



## ACTS Holds Open House at Keystone Addictions Receiving Facility

On July 11, more than 75 people attended an open house at the now open Keystone Addictions Receiving Facility located at the Keystone Residential Treatment Program campus in Tarpon Springs. The new 10-bed facility is a medically supervised inpatient short-term acute care detoxification and stabilization facility for adults with significant substance impairment or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. At the open house, speakers included Pinellas County Commissioner Kathleen Peters, Ramona Schaefer from Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Larry Allen from Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, as well as ACTS CEO Asha Terminello and ACTS COO Cris Riviere who led the ribbon cutting. "We're so happy to be in the community and being the first secure treatment adult addictions receiving facility in Pinellas County," Asha Terminello said before the ribbon cutting. The facility is meant for short stays and is for voluntary and involuntary individuals, primarily in Pinellas County and other parts of the SunCoast region, she said. To see more pictures from the open house, [click here](#). For more information about the Keystone Addictions Receiving Facility, call 813-760-8661.



## ARC To Celebrate 10th Anniversary with Open House

ACTS Amethyst Respite Center is celebrating its 10th anniversary this August, and Deputy Stephanie Krager with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has been involved since the inception bringing the first client to the ARC in 2009. "For law enforcement, the ARC is an easy drop off for folks with no resources," Dep. Krager said. "Before the ARC opened, Hillsborough County didn't have an alternative for people who were under the influence other than the hospital or jail. Law enforcement can bring a client to the ARC to hopefully start people on the right track." Clients at the ARC must be 18 years of age or older, under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, and ambulatory. To see the ARC for yourself, stop by our "[Donut Drop-In](#)" on August 6 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, email [ajuno@actsfl.org](mailto:ajuno@actsfl.org).



## Meet Ancil John

A true team player who works behind the scenes, Ancil John been with ACTS for 13 years in August, and currently serves as the maintenance technician for both ACTS Keystone and Drew Park campuses. Through the years, Ancil has seen lots of changes and additions to services.

Most recently, Ancil was part of the team that helped renovate a dorm at ACTS Keystone campus to transform it to an addictions receiving facility to serve Pinellas and Pasco County residents. “On a daily basis, I get to see the results of my work by fixing things that need it,” Ancil said. The properties that Ancil works at for ACTS have the most clients at them on a daily basis, which keeps him busy. “Anything that is broken, I try to fix,” said Ancil. “I am busy doing plumbing, yard work, responding to emergencies – our goal is to make the environment at ACTS as safe as possible for the clients to receive the best treatment possible.” To find out Ancil’s favorite memories at ACTS, [click here](#).



## Do You Know What An Overdose Looks Like?

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. More than 70,200 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017, including illicit drugs and prescription opioids—compared to 16,849 drug overdose deaths in 1999.

Here are common signs of overdose for opioid drugs:

- No response to stimuli
- Shallow, labored or no breathing
- Cannot be woken up
- Snoring or gurgling
- Blue/grey lips or finger tips
- Floppy arms or legs

Overdose symptoms vary depending on the substance used. Click to see common overdose signs for [alcohol](#), [depressants](#), [opioids](#), [psychoactive substances](#) and [stimulants](#). If you or a loved one have a substance use issue, call us at 813.246.4899 for help.



## 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](http://www.actsfl.org).

