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DACCO is always in need of charitable donations for our clients and programs. Donations are tax deductible. For more information on how you can help please contact us at 813-384-4216.

Four New Vans Join the DACCO Fleet!

Through a Federal Department of Transportation Grant Award DACCO was able to replace 3 of its 15 passenger vans and purchase a 4th van with a lift to allow us to better transport our handicapped clients.



"With our fleet providing over 18,000 one way passenger trips a year to our clients to get to necessary appointments related to their treatment receiving this award will allow us to continue to provide safe, reliable and the most cost efficient transportation" stated Mary Lynn Ulrey, DACCO CEO

How DACCO's Zero Exposure™ Program Saved My Family



At 26, Mary had the "perfect life" – or at least that is what she told her counselors when she first entered DACCO's Zero Exposure™ program. With a young son, husband and a baby on the way, her life seemed far removed from what most of us think of when we think of an addict. It wasn't until she received a call from the police in July 2008 telling her that her husband and young son were at a local hospital did she realize what prescription drugs were doing to her family and her unborn baby girl.

The couple's addiction to a variety of prescription drugs started three years before when they were able to easily obtain prescriptions for oxycodone, oxycotin and xanax. As her addiction grew, Mary eventually lost her job and custody of her young son. Fortunately, seven months pregnant Mary heard about and was referred to DACCO's Zero Exposure™ program. This innovative program has, since 2004, provided pregnant and post-partum women at risk of or using drugs with treatment and supportive services. Since 2004, over 400 low to moderate income pregnant and post-partum women have been screened, with 70 drug free infants being born saving the community over \$1 million dollars per child through the elimination of neonatal intensive care stays in the hospital, diversion into the child welfare system, and special classes for youth who were drug exposed during the gestational period. The current average cost of the Zero Exposure™ program for each woman and baby served is less than \$3,167.

Without legislative action Zero Exposure™ will be terminated on June 30. However with your support, this vital care system has allowed Mary, and many other women in our community, to successfully deliver healthy, drug free babies. Mary not only delivered a healthy baby girl in March of this year but also successfully completed treatment in October 2009! Her husband will also complete treatment at DACCO and the family was reunited to enjoy Thanksgiving together because of funding for programs such as Zero Exposure™

Mary will start classes at USF in January in a Master's program to obtain her counseling degree; wants to share the joy of recovery with others. "There is so much that DACCO has taught me about communicating and helping others that I want to give just a small part of that back to others who also have struggled with a substance use disorder"

Through substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment, DACCO saves Hillsborough County thousands of tax dollars annually by reducing accidents, criminal activity and associated incarceration, referrals to the child welfare system and the use of hospital services. While addressing substance abuse and mental health issues, DACCO's comprehensive programs encourage job productivity and overall family stability – with the mission of working toward a drug-free community, one person, one family at a time. For more information visit www.DACCO.org.

Our Funding Partners



DACCO Now Accepting Many Private Insurance Plans

DACCO has recently become an in network provider for the following insurance private insurance plans:



Please contact us at 813-384-4216 if we can assist you or a family member in verifying coverage and benefits

East Tampa Neighborhoods Awarded Grant



Mayor Pam Iorio, Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor and other dignitaries were on hand to accept the Weed & Seed grant award from U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton on January 13th at the Tampa Police District III in Ybor City. This award will, over the next five years, address the high crime rate in the East Tampa neighborhoods of Grant Park, Highland Pines, Rainbow Heights & Northview Hills.

The grant will fund enhanced policing activities, prevention; substance abuse intervention, treatment and prevention programming in surrounding community centers; offender reentry assistance; and neighborhood restoration. These initiatives will be coordinated through a steering committee consisting of individuals in the community, local police and community service organizations including DACCO, Abe Brown Ministries and the CDC of Tampa. DACCO will also serve as the Fiscal Agent and Safe Haven for this project.



DACCO Named as WEDU Be More Award Finalist

DACCO was selected as a finalist in the “Be More... Brilliant” category recently by WEDU, West Central Florida’s primary PBS station.

With more than 70 applications submitted in all categories, DACCO was one of 5 nonprofit agencies recognized as a finalist for the construction and opening of the DACCO Center for Behavioral Health in Fall 2008. This new campus now provides a one stop shop for clients to receive substance use disorder services and the necessary support services to turn their lives around.

The new campus also allowed for the introduction of new services such as a Family Residence which provides for family housing for women in treatment to live on campus with their children.

Mary Lynn Ulrey, DACCO’s CEO stated: “We are pleased and honored to be recognized by WEDU in this category and want to thank the community for its continued support”

Purdue Pharma and DACCO partner to Create Awareness

With nearly one in five (more than 4 million) teens having intentionally abused a prescription (Rx) pain medicine, and about one in ten having abused an over-the-counter (OTC) cough medicine , DACCO recently partnered with Purdue Pharma, a leading drug pharmaceutical company, to produce a public service announcement providing information on easy tips for us all to ensure our medications are secure.

The segment will air on BrightHouse Network starting this month and will run through February. Steps we can all take include:

- ◆ Learn which prescription medications have potential for abuse
- ◆ Dispose of any medications that aren’t needed
- ◆ Limit access to medications
- ◆ Monitor quantities of those that are necessary
- ◆ Communicate with your kids about the risks of RX/OTC abuse

For more information, visit DACCO’s prescription abuse prevention resource page at <http://www.dacco.org/rx.html>

Federal Grant Award Enhances Existing Partnership

A federal grant to expand a substance use disorder treatment known as medication assisted treatment (e.g. methadone clinic) , with DACCO as the lead treatment agency, was awarded to the Thirteenth Administrative Office of the Courts in Hillsborough County. This program will provide court ordered adult felony offenders in Hillsborough County an additional treatment option to address their dependency on opiod/prescription drugs.

With the unprecedented rise in the abuse of prescription drugs such as oxycotin, oxycodone and roxycodone in the past five years, particularly among those age 18-24, integrating this treatment option into the existing Drug Court program is expected to increase the number of individuals who will chose and successfully complete treatment. Without this treatment option, many individuals were referred to jail, costing the local community millions in taxes. In addition, without treatment, these offenders are much more likely to, after being released back into the community from jail, resume criminal activity.

To learn more about the Medication Assisted Treatment Drug Court program or the other substance use disorder programming available, please call 813-984-1818.

In the News

Be sure to watch the Bayside Show in March on WTOG-TV CW44 Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m. for more information on DACCO’s Women’s Programs as well as our community based Prevention & Education programs.

Save the Date

Be sure to mark your calendar for November 15, 2010 for the 15th Annual Golf Tournament. Look for sponsor & player information to be sent out soon!

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