

Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans Receives New

License

Orleans in Mandeville has achieved licensure as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility from Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals. This new licensure is required of all children's homes and residential group homes serving more than sixteen residents.

Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans provides intensive residential care for children who cannot live with their families or in other settings due to serious emotional or behavioral health problems which cannot be addressed by less intensive treatment settings.

According to Mrs. Marlin Giacona, Director of the Mandeville Home, "We are proud to be licensed as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. We have worked extremely hard to achieve this license. Our staff is ready to provide the most intensive level of residential care in Louisiana to children with the greatest behavioral and emotional needs."

Rick Wheat, President/CEO of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, said "We care for children who cannot care for themselves. Obtaining this license is another step in our history of providing exceptional care to children and families in southeast Louisiana. We celebrate this new license today, and we continue pursuing a much larger step in the New Orleans region, the creation of a permanent home for Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans. We began this work in 1886. Today we are preparing for the next 100 years of ministry to children and families."

Additional information about the search for property and the creation of a "New Place to Call Home" can be found at <u>http://www.MCHGNO.org</u>.

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