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- **Group Homes**
- **Foster Care**
- **Adoption**
- **Child and Family**
- **Education**
- **Single Parent Residential**



In 2012, our ministry:

- provided homes to 134 children through our Group Homes
- found "forever families" for 17 children through Adoption Services
- found loving homes for 284 children through Foster Care or Adoption
- helped 2,321 children and 1,064 families through our Child and Family program, a unique family preservation program
- served 63 Group Home residents and 60 former Group Home residents in our education program
- lifted up 36 children and 21 families in our Single Parent Residential program
- assessed 538 children through our Clinical Assessment team



Altogether PCHAS of Texas and Louisiana's programs help more than 4,500 children and families each year.

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