



Message from our CEO

Fall is upon us – and with the weather getting crisper, we are looking forward to a healthy season. As of October 1, ACTS has moved to Phase III of our four-tiered reopening plan due to the Coronavirus pandemic. With this, I am happy that we are returning to in-person sessions and groups at our programs, with social distancing and masks in place. ACTS will continue to offer telehealth services based on client preference. We have implemented all the recommended modifications to ensure our facilities are safe for our clients and staff.

During Recovery Month in September, ACTS purchased a building which we plan to use for our new adult residential program in Hillsborough County. We hope to open later this fiscal year. We look forward to having this valuable resource available for those in need. We know that in these difficult times, it is important that we continue to offer a full array of services to individuals in our community. I am forever thankful for our staff who are there on the front lines day in and day out helping clients seeking treatment and recovery daily.



Asha Terminello
ACTS CEO

State Senator Darryl Rouson Visits Keystone

State Senator Darryl Rouson visited Keystone Adult Residential Treatment Program on September 22 and shared his personal recovery story with the 50+ clients receiving long term treatment at the facility. Senator Rouson has been in long term recovery for more than 22 years and spoke about his experience during treatment and recovery. “It doesn’t matter to me that you are here seeking treatment – it matters to me that you are here getting the help that you need,” Senator Rouson told the crowd. Leslie Liles, Program Director at Keystone, said the clients enjoyed the presentation. “Senator Rouson did a great job sharing his story and showing our clients at Keystone that recovery is possible,” Leslie said. [Senator Rouson](#) represents the 19th District, which includes parts of Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. To learn more about Keystone’s services, [click here](#).



Meet Marcial Rios

Marcial Rios is one of the original employees hired to work at ACTS Amethyst Respite Center in Tampa, and 11+ years later he currently serves as a Peer Support Specialist at the ARC. The ARC provides a short-term service to inebriated individuals and for individuals transitioning into a treatment program. Through the years, he has held various positions at the ARC. “I enjoy that I am busy every day and no day is ever the same,” Marcial said. “I transport clients to the appointments, help screen clients and assist any way I can at the facility.” Marcial said his favorite thing about his job is seeing the clients happy. “I enjoy seeing the clients smile – that fulfills me. I enjoy seeing the changes and results of clients as they transition out of the program and are successful.” To find out more about the ARC and requirements to be in the program, [click here](#).



Red Ribbon Week Coming October 23 - 31.

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For More Information

ACTS, Agency for Community Treatment Services, Inc., 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.

