

Welcome!

On behalf of the JACOA Board of Directors and staff, we welcome you to our agency. We hope your visit today will provide you with a background on the programs and services that we offer and will shed light on the disease of addiction.

As the Executive Director of the Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, the region's oldest substance abuse treatment provider and one of Jackson-Madison County's most recognized non-profits dedicated to serving those that are fighting addiction, we are excited about the opportunity we have each and every day to serve the men and women in West Tennessee that seek out our services. JACOA serves close to 700 men and women annually through our residential treatment and long-term housing programs.

JACOA was founded in 1964 by three residents of Madison County (Dr. Frank Moore, Mrs. Nancy Tuchfeld, and Mr. Sam Bergel) that truly had a heart for those individuals that suffered from alcoholism. These individuals dreamed of a program in West Tennessee which would provide professional addiction treatment, intervention and prevention services to those in need. It's because of their mission, vision, and passion that JACOA exists today.

Today, JACOA carries out that mission by offering a complete continuum of care through 38 dedicated employees, with 60 percent of them being in recovery themselves. JACOA is licensed by the State of Tennessee, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and serves the twenty counties in West Tennessee. JACOA currently offers: 41 residential treatment beds for males and females, a weekly Intensive Outpatient Program, a weekly aftercare group, a monthly DUI education class, a monthly Early Intervention class, 38 transitional/permanent housing beds for males and females in 4 different residential units in our community that allow our clients to live a life of long-term recovery, and the Tennessee Teen Institue Program, an annual youth leadership camp for teens ages 14-18 from across the state.

<u>Treatment and long-term recovery work.</u> Our staff of 38 employees is dedicated to helping individuals begin and continue their road to recovery. Our motto at JACOA is "Changing Lives, Saving Lives". Again, we thank you for being our guest today!

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