



ACTS Housing Administrator Receives HCADA Award

ACTS Chief Housing Division Administrator Jana Balicki was one of the people awarded the “Richard Brown Community Service Award” at the Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance annual meeting on January 31. The award named after ACTS former CEO Richard Brown highlights a partnership helping those in the community. Also receiving the honor is Deputy Stephanie Krager from Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and Officer Daniel McDonald with the Tampa Police Department for their collaboration together helping the homeless in Hillsborough County. “It’s an honor for ACTS to be recognized with other organizations like the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and Tampa Police Department,” said Jana. “We are so honored to carry on Richard’s collaborative spirit helping our homeless population.” ACTS COO Asha Terminello was also at the luncheon to help present County Commissioner Sandy Murman the Mark Studstill Award of Excellence.



ACTS Staff Attends Drug Prevention Summit

ACTS was a sponsor at the 7th Annual Southeastern U.S. Regional Drug Prevention Summit held February 18 – 20 in Tampa. Close to 300 people attended the Summit put on by Drug Free America and HCADA, and heard from speakers from across the US learning new ideas about prevention that can be used in our area to help people stop using substances. [Vaping](#) is a trend on the up-rise not just locally, but also nationally, and e-cigarettes can be modified for illegal substances. Other topics covered included [alcohol](#), [drugs](#), [marijuana](#) and more. ACTS looks forward to being involved with this Summit in the future.



Meet Sandra Wilkerson, Community Navigator

ACTS received a grant from Healthy Hillsborough Collaborative last summer to implement the pilot project of the care coordination model. And that is where Sandra Wilkerson comes in – she was selected to be the navigator for high need/high utilizers in Hillsborough County. “I enjoy meeting new clients, and helping them get the care they need and navigate the system better,” said Sandra. Sandra works closely with community agencies to identify potential clients to be part of the program. Criteria needed to be met is individuals have to have six or more visits in a calendar year to any of these combined locations include: inpatient admissions; crisis stabilization unit; detox admissions; emergency room visits and/or criminal justice system. To learn more about Sandra’s typical day and more about the program, [click here](#).



Tips to Prevent Poisoning

National Poison Prevention Week is March 17 – 23. ACTS is sharing tips from American Association of Poison Control Centers to avoid an accidental poisoning.

- Be prepared for an emergency. Keep the national, free Poison Helpline number at your fingertips by saving the number in your mobile phone: 1-800-222-1222. Text POISON to 797979 to save the number in your smartphone.
- Practice safe storage habits. Always store medicines and hazardous substances up, away, and out of sight of children. Keep these substances in their original, child resistant containers.
- Read and follow all labels and directions. Review medicine and product labels before you use them, especially before giving medicine to children.
- Detect invisible threats. Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home.



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.

