



Message from our CEO

September was a busy month here at ACTS. The Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) co-located with the Adult Addictions Receiving Facility (AARF) on 50th Street. The renovations at the Clubhouse have been completed and we are putting on the finishing touches for the ACTS Clubhouse upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The renovations continue at the former JARF facility for the new ACTS Therapeutic Group Home, which we hope to open by the end of the year. I would like to thank those of you who attended the recent Open House for our new Tampa Adult Residential Program. Later in this newsletter, take a virtual tour of the JARF, as well as a virtual tour of our new Tampa Adult Residential Treatment Program.



Asha Pereyra
ACTS CEO

This October, I will travel to Tallahassee to take part in Behavioral Health Day at the Capitol, as well as the Florida Behavioral Health Association's Board Meeting. I look forward to this time to engage with our state leaders and my peers to raise awareness for mental illness and substance use disorders. We will close out the month with our Annual Board Meeting, where we will have the opportunity to review the highlights of the previous fiscal year with the ACTS Board of Directors and Senior Leadership. Finally, the ACTS Clubhouse will be open for in-person enrollment and member services. We look forward to bringing this important resource to Hillsborough County.

ACTS Celebrates National Addiction Professionals Day

September 20 – during Recovery Month - is a special day geared to celebrate vital players of the health care system and continuum of care: addiction professionals. Started by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals in 1992, the day was established to commemorate the hard work that addiction professionals do on a daily basis.

ACTS recognized the day by giving each employee a T-shirt, with a special note as a small token of appreciation. Team members were encouraged to wear their shirts on Friday, September 22. Thank you to our staff for all that they do every single day. Their commitment and hard work save lives.



Virtual Tour of the New JARF Location



On September 12, ACTS moved the Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility to its new home on the same campus as the Adult Addictions Receiving Facility. The JARF offers detoxification, stabilization, assessment and referral services to substance abusing youth between the ages of 12 – 17-year-old.

Take a tour of the program by [clicking here](#). To make a referral, call 813. 933.4446.

Open House at ACTS Adult Residential Treatment Program in Tampa



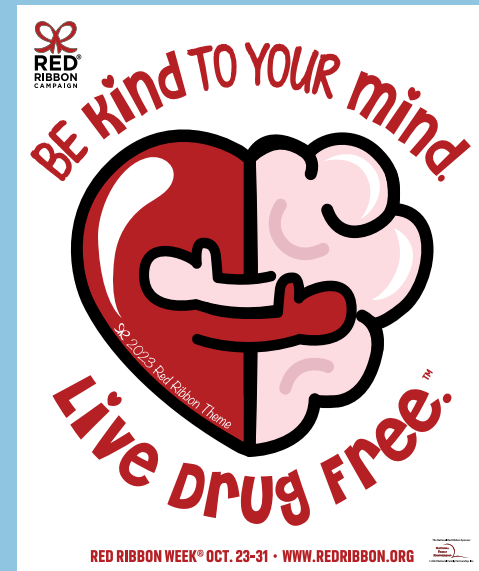
On September 28, ACTS hosted an open house at our new Adult Residential Treatment Program for males located on Nebraska Ave. We are pleased that so many of you attended the event to check out and tour the recently remodeled building - thank you to everyone who stopped in.

Take a tour of the program by [clicking here](#). To make a referral, call 813.879.1649 or email nebraskareferrals@actsfl.org.

Red Ribbon Week Coming October 23 - 31

DID YOU KNOW? Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started. This year's theme is **Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.**

Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend. ACTS is here to help locally with youth with substance use issues – call us at 813.246.4899 to schedule an assessment for your loved one.



For More Information

Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS), is a non-profit serving the Tampa Bay area since 1978. As a comprehensive, community-based behavioral health organization, ACTS mission is to apply the best of contemporary physical and behavioral health interventions and social support services available to assist individuals and families to engage and succeed in recovery. Call us today to find out how we can help you - 813.246.4899 or visit us online at www.actsfl.org.

