



ACTS Celebrates 40th Anniversary

This month is a special month at ACTS – not only is it Thanksgiving and a time to count our blessings both personally and professionally – ACTS is celebrating our 40th anniversary on November 2. Do you know the backstory of ACTS? In 1978, The Comprehensive Alcoholism Prevention, Control and Treatment Act requires the establishment of a single comprehensive system of alcohol services. Four Hillsborough County organizations consolidated to form Alcohol Community Treatment Services, Inc. (ACTS). In 1991, ACTS officially changes its name to Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc. The new name helps to illustrate the comprehensive programs that ACTS offers to the community. Events will be planned throughout this year highlighting our 40 year history – stay tuned to future newsletters.



ACTS Holding Community Resource Fair on Nov. 2

In honor of ACTS 40th anniversary, we'd like to give back to our community. At the free Community Resource Fair, meet representatives from a variety of different agencies geared towards helping children in crisis. Agencies scheduled to attend include:

- Agency for Community Treatment Services • Crisis Center of Tampa Bay • DACCO
- Department of Children and Families- ACCESS • Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County
 - Families First of Florida • Family Network on Disability • Guardian Ad Litem
- HCADA • Hillsborough County Children's Services • Hillsborough Technical Colleges
 - Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office • Insight Counseling • MADD
 - Metropolitan Ministries • Northside Behavioral Health • PACE Center for Girls
 - REACHUP, Inc. • ReDefiners World Languages • Spencer Solutions
- Success 4 Kids & Families • Suncoast Kids Place • Tampa Family Health Centers

The fair will be held November 2 from 9 a.m. – noon at ACTS auditorium (4612 N. 56th St. in Tampa).

Meet Jann Bouchard

Jann Bouchard, LMHC, ACTS Program Director for the Veterans Grant Per Diem Program, oversees a residential campus with more than 50 residents, including 24 veterans through the grant-per-diem program. Also at Drew Park are 30 residents who are part of ACTS Bridge Housing program, which is a temporary shelter for up to 3 months. "All of the Drew Park residents are homeless and come to one of Drew Park's programs to begin working on permanent housing as they also work on their addiction and or other mental health issues as well as financial troubles. All residents work toward the same goal which is stability in permanent housing and Drew Park facilitates that process," she said. One of her favorite memories of her time at ACTS is when a client was sick with cancer and the hospital asked the resident where he wanted to go since they were homeless. The resident replied that they wanted to go home to Drew Park, and all of the other residents rallied around to help the sick resident before they moved to the hospice house. To find out more about Jann's days at Drew Park and plans for the holidays, [click here](#).



Polk JAC Staff Attends Domestic Violence Symposium

Staff from the Polk Juvenile Assessment Center attended the Tenth Judicial Circuit's Domestic Violence Task Force Domestic Violence Symposium in October. Staff heard from experts about how to deescalate situations, as well as from domestic violence survivor Melissa Dohme-Hill, who shared her story. The Polk JAC is the only in the state that runs a domestic violence intervention program for youth arrested for domestic violence issues in Polk, Hardee and Highlands County. To learn more about the domestic violence intervention program, call the Polk JAC at 863.519.3655.

