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# **NEW TRAUMA RECOVERY CENTER OPENS IN JACKSON PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**San Francisco – April 30, 2026** – The National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers (NATRC), with support from the Office for Victims of Crime, are expanding their network of agencies with the opening of the Serenity Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) in Jackson, MS on April 29. The opening of the TRC is a significant moment for crime survivors in the area, who have long advocated for improved services and support. Residents have for years borne the brunt of high poverty and crime rates. The TRC will offer comprehensive support, including counseling, support groups, legal assistance, and more.

“As we celebrate the grand opening of Serenity Trauma Recovery Center of Jackson our team is humbled and grateful to support overlooked and underserved crime victims. We are committed to ensuring comprehensive mental health services for survivors of violent crime and trauma and will meet survivors where they are. With the guidance of the National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers (NATRC), our center will strive to become an extraordinary example of hope and healing for Jacksonians,” said Sharon Brown, Executive Director of the Trauma Recovery Center.

### **What is a TRC?**

TRCs provide survivor-centered care that integrates evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health treatment with assertive outreach and case management. By meeting survivors where they are, in hospitals, homes, shelters and community settings, TRCs remove barriers to care and prioritize immediate needs such as safety, housing and stabilization alongside short-term healing.

Some of the free services TRCs offer to crime victims include:

- Counseling and other post-trauma emotional support
- Assistance with filing claims for victims' compensation
- Support in working with law enforcement and prosecutors
- Assistance with landlords and employers

“NATRC is proud to support the development of the Serenity Trauma Recovery Center in Jackson. This effort will expand access to healing for victims of violent crime in the Jackson community, and we look forward to partnering closely with the Serenity TRC team over the next year to train staff and provide guidance and support as they implement the TRC model,” said Janelle Melohn, Senior Director, NATRC.



### **Why TRCs matter**

- Crime survivors who receive services at a TRC are 56% more likely to return to work.
- Sexual assault victims served by a TRC are nearly 70% more likely to file a police report.
- The TRC model costs 34% less than a traditional fee for service model.
- Crime victims saw a more than 40% reduction in symptoms of PTSD and depression following TRC services.

To see the full list of TRC locations across the US and learn more about the model of care, visit [nationalallianceoftraumarecoverycenters.org](https://nationalallianceoftraumarecoverycenters.org)

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### **ABOUT THE NATRC**

The National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers is building a national movement to ensure survivors of violence, especially those most marginalized and least served by traditional systems, can access the care they need to heal. We are the national convener of Trauma Recovery Centers and the stewards of a proven, evidence-based model of care that meets survivors where they are and removes barriers to healing. Through training and technical assistance, workforce development, research, and advocacy, we strengthen and expand a growing network of programs designed to reach those too often left out of care. We work alongside survivors, providers, policy makers, and partners across healthcare, public safety, and community-based systems to transform how this country responds to violence and trauma, and to interrupt cycles of harm. Our vision is simple but urgent: a future where every survivor of violence can access the support they need to heal, regardless of who they are, where they live, or the barriers they face. For more information, please visit [nationalallianceoftraumarecoverycenters.org](https://nationalallianceoftraumarecoverycenters.org) or follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter/X](#).