

At Volunteers of America, we are working with local administration and community partners to provide wrap-around support services and academic resources kids need to stay in school and graduate, giving them a real chance at breaking the cycle of poverty.

The LightHouse

The LightHouse Afterschool Program has provided academics and enrichment to economically disadvantaged students for 30 years.

Services Provided:

- Academic assistance and enrichment
- Hot meals thanks to our partnership with the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana
- Cultural experiences, i.e. art, music, STEM, yoga, bible study, character development, and more.

To apply visit: <https://voanorthla.org/north-louisiana-programs/children-and-families/lighthouse>



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Youth Behavioral Health

Volunteers of America's mental health professionals offer behavioral health services to youth, ages 5 to 20, experiencing emotional and/or behavior problems.

Services Provided:

- Assessment and individual service planning
- Individual, group and family therapy
- Crisis services
- Consultation with teachers and admin staff
- Referral and linkage with other services

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Communities In Schools

In partnership with the national organization Communities In Schools, Volunteers of America helps students succeed in school and life by providing one-on-one relationships with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start and healthy future, a marketable skill to use upon graduation and a chance to give back to their peers and community.



Site coordinators are placed inside a school to evaluate the needs of a school and students. The goal is to eliminate barriers to learning.

Services Provided:

- Tier 1—school wide services provide services to every student on campus, i.e. clothing closets, food pantries, job shadowing, and more.
- Tier 2 and 3—services provided to a selected group of students, known as case managed students. These students receive more intensive services tailored to meet their needs.

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