

Exciting News! *Eckerd Connects and Ascent Health are expanding!*

Louisiana's Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) is happy to share with you the incredible news that on November 1, 2023, two established top-notch Wraparound Agencies will begin to serve members in Region 1 and in Region 2. Both, Eckerd Connects and Ascent Health have rendered outstanding wraparound services to CSoC members since March 2012. Below is information about each agency:

Eckerd Connects – Region 1 (New Orleans)

Operating in Louisiana under the leadership of Jodie Roberts, Eckerd Connects has effectively served as the Wraparound Agency for Regions 5 (Lafayette) and 7 (Alexandria) since 2012. Established in 1968 by Jack and Ruth Eckerd, their dedication to children remains their guiding light. Their services span 20 states, including foster care, adoption, and workforce development. Learn more about their mission on their website: <https://eckerd.org>.

Ascent Health, Inc. – Region 2 (Baton Rouge)

Ascent, led by Curtis Eberts, currently serves CSoC Region 4 (Houma) and Region 9 (Monroe). Founded as a small non-profit in 2012, Ascent's growth is a testament to their commitment to their communities and Louisiana. They believe in uplifting people and helping them transition from their present state to an elevated future. In their own words, "By joining others, lasting change and success can happen." Discover more about their vision on their website: <https://www.ascentlife.org>.

If you're a CSoC provider, you might be concerned about service quality when members transition from one Wraparound Agency to another. However, please be assured that LDH, Magellan, Eckerd Connects, and Ascent are dedicated to maintaining continuity of care for CSoC youth and their families. We can work together to ensure a seamless transition for all parties involved.

CSoC Region 1 providers, please contact your Network Management Specialist, Linda Reddix, LMReddix@Magellanhealth.com, with any questions or concerns.

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