include medical evaluation, parent counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and genetic service. To access these services, contact your local parish health unit.

Region III includes Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, Terrebonne, St. Mary\*

\*If you live in this parish and your child is served by Children's Special Health Services, your regional office is as follows: St. Mary parish uses the region IV office in Lafayette.

### **Children's Special Health Services**

253 Veterans Blvd  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
985-447-0896

### **Children's Special Health Services**

220 W. Willow St. Bld. A  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
337-262-5616

Website: <http://www.dhh.la.gov/CSHS>



## Early Steps

This program is run through DHH's Office of Public Health, helps children birth to age three and their families. Early Steps aims to help children who have conditions that might lead to a disability and also helps children who appear to have cognitive, physical, communication, social, emotional or behavioral developmental delays.

The is program is an entry point for the DD service system for children age 0-3; provides early intervention services including nutrition, therapies, assistive technology, audiology, vision, service coordination, psychological, social work, special instruction, translation/interpretation and transportation (to/from Early Steps' services only)

For more information on the Early Steps program, please contact the Early Steps office at (985) 447-6550 or (985) 447-4461 or visit the program website at <http://oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/earlyinterventionservices/index.html>



## **Emergency Information**

If you are a person with developmental disabilities, an advocate, or a provider needing additional assistance in evacuation and emergency preparedness, contact the OCDD office toll free at 1-866-783-5553.



## **LA Vocational/Rehabilitative Services – Regional Office**

Thibodaux Regional Office III  
1442 Tiger Drive  
Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337  
(985) 447-0809 (Lafourche and Assumption)  
(985) 857-3652 (Terrebonne)  
(337) 262-5353 (St Mary)

800-590-5762

Parishes Served: Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne and St. Mary

Provides vocational and other rehabilitation services to qualified persons with disabilities



## **LSU'S MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE LIST FOR TERREBONNE & LAFOURCHE PARISHES**

**LSU Help Line:** (504) 568-8772 // **The CALL Line** (Crisis Assist Link Line; 4:30 pm – 5:30 am): (877) 500-9997 // **24-Hour Crisis Number: “The Line”** (800) 535-3694 // **Department of Child and Family Services—24/7 Hotline:** (888) LAHELP-U

**Assessment & Treatment Centers** – Outpatient treatment for adults & children (Sliding scale or Medicaid). 157 Twin Oaks Drive, Raceland, LA (8AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday) (985) 537-6823

**Magnolia Family Services** – Mental Health Rehabilitation, short-term outpatient counseling, Counseling Clinic for children and families ages 3 and up. 106 Hickory Ave, Thibodaux, LA 70301. (985) 449-4055

**Bayou Oaks Health Services** – Outpatient psychiatric evaluation/assessment, medication management, and individual/parent/family therapy. 142 Laura Dr., Ste. B, Thibodaux, LA 70301 (985) 446-4144

**Options for Independence** – Counseling for adults & children. Only accepts Medicaid. 5593 Hwy 311, Houma, LA 70360 (985) 853-8550

**Nicholls State Psychology Training Clinic** – Counseling for adults & children. Closed during school holidays, Thibodaux, LA (985) 448-4362

**South Central Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health** (provides mental health services for children and adults): Multiple outpatient clinics available. Please call or visit [www.schlhsa.org](http://www.schlhsa.org) for nearest location – (985) 858-2931





## **Medicaid**

For a listing of specialist (including dentist) in your area who are enrolled and active in the Medicaid programs, call toll-free 1-877-455-9955

Medicaid Dental Services: 225-342-9403

### **Family Opportunity Act Medicaid Buy-In Program**

-Health benefits for children with disabilities birth up to age 19 years using special income amounts and non-traditional requirements

## **Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaChip)**

Health benefits for eligible children from birth up to 19 years using special income amounts and fewer requirements than other Medicaid programs

(877) 2LA-CHIP      1-877-252-2447

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331>

Medicaid and LaChip enrollment center website



## Miscellaneous Services

### **BayouLand Families Helping Families**

286 Hwy 3185  
Thibodaux LA  
(985)447-4461

### **South Central Human Services Authority**

OCDD  
1000 Plantation Road, Suite E  
Thibodaux LA  
(985) 449-5170  
<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/11/n/8>

Serves the following parishes: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Mary



## National Resources

### **Autism Society**

4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350

Bethesda, MD 20814

800-328-8476

301-657-0881

[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

Information and Referral, "Advocate" newsletter, nationwide chapter network, annual national conference on autism, government relations, mail order bookstore

Search nation wide autism-related supports and services.

[www.autismsource.org](http://www.autismsource.org)



### Helpful Websites:

<http://www.themedicineprogram.com>

This website provides prescription medicine free-of-charge to individuals who have no Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance

<http://www.servicemagic.com/category.Other-Services.10214.html>

Click on Disability Services

This website provides names of contractors that perform environmental modifications

<http://www.louisianaanswers.com>

This website assists older adults and persons with disabilities in locating long-term supports and services

<http://www.disabilityproducts.com>

This website offers assistive devices and daily living aids that support independent living for elderly persons or person with disabilities

<http://www.online-medical-dictionary.org>

<http://nlm.nih.gov>

These websites provide thorough definitions of disabilities, syndromes, medical and genetic terms, etc

<http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/employment>

This website helps people with development disabilities find meaningful jobs and jumpstart their careers

<http://www.specialchild.com/index.html>

This is a comprehensive website for parents and caregivers of children with Special Needs

<http://www.latan.org>

This website provides assistance in finding adaptive equipment/assistive technology

<http://www.flaghouse.com>

This website provides assistance in finding adaptive equipment/assistive technology with a focus on products for children

<http://accesslouisiana.org>

Families can apply at this website for financial assistance to purchase adaptive equipment, assistive devices, home/car/van modifications and other interventions not covered by private or public insurance programs