

ABOUT GULF BEND CENTER

Gulf Bend Center was created under the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1965, which established a statewide system of locally governed public community mental health and mental retardation centers. In 1970, after considerable research and planning by community and state leaders, the Center opened its doors to the people of Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Refugio and Victoria Counties. In 1974, Lavaca County joined the local service area.

Our communities look to us as a provider of services for a very special segment of the population, specifically the serious and persistent mentally ill including persons with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depression. The Center also addresses the needs of persons with intellectual functioning and developmental disabilities.

WHO WE SERVE

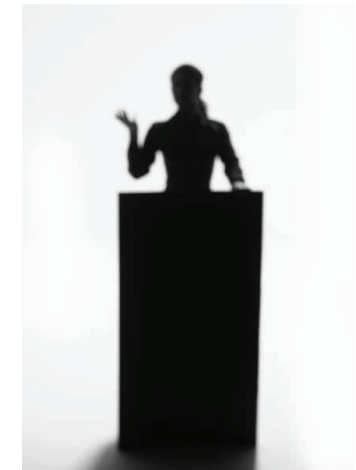
Annually, the Center will serve approximately 1,900 adults with mental illness, 550 children and adolescents with an emotional disturbance or mental disorder and 200 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Approximately 21% of the people we serve are 17 years old or younger, while adults from 22 – 44 make up the majority of the people who come to us for help. While we serve seven counties, approximately 62% of our served population lives in Victoria County.

**Helping all
people lead a
fulfilled life
in our
community!**

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Speaker's Bureau



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to your next
meeting.**

PRESENTATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Gulf Bend Center believes that education and public outreach activities will help foster an understanding and increase awareness of mental health issues and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our intended goal is to inform & educate the community about the services and programs the Center provides through our Speaker's Bureau. Professionals at the Center are eager and available to speak to area civic clubs, businesses, churches, schools, assemblies and other organizations on a variety of topics.

As part of our commitment to the community we serve, there is no charge for this educational public service.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jessica Dodds, our Marketing Coordinator, at 361.575.0611, ext. 392 or via email at jdodds@gulfbend.org

To schedule a speaker for your event, please complete and return the Speaker Request Form.

SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Time: _____

Event Location: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Time Speaker Should Arrive: _____

Amount of Time Allotted for Speaker: _____

Deadline Date for Response: _____

(please enter the date you would like us to inform you as to whether or not we will have a speaker available for your event.)

If possible, please submit event information at least two weeks prior to the event date.

Please return forms to:

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You may also fax the form to 361.575.0627 or email it to jdodds@gulfbend.org

