



YOUTH BUILD

Through the federally funded Youth Build grant, GCTC youth have the opportunity to work with professional construction workers building homes from the ground up. Youth receive wages for their work and are supported by a Retention Specialist throughout their program and transition.

TRANSITION/ AFTERCARE

Research shows that aftercare is essential to successful transition. GCTC's model of aftercare focuses on the development of an individualized plan for employment and independence. Every Youth Build student participates in the development of a transition plan that emphasizes career development as the key to independence. The Youth Build program provides support through mentoring, additional training, help securing employment and post-secondary education for up to a year after the youth leaves GCTC.



ABOUT US

Gulf Coast Trades Center (GCTC) is an educational residential program that emphasizes career building for young men ages 15-18. GCTC is managed by Rite of Passage.

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GULF COAST TRADES CENTER



GCTC is an Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

GCTC prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability (unrelated to ability to perform job) or age (as defined by law).





A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The onsite charter, the Raven School, melds academics with vocational training to offer students the unique opportunity to gain job skills while working towards a GED or High School Diploma. The Raven School features:

- Self-paced computer aided instruction
- Dedicated and experienced teachers
- Innovative reading program
- Small classes
- Post-secondary opportunities
- Work experience
- Career orientation and development
- Vocational shops
- Independent living

VOCATIONAL TRADES

- **Building Trades I:** construction, framing, sheetrock, wood working projects, basic building maintenance, and NCCER certification
- **Building Trades II:** bricklaying and masonry, tile projects, flooring projects, and NCCER certification
- **Culinary Arts:** the art of preparing, cooking, presenting, and serving food
- **Auto Mechanics:** fundamentals of mechanics for automotive and small engine repair



RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

GCTC offers a structured living environment designed to meet youths' needs in a variety of ways.

- Dormitory living supervised by trained staff
- Daily routine with a structured schedule
- Central dining hall
- Level-based behavioral system
- Positive Peer Culture groups
- Therapeutic recreation
- Large campus featuring a gymnasium, pool, game and weight rooms, and athletic fields
- Onsite medical clinic with a licensed LVN nurse

CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Managers advocate for the youth and provide guidance and mentoring throughout their time at GCTC.

- Create 72-hour and 40-day individual service plans that identify the youth's strengths and needs combined with treatment strategies and goals
- Teach positive coping skills and help develop social skills
- Communicate youth's progress with referring agency
- Assist with completing community service



COUNSELING SERVICES

GCTC offers treatment services to our residents. Youth are assessed when they arrive to determine the level of treatment they will receive. Individual and group counseling is provided by licensed counselors in accordance with the youth's service plan. Counseling services include:

- Sex Offender Counseling
- Drug Education
- Drug Treatment Individualized Counseling
- Drug Group Counseling
- Trauma/PTSD
- Grief Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Anger Management

