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Message from our CEO

As we move into February, I'm reflecting on the incredible progress and exciting developments ACTS achieved in January. A major highlight was the successful launch of our new website, and I'm thrilled with the final result. I can't wait for you to check it out! Our Operations Team has been working hard on the rollout of our new Mobile MAT Unit, and we'll be sharing more details soon. Additionally, we have held several planning meetings for the groundbreaking of our new Outpatient Program—more exciting news to come. To close out the month, we had the pleasure of hosting Hillsborough County Health Care Services Director Kevin Wagner at our new administration office.



Asha Pererya
ACTS CEO

Looking ahead, I'll be in Tallahassee on February 12 for Behavioral Health Day, where advocates from across Florida will gather at the Capitol to hear from state leaders about the future of behavioral health. This year, there's also a virtual walk—a fantastic way to support mental and physical wellness from anywhere! [Click here](#) to sign up and pledge your distance. I look forward to seeing some of you in Tallahassee, and for those who can't attend in person, I encourage you to join the virtual walk and be part of this meaningful movement!

ACTS Launches New Website



We're thrilled to introduce the new www.actsfl.org—designed to better serve our community! Our updated website provides a more user-friendly experience, making it easier than ever to learn about ACTS programs, access services, and stay connected.

Whether you're looking for mental health support, substance use treatment, housing assistance, or details about our Clubhouse and other programs, you'll find clear information and easy navigation.

Visit www.actsfl.org today and see how we're inspiring hope and fostering recovery here at ACTS.

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Meet Tyra Davis

Tyra Davis has been with ACTS for 10 and a half years and currently serves as the Team Lead for Acute Care programs. She oversees the Behavioral Health Technicians at both the Adult Addictions Receiving Facility (AARF) and the Juvenile Addictions Receiving Facility (JARF) in Tampa. These programs provide short-term detox stays of 3-5 days, with JARF accommodating up to 10 youth and AARF serving up to 30 adults in the same building.



Common substances treated include alcohol and opiates for adults, while marijuana use is more prevalent among teens. Both programs offer counseling, medical examinations, group therapy, referrals, and more.

“One of my favorite recent memories at AARF was helping a client who initially wanted to leave the program,” Tyra shared. “I encouraged her to stay, and she eventually transitioned to residential treatment at Keystone. After completing the program, she returned to thank me for helping her get sober.”

Tyra has also witnessed ACTS evolve over the years. “When I first started at AARF, it was solely a detox facility. Now, we’ve expanded to include outpatient detox, medication-assisted treatment, the hospital bridge program, and more,” she said. “With Mobile MAT launching later this year, it’s a gamechanger for clients who struggle with transportation.”

To learn more about the Addictions Receiving Facility, call 813.367.2565.

Kevin Wagner Visits ACTS

Thank you to Hillsborough County Health Care Services Director Kevin Wagner for visiting our new office on January 31. We shared our vision and strategic plans for 2025 and beyond, discussing how ACTS continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our community. We look forward to continuing our work together to support our community!



For More Information

ACTS, Agency for Community Treatment Services, 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.

