

Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines: 0-5 years

Autism Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for a child with a positive screen for Autism.

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Family Resources

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Families Helping Families Bayouland: Peer support and resource linkage for families at (985) 447-4461 or blfhf.org

Head Start/Early Head Start: Promotes preschool and school readiness for low-income families. Eligibility and enrollment information for Louisiana can be found at benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913

Positive Autism Screen Resources

- **EarlySteps:** Intervention services for children 0-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact at jrodrigue@laeasterseals.com (985) 447-6550 or (866) 891-9044
- **Specialist/Subspecialist Referral/ABA Therapy:** May be indicated per primary care provider assessment; provider locator tools are available on the Medicaid Healthy Louisiana website at myplan.healthy.la.gov/home
- **Regional Resource Guides** provide a comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state. Download them from the Children's Special Health Services website at ldh.la.gov/cshs
- **Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance** is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years. For more information:
 - Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening or
 - E-mail CSHSprogram@la.gov or
 - Call the Bureau of Family Health's Children's Special Health Services program at (504) 568-5055

Public School System Resources

Department of Education: "Child Search" educational assessments and screenings for ages 3 and older. Contact information by parish below:

Assumption Parish
(985) 369-2977

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(985) 447-8181

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Family Wellness & Environmental Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for the family of a child with a positive screen for environmental risk or caregiver depression.

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General Family Resources

Partners for Family Health: Website that helps all users find the Louisiana health resources and websites that are most relevant to them at

partnersforfamilyhealth.org

Project LAUNCH: Parent and provider resources to support healthy physical and emotional development for children 0 - 8 years old louisianalaunch.org

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WIC: Women, Infant, and Children Program Nutrition Support: 1-800-251-BABY (2229)

Care Coordination Resources

Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years.

Ways to enroll in the program:

- Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening to access a fillable PDF of the form
- Email CSHSprogram@la.gov to request an electronic Technical Assistance form
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Families may also benefit from Medicaid enrollment and Healthy Louisiana Behavioral Health services. Find provider locator tools at myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose.

Family Wellness Referrals

- **Regional Resource Guides:** A comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state. These can be downloaded from the Children's Special Health Services website at ldh.la.gov/cshs
- **Louisiana Warm Line:** Non-crisis phone line with certified peer support specialists Wednesday-Sunday, 5-10 PM, (800) 730-8375
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** Available 24/7, (800) 273-8255
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Bayou AA LA District 17 - hotline (985)326-3789, Spanish hotline 504-444-2677.
- **State Reporting Hotline for Childhood Abuse/Neglect:** Child neglect/abuse investigations, (855)-452-5439
- **Department of Children and Family Services:** Food stamps/support services/emergency funds, (888) 524-3578
- **United Way of Houma** Supports and service linkage including crisis assistance, 211 or (985) 879-2461.
- **Poison Control:** Louisiana's Poison Control Center 24/7 Hotline (800) 222-1222
- **Domestic Violence Hotline:** Louisiana's 24/7 Statewide Hotline (888) 411-1333
- **Operation Save a Life:** Free smoke alarms – Office of State Fire Marshal (225) 925-1716
- **Smoking Cessation:** Free help to quit smoking at quitwithusla.org or (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669)
- **Child Care Assistance Program:** Child care assistance for children under 13 or children under 18 with a disability, financial criteria (877) 453-2721

South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority

Please refer to the numbers below to locate behavioral health, mental health, and addictive disorder treatment options in your area.

Terrebonne/Lafourche
(800) 840-7758

St John/James/Charles
(800) 709-2635

St. Mary/Assumption
(985) 380-2455

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General Development Resources

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Social & Emotional Resources

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- **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services:** Consultative services for primary care providers and more (504) 988-9184.
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CSHS REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE – REGION 3

Assumption – Lafourche - St. Charles - St. James St. John - St. Mary – Terrebonne

Organization	Contact Information		Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs (CYSHCN) www.ldh.la.gov/cshs www.ldh.la.gov www.ldh.la.gov/ehdi www.ldh.la.gov/genetics www.ldh.la.gov/lead	Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS)	504-568-5055	CSHS Office Thibodaux	Eligibility criteria Birth–21 years	Specialty clinics- dx from MD
	Family Resource Center	504-896-1340	Children’s Hospital Rm 2020	All LA families	No
	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)	985-447-0916	NB Hearing Screens info	All newborns	
	Genetic Diseases	504-568-8254	NB Heel Stick Screening Genetic Diseases Resources	All newborns	
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	504-568-8254	Information and resources	All LA families		
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) www.louisianabelieves.com	Toll free	888-524-3578	Child care assistance for children under 13 or under 18 with a disability	Financial criteria; support for low-income families	No
Child Protection Investigation www.dcf.la.gov	Toll free State reporting* hotline	855-452-5437	Investigates child abuse & neglect/validates claims *Report if in doubt	Birth – 17 years	No
Dental Services (MCNA) MCNA www.mcna.net/en/home/	Main	800-494-6262	Medicaid dental provider locator	Medicaid Eligible *MCNA web site for benefit info	No
Department of Children and Family Services (Food Stamps-SNAP) www.dcf.la.gov	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect (DCFS)	855-452-5437	Investigates abuse and neglect reports for children	Birth – 17 years	No
	Family Support Services	888-524-3578	24 hour hot line – SSI, WIC, Medicaid, emergency funds	Financial	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	888-524-3578	Food/nutrition assistance	Financial	
Developmental Disability Services South Central Louisiana Human Service Authority http://www.sclhsa.org/ GNO Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Main	985-876-8805 800-861-0241	Community Support; Residential Programs; Supported Independent & Extended Family living; Nutrition; PT;OT; Early Steps; Nursing; Social Work; Mental Health; DD Technical Assistance	Has developmental disability (i.e. Autism, MR; Severe CP & Epilepsy)	No - MD signs enrollment forms
Early Intervention Early Steps www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps	Main Number	985-447-6550	Developmental screening & early intervention ST, OT, PT	Ages birth –36 months; medical criteria; take tests	No
	Toll free	866-891-9044			
Education/Evaluation Dept. of Education Exceptional Children Pupil Appraisal Special Services www.louisianabelieves.com	Assumption Lafourche St. Charles St. James St. John St. Mary Terrebonne	985-369-2977 985-447-8181 985-758-1471 225-258-4541 985-652-9250 337-828-1767 985-851-1550	Developmental screening; Special Education pre-schools; ST/OT/PT	Developmental screenings 3 – 5 yrs; special education services 3 - 21 yrs	No
Emergency/Disaster Am Red Cross www.redcross.org United Way Houma www.uwsa.com Department of Family Services www.dcf.la.gov	American Red Cross	800-229-8191	Emergency relief Vietnamese/Spanish	Victim of natural disaster or active member of military	No
	United Way	211 985-879-2461	Evacuation guides	Various criteria	
	Emergency Supports	888-524-3578	24 hr hot line-SSI; WIC; Medicaid; Food Stamps	Various criteria	
Family/Peer Support Families Helping Families Bayou Land www.blfhf.org Bayou Land FHF Information Center www.blfhf.org Hands and Voices/Guide by your side www.lahandsandvoices.org	FHF Main Toll free	985-447-4461 800-331-5570	Information & Referral; Education & Training; Peer to peer support	No eligibility criteria	No
Family2Family Info Center	800-331-5570				
Hands and Voices	504-388-5712	Family peer support for children who are deaf/hard of hearing			

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Legal Assistance Advocacy Center www.advocacyla.org	Toll free Spanish/Vietnamese	800-960-7705	Legal Services Advocacy/outreach/training Education/Voting/Access	Persons with disabilities and elderly - no cost to client	N/A
Medicaid Insurance Helplines Medicaid/Healthy LA Plans www.myplan.healthy.la.gov Aetna Better Health Healthy Blue AmeriHealth Caritas LA HealthCare Connections United HealthCare	Medicaid Info Line	855-229-6848	Information on Medicaid – online provider locator tool	Medicaid Eligible	No
	Aetna Healthy Blue AmeriHealth LA HealthCare United HealthCare	855-242-0802 844-521-6941 888-756-0004 866-595-8133 800-587-5187	Assistance with service approvals, prior auths, denials and complaints		
Mental/Behavioral Health Services South Central Louisiana Human Service Authority http://www.sclhsa.org	Terrebonne/Lafourche St John/James/Charles St. Mary/Assumption	800-840-7758 800-709-2635 985-380-2455 985-380-2460	Mental Health & Addictive Disorders	Birth – adult Call for eligibility screening	No
Mental Health Supports Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health www.laffcmh.org	Main Number Parent Line Toll Free	225-293-3508 800-224-4010	Information & referral; education, training & family mentoring for BH issues; Peer to peer mentoring thru 24 yrs	Parent, caregiver & children/youth w/ emotional, BH/MH issues	No
Personal Care Services PCS –Medicaid EPSDT	Main Toll free	225-342-9485 877-455-9955	Non-waiver, in-home Personal care services	Medicaid eligibility, medical criteria, birth - 21 years	Yes - dx on rx
Prescription Assistance Partnership for RX Assistance www.pparx.org CENLA (CMAP)	PPA CENLA	888-477-2669 888-443-7494	Prescription Assistance Low/no cost Prescription Assistance	Financial criteria; take online questionnaire Financial criteria; ages 18+; no Rx coverage	No No
Social Security SSI www.ssa.gov	National SSA	800-772-1213	Benefits for children with qualifying disability *Reapply if denied Benefit re-determined at age 18	Medical & financial criteria; US citizen; live in US	Diagnosis from MD
Transportation (Medical) Healthy Louisianan Plans/Medicaid www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid	Medicaid Amerigroup/Healthy Blue Aetna AmeriHealth Louisiana Healthcare United Healthcare	855-325-7565 866-430-1101 877-917-4150 888-913-0364 855-369-3723 866-726-1427	Non-emergency medical transport (cab) to/from medical visit- parent/child *Must schedule 2 days before appointment	Medicaid Eligible	No
Vocational Rehab Louisiana Rehab Services (LRS) www.laworks.net	LRS Office Thibodaux and Houma	985-857-3652	Vocational rehab/work support & counseling for persons with disabilities	Eligibility assessment	No
WIC-Nutrition Supports Women Infants and Children Program (WIC) Partners for Healthy Babies-website http://1800251baby.org/	Toll free National helpline *service locator & appointments Mom and baby online resources	800-251-2229	Food and formula Nutrition education Breastfeeding support Health and pregnancy resources	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral