



Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc.

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Texas Eviction Diversion Program Drive-Up Assistance

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GCCSA, Inc. is assisting landlords and tenants as they seek alternative means to eviction

HOUSTON, Texas (November 19, 2020) – Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA, Inc.) is providing a drive-up service to help Harris County tenants and landlords apply for funds in their quest to avert eviction.

The event is on Saturday, November 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 9320 Kirby Drive, at the rear curbside food pantry.

[The Texas Eviction Diversion Program \(TEDP\)](#) is an effort by the state aimed at helping tenants remain in their homes and providing [landlords](#) an alternative to eviction. GCCSA, Inc. is the community action agency charged with administering the program in Harris County. The TEDP may provide up to six months of rental assistance for [eligible tenants](#) who are behind on their rent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and have been sued for eviction. The program seeks to reduce the number of evictions by enabling landlords and tenants to agree upon a resolution for non-payment of rent.

As a federal CARES Act grantee, GCCSA, Inc. received \$600,000 to assist tenants and landlords. Saturday's event is an opportunity for both parties to ask questions and receive guidance as they fill out the applications for the diversion program. The application first opened on October 20, 2020.

WHAT: Texas Eviction Diversion Program, drive-up application event

WHEN: Saturday, November 21, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: 9320 Kirby Drive, Houston TX 77054; rear of building at curbside pantry

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About Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc: As Harris County's Community Action Agency, Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA) engages partners and forges strategic alliances to educate, equip and empower individuals and families in their pursuit of economic independence. Founded in 1965, GCCSA provides diverse programs designed to eliminate the inhibitive conditions of the under-served and un-served populations of Harris County. Through programs such as Head Start/ Early Head Start, Rent and Electricity Assistance, Food Pantry, Adult Literacy and Education, and Vocational Training and Education Scholarships, GCCSA is able to assist families in earning a living wage, individuals in the advancement of their education, and communities in gaining economic security. To learn more about GCCSA's programs and services, visit us online: [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) - @TheGCCSA.

The Corporate office and all Head Start/Early Head Start Centers are closed to the public at this time.



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