

Message from our CEO

It's hard to believe a new school year is already beginning! July was a busy and productive month at ACTS, marking the start of our new fiscal year with several exciting milestones.

We successfully completed our CARF re-certification survey and are anticipating a three-year accreditation. Additionally, July marked the first full month of operations for our Mobile Medication-Assisted Treatment Program. We also held a recap meeting with our Board of Directors to celebrate recent accomplishments and officially kick off our new two-year strategic plan.

Looking ahead, August promises to be just as active. Members of ACTS leadership and program staff will attend the Florida Behavioral Health Association Conference in mid-August. If you're attending, we invite you to stop by the ACTS booth to learn more about our expanding services and how we're supporting individuals across the continuum of care.

Later in this issue, don't miss our article on International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31)- a powerful reminder of the importance of our work and how we can all play a role in saving lives.

Thank you for supporting ACTS and the communities we serve.



Asha Pererya
ACTS CEO

International Overdose Awareness Day – August 31

Each year on August 31, we recognize International Overdose Awareness Day, a global event to remember those lost to drug overdose, support those grieving, and raise awareness about the impact of substance use and the importance of prevention.

At ACTS, we remain committed to providing compassionate, evidence-based treatment and support for individuals struggling with substance use. Overdose can affect anyone, and too often, stigma prevents people from seeking the help they need.

This day is a reminder:

- **To Remember:** We honor the lives of those lost to overdose and recognize the families and friends who continue to mourn.
- **To Raise Awareness:** Substance use disorder is a medical condition, not a moral failing. Overdose can happen to anyone.
- **To Act:** We advocate for expanded access to treatment, harm reduction tools like naloxone, and ongoing support for recovery.

ACTS offers a range of services—from detox and residential programs to mobile Medication Assisted Treatment and outpatient care. If you or someone you know needs support, help is available. Take a moment on August 31 to reflect, educate, and advocate. Together, we can reduce the stigma and help save lives.



Guiding the Mission: ACTS Board



On July 14, the ACTS Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team came together to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and discuss exciting plans for the year ahead. Thank you to our Board for your continued guidance, support, and commitment to ACTS and the communities we serve!

New Mobile MAT Stop on Mondays



Our Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment Unit is now at **Butterfly Pharmacy** (4024 W. Hillsborough Ave. in Tampa, FL 33614) every Monday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fill your pre-prescriptions and access all Mobile MAT services in one convenient location. See complete schedule here: <https://bit.ly/MobileMAT>

Spotlight on Maggie West

Maggie West is the Director of Property Management at ACTS and has been with the organization for nearly three years. She leads both the Property Management and Transportation Teams, managing everything from small repairs to major construction projects across ACTS programs.

One of her favorite parts of the job is supporting ACTS mission. "I'm a servant-leader, and it's humbling to know we help improve the lives of so many in our community," she said. "My team plays a role in making ACTS programs even better for those we serve."

Hurricane season is one of the most challenging times for her department. "It's the unknown that's tough," she shared. "Last year we dealt with power outages and flooding. Our team was out there helping with maintenance and even navigating gas lines to power generators."

Maggie values her team's collaboration and commitment. Thank you, Maggie, and the entire Property Management Team, for all you do to keep ACTS running strong!



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.

