



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA of Yavapai County

~Newsletter~
September 2016

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SAVE THE DATE/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Baby CASA Training, presented by Prevent Child Abuse - Sept 22nd @ JJC
- Infant Toddler Mental Health Coalition of AZ - October 6th & 7th (see pg. 10)
- ADR/Mediation training (see flyer pg. 13)
- CASA Fall Mixer: Sept 30th (see flyer pg. 9)
- Academy for new CASA advocates: Oct 19th & 20th
- Court Report Writing Class: Oct 24th (CASAs only)



Take part in National Read a Book Day ~ Sept 6th ~

Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading, they learn about people, places, and events outside their own experience. They are exposed to ways of life, ideas, and beliefs about the world which may be different from those which surround them.

Take a moment to sit and read to the children in your life. Turn off the cell phones, devices, and T.V., and jump into a story that can really take you places.



Find a free story time for toddlers, children and teens at the Prescott & Prescott Valley Public Libraries:

- <http://prescottlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar>
- <http://pvaz.net/calendar.aspx>

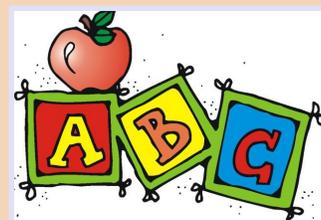


Prescott CASA Calendar September 2016

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2 B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00
5 Office Closed LABOR DAY 	6 Hearings FTC 2:00 (new time)	7	8 FCRB C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support @ 11:00	9 FCRB
12 Peer Support Group - w/John @ 2:00	13 Hearings	14 B4B Peer Support 10:30 T4T Team Mtg. @ 1:00	15	16
19	20 Hearings FTC 2:00 (new time)	21	22 Baby CASA Training (presented by PCA) 9:00-2:00 @ JJC	23
26	27 Hearings	28	29	30 CASA Fall Mixer @ 5:30

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Sept 2 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting, 3298 Bob Dr. in PV-10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office 928-445-5038)
- Sept 5 - Labor Day-office closed
- Sept 6, 13, 20 & 27 - Dependency Hearings
- Sept 6 & 20 - Family Treatment Court, 2:00 @ JJC
- Sept 8 - C4K Meeting 9:00; Peer Support 11:00 at JJC
- Sept 8 & 9 - Foster Care Review Board
- Sept 12 - Peer Support with John 2:00 at JJC
- Sept 14 - Best for Babies Peer Support 10:30 (New date) @ JJC; T4T Meeting 1:00
- Sept 22 - Baby CASA Training: presented by Prevent Child Abuse 9:00-2:00 @ JJC
- Sept 30 - CASA Fall Mixer @ 5:30 (see flyer pg. 9)



Prescott CASA Calendar October 2016

M	T	W	TH	F
3 Peer Support Group - w/John 2:00	4 Hearings FTC 2:00 (new time)	5	6 ITMHCA Conference (see flyer pg. 11)	7 ITMHCA Conference (see flyer pg. 11) NO B4BCT Meeting
10 <i>Office OPEN</i>	11 Hearings	12 B4B Peer Support Group @10:30 T4T Meeting @ 1:00 FCRB	13 C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support @ 11:00 FCRB	14 FCRB
17 Getting Started - New Advocates @ 10:00	18 Hearings FTC 2:00 (new time)	19 Academy	20 Academy	21
24 Court Report Writing 9:00 @ JJC	25 Hearings	26 Mediation Training	27 Mediation Training	28 Mediation Training
31 Beyond the Basics - New Advocates @ 10:00	Nov 1 Hearings	Nov 2 Mediation Training	Nov 3 Mediation Training	Nov 4

***** OCTOBER AT A GLANCE *****

- Oct 1 - Peer Support w/John 2:00 @ JJC
- Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25 - Dependency Hearings 9:30 @ JJC
- Oct 4 & 18 - Family Treatment Court, 2:00 @ JJC
- Oct 6 & 7 - Infant Toddler Mental Health Coalition of AZ Conference (see flyer pg. 11)
- Oct 12, 13, & 14 - Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) at JJC
- Oct 12 - Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC; Time 4 Teens at 1:00 @ JJC
- Oct 11 - C4K Meeting, 9:00; Peer Support, 11:00
- Oct 17 - Getting Started class for new CASA Advocates, 10:00 @ JJC
- Oct 19 & 20 - Academy in the Pines for new CASA Advocates @ JJC
- Oct 24 - Court Report Writing class (see flyer pg. 13)
- Oct 26, 27, 28 and Nov 2 & 3 - Mediation Training class at JJC
- Oct 31 - Beyond the Basic for new CASA Advocates, 10:00 @ JJC



YAVAPAI CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

Costumes For

Kids 5k



Sunday, Oct. 23
10:00am

Starting and ending at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Prescott

For more information and to REGISTER, visit
YavapaiCASAforKids.org

\$20/\$25 registration fee supports the programs for Yavapai CASA for Kids
Children 4 and Under are Free!



Costume 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, great for all ages
Prizes for Best Costumes, Kids Activities, and More...

The mission of Yavapai CASA for Kids is to serve the unmet needs of abused, neglected and/or abandoned youth up to age 21 who are or have been in the care of the Court and to support the work of the CASA program and the CASA volunteers.

SUPPORT A CHILD ♥ CHANGE A LIFE

**** C4K Foundation Board Meetings - 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC ****

How is the C4K Foundation doing?

Please visit this website and write a review on our organization

<http://greatnonprofits.org/organizations/browse/search:yavapai+casa+for+kids+foundation>

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT



Prescott's

Recovery Day

Free Event – Everyone is Welcome!

Saturday, September 17, 2016 – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Prescott Courthouse Square

Music – Entertainment – Free Food

Door Prizes – Children's Activities

Speakers Sharing Their Experience, Strength & Hope

Information Booths – Fun for All Ages

For additional information, contact Jann Barrett at (928) 899-6292 or
jann.barrett@yavapai.us

For exhibitor information, contact Steve Emery at (928) 273-3936 or
steve.emery03@yahoo.com

The theme for Recovery Month 2015 is **Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Story, Our Recovery**. The theme promotes the belief that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and/or substance use disorders.

**JOIN THE VOICES
FOR RECOVERY:
OUR FAMILIES,
OUR STORIES,
OUR RECOVERY!**



National
Recovery Month
Prevention Works · Treatment is Effective · People Recover
SEPTEMBER 2016

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

Love and Logic Parenting Group

Begins, Thursday, September 8th, 2016

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

This program will run for 6 consecutive weeks.



Sally Salisbury

Juvenile Court Services

Volunteer Coordinator/Training Coordinator

1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301

928-442-5670

ssalisbu@courts.az.gov

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

BestforBabies

Improving Outcomes for Arizona's Infants and Toddlers in Juvenile Court

a project of  **Prevent Child Abuse
Arizona**

Best for Babies is a systems-change initiative that works to improve outcomes for infants and toddlers in the courts and the child welfare system. Best for Babies uses the power of judicial leadership in collaboration with teams of community service professionals to ensure the needs of children are put first.

Join us for our next Best for Babies training session!

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 - Bring a Brown-Bag Lunch (Snacks Provided)

Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center

1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott AZ 86301

This training provides 5 hours of Continuing Education Credit

Content includes:

- Why the early years are unique
- Impacts of maltreatment on the brain
- When does stress become toxic?
- Essentials for helping young children heal and thrive
- Best practices for improving outcomes

Who should attend:

- DCS supervisors and caseworkers
- Social service providers
- Judges and attorneys
- Baby CASAs
- Foster parents and kinship families
- Foster care licensing agents
- Early care/education providers
- Anyone involved in child welfare

Contact CJ James at cj@pcaaz.org or 928-445-5038 with questions or to RSVP.



FIRST THINGS FIRST

*This project is funded by the First Things First
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council*

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

HUSD Parent Education Workshops September 2016

Workshop	Facilitator	Date/Time	Location	RSVP	Details
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group	Kelly Lee	Date: Tues., 9/6, 9/20 Time: 10:00-11:30	HUSD Family Resource Center Rm. 422 6411 N. Robert Rd	Questions? 759-5109 Kelly.lee@humboldtunified.com	Come join us for coffee, conversation, resources, and support.
Parenting the Love and Logic Way 3 week class	Nikki Rosson	Date: Tues., 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 Time: 5:30-7:30	Lake Valley Elementary School Library 3900 N. Startlight Dr	RSVP: 759-5109 Kelly.lee@humboldtunified.com	This 3 week class is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages. <i>Learn ways to reduce stress, make your child more responsible, and improve communication.</i> *Child care will be provided.*
Helping Your Child With Homework Reduce the headaches and hassles of homework time.	Beth Dunn	Date: Thurs. 9/8 Time: 5:30-7:00	Lake Valley Elementary School Library 3900 N. Startlight Dr	RSVP: 759-5109 Kelly.lee@humboldtunified.com	Practical tips for helping your child and reducing the headaches and hassles around homework time. <i>For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.</i> *Child care will be provided.*
Parenting the Love and Logic Way 3 week class	Wendy Watson	Date: Weds. 9/7, 9/14, 9/21 Time: 6:15-8:15	Liberty Traditional Elementary 3300 N Lake Valley Rd	RSVP: 759-5109 Kelly.lee@humboldtunified.com	This 3 week class is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages. <i>Learn ways to reduce stress, make your child more responsible, and improve communication.</i> *Child care will be provided.*
Raising Responsible Children	Beth Dunn	Date: Mon., 9/22 Time: 5:30-7:00	Granville Elementary School Library 5250 N. Stover	RSVP: 759-5109 sylva.ducharme@humboldtunified.com	Practical tips for raising responsible children. <i>For parents and caregivers of children of all ages.</i> *Child care will be provided.*
How to meal plan and shop for healthy dinners	Pam Liuzzo	Date: Mon., 9/26 Time: 10:00-11:00	HUSD Family Resource Center Rm. 422 6411 N. Robert Rd	Questions? 759-5109 Kelly.lee@humboldtunified.com	Let our nutritionist suggest easy ways to plan and shop for healthy meals your kids will want to eat.

These workshops and classes are brought to you free of charge by HUSD and MATForce.



Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

Child Care Coalition Fall Conference "Self - Care Promotes the Playful Spirit"

**Free! 8th Annual Child Care Coalition Conference
Saturday, October 1, 2016**

Yavapai College, Prescott Campus · 1100 E. Sheldon Street · Prescott, AZ

Sponsored by



Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Registration: 7:45a.m. - 8:45a.m.

Location: **Yavapai College**

Prescott Campus

1100 E. Sheldon Street

Prescott, Arizona 86301 - Building 19

**We are excited to offer the 2016 Child Care Coalition Conference free of charge!
Please register TODAY!**

Quality First and/or DES licensed sites:

In partnership with the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry, we are able to offer registration through the Registry. Please log into www.azearlychildhood.org, sign in with your username/email and password.

- Select: Training Event
- Select County: Yavapai
- Select Event: Yavapai Child Care Coalition
- Select Instructor: Christina Montero
- Select Location: Prescott
- Follow prompts to finish registration process

If you are not enrolled in Quality First or do not have a DES license:

You can sign up for the Workforce Registry (simply click on the link www.azearlychildhood.org) or you may call: 928.776.0062 to register for the conference. (This registration number is only for Non Quality First and Non DES licensed sites)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

Infant-Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona *presents*

16th Institute: From Risk To Resilience

October 6 & 7 2016

Desert Willow Conference Center

Phoenix, AZ 85040

This conference is dedicated to those professionals working with young children and their families. Birth to five is a critical period for brain development. Those working with young children know the importance of first relationships and how this impacts the trajectory for our most vulnerable population. Join ITMHCA as we again offer an outstanding training opportunity to gain more knowledge from professionals and experts in the field of infant-toddler mental health.

Please visit our [website](#) for program details or click below to register today!

**[http://www.itmhca.org/risk-to-resilience.php?ct=t
\(ITMHCA_INSTITUTE_2016_Register7_30_2016\)
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We look forward to seeing you at *The Institute!*

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

SAVE THE DATE

Predominant Aggressor Determinations & Identifying Victim Trauma in Domestic Violence

Presented by:

Jerald Monahan, Yavapai College

Myriah Mhoon, with the Governor's Office of Children, Faith and Family

October 12, 2016 · 10:00 – 12:00

Yavapai College

Brought to you by a partnership between



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****More details and sign up information will be in next month's newsletter****

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

COURT REPORT WRITING FOR CASA ADVOCATES

The CASA office is offering a comprehensive Court Report writing class for all CASA advocates.

All new advocates are highly encouraged to attend this training to learn the requirements for Court Report writing.

Veteran advocates are encourage to attend this training as a refresher course, and offer your experience to the discussion.

No need to sign up, just join us for this informative training.

**OCTOBER 24TH - 9:00-12:00
AT THE JJC HEARING ROOM**



****Class attendance is restricted to CASAs only****

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity



ADR/Mediation Training



The Attorney General's Office, in partnership with the Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Court, is offering a free 40-hour mediation course on:

October 26th, 27th and 28th & November 2nd and 3rd

Location:

Yavapai County Superior Court
Juvenile Justice Center
1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway
Prescott, AZ 86301

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Each Day
- Working Lunch (Brown bag or lunch on your own)
- Participants must complete all 5 days of training

****Enrollment is limited****

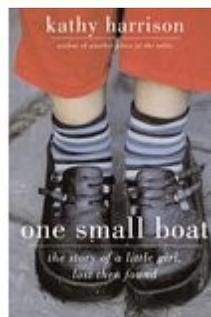
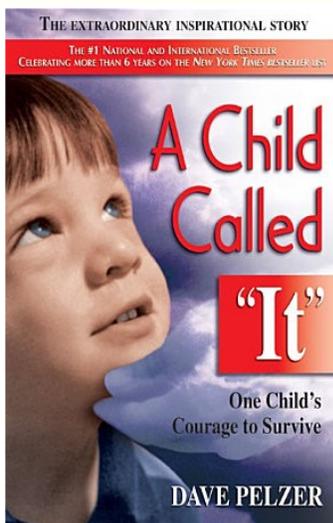
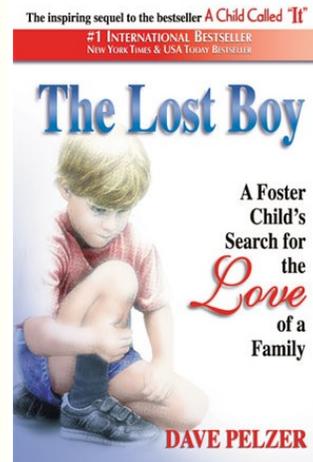
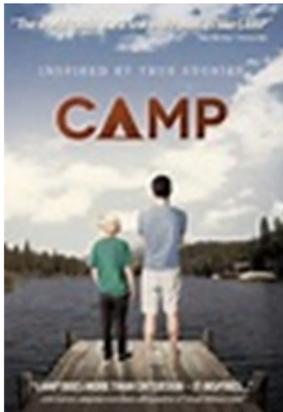
This class is open to the public; however, registrants needing the training for current employment or professional purposes will be given priority if a waiting list is established.

To reserve your place, please contact:
Charlotte Winder at 928-771-3165 or cwinder@courts.az.gov

Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

Calling all CASAs.....

Need some training hours? Please stop by the CASA library to check out some amazing books and videos. These items can be used for training credit. Our on-your-honor system fits within your time frame. Watch or Read, fill out the In-Service training form, and return to our office.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



SATURDAY SEPT 3RD • 9AM

Brownlow Trail

1300 COMMERCE DR • PRESCOTT, AZ

REGISTER NOW AT ABCS.ORG/5KFORFC

ALL FUNDS BENEFIT ARMS OF LOVE FOSTER CARE

abcs.org/fc | 800) 678-0648

    ABCSministries



Be a part of making a difference for children in foster care by joining in the 5K for Foster Care Fun Run, Saturday, September 3 at Brownlow Trail in Prescott. The trail is stroller friendly so the whole family can get involved. Check in begins at 8 AM and the fun begins at 9 AM.

Register online:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ectvvkuw5d5d3462&llr=9srwshoab>

COMMUNITY EVENTS



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA FALL MIXER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH · 5:30 P.M.
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER, HEARING ROOM

Please Join us and bring a friend

We invite all current CASA Advocates to bring a plus 1 to our Fall Mixer. This is a great way to introduce your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. We are looking for a few more great volunteers who are willing to give their time to the children in our community. They will have an opportunity to meet our Judge, the CASA Coordinators and staff, and see the Courtroom!

**Bring a Friend,
Neighbor or
Co-worker**

Light refreshments

Literature Available

**Meet-n-greet with
our Judge, Program
Coordinators & Staff**

**Please R.S.V.P. by 9-23-16
to:
cwinder@courts.az.gov**

CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

Juvenile Justice Center
1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway
Prescott, AZ

CASAofYavapaiCounty.org

(928) 771-3165

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Upcoming Local Events:

Sept 17th: Wild West Mud Festival, PV Events Center, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club

Sept 17th & 18th: Balloon Festival, Prescott Valley Events Center

Sept 23rd: Prescott Pow Wow, Watson Lake, benefiting the Yavapai Tribe

Sept 24th: Guns & Hoses Softball game, benefiting Champion for Children Foundation

Sept 30th – Oct 1st: Fly-In, Prescott Airport sponsored by ERAU

Oct 23rd: 5k Fun Run, downtown Courthouse, benefiting the CASA 4 Kids Foundation

Oct 29th: Warm for Winter, Methodist Church sponsored by the CCJ

Nov 25th - Dec 14th: C4K Foundation Christmas Collection (various locations)

Nov 26th: Prescott Light Parade, downtown Prescott

Dec 3rd: Christmas Parade, downtown Prescott

Dec 3rd: Courthouse Lighting, downtown 6:00 pm

Dec 9th: Acker Music Night, downtown Prescott

Dec 17th: Stocking Stuffer Bazar, Old Armory, Prescott

Dec 20th & 21st: CCJ Christmas Distribution



These are some great events you can attend with your CASA child. Most are free and are great opportunities to expose them to new experiences and activities. Mark your calendars!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of Tech Talk 2016!

AN INSIDER'S LOOK



Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Are you interested in learning more about theatre?

What is it like to:

**ACT
PRODUCE
MANAGE
DIRECT
WRITE
DESIGN**



Meet the Ghost Talk stage manager, costumer, choreographer, director, playwright, special effects crew, sound designer, light designer and more during this full tech/dress rehearsal of a Ghost Talk performance—
Including the chance for a special Q&A session with the crew!

The cost for this fun, entertaining and educational workshop is only \$5 per student!

2016 Prescott Ghost Talk

Main Performances Scheduled for

Friday, October 21st ~ 6:00pm & 7:30pm

Saturday, October 22nd ~ 6pm, 7:30pm & 9pm

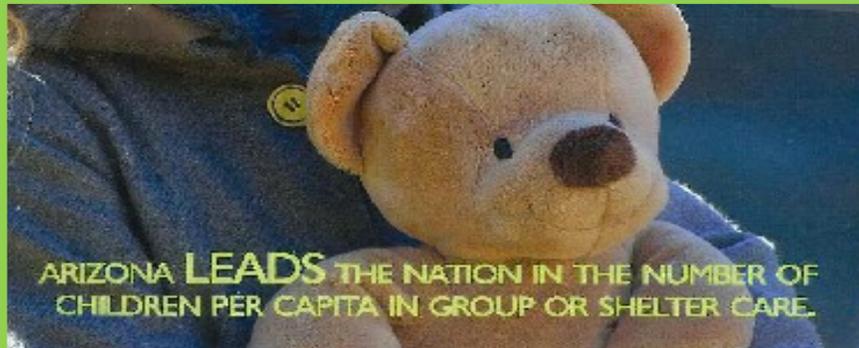
\$12 for Children and \$15 for Adults

Website: www.pca-az.net



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COMMUNITY RESOURCE



ARIZONA LEADS THE NATION IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER CAPITA IN GROUP OR SHELTER CARE.

Let's work **TOGETHER** to give children in foster care the childhood that **EVERY CHILD DESERVES.**



AFFCF PROVIDES KIDS IN FOSTER CARE WITH
 tutoring soccer music lessons dance swimming



Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation is a reliable resource for social, athletic and educational activities for children in foster care, and we can provide referrals to other available sources of support.

Giving the childhood that every child deserves is easy...

JUST CALL (602) 252-9445 OR VISIT WWW.AFFCF.ORG TO APPLY FOR AN AWARD OR TO GET AWARD APPLICATIONS FOR FAMILIES YOU KNOW.



**ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION
 AFFCF**

AFFCF provides funds to meet the needs of children in foster care in Arizona that are not otherwise funded by the state or other programs. AFFCF can provide funding awards for such items and activities as, but not limited to:

Apartment Set-Up:
 One-time \$250 award for items such as: pots and pans, dishes, towels, shower curtains, rugs, cleaning supplies, lamps, or small appliances like a toaster or microwave for youth aging out of foster care only.

Bicycles, Helmets, and Locks
 \$105 total for children ages 1-6
 \$135 total for children ages 7-13
 \$200 total for children 14 or older

Camps:
 \$400 maximum for one week of camp per child per year. Daytime, substitute camps or extended care programs cannot be considered.

Class Pictures:
 Funded once a year for \$50 maximum per child.

Lessons:
 \$100 maximum for 12-week funding periods for gymnastics, ballet, music, and swimming lessons. \$100 per month maximum.

Prom Expenses:
 \$300 maximum for clothing, shoes, tickets, and other related expenses.

School Field Trips:
 \$750 maximum for one day trip; \$400 maximum for extended trips.

Sports Registration and Equipment:
 \$200 maximum for sports equipment—including \$75 for shoes.

Theme Park Admission:
 \$150 maximum for admission per child. Theme park must be outside of Arizona. Local parks or attractions inside Arizona do not apply.

Tutoring Services:
 \$500 maximum for 12-week funding periods. Referrals considered only if documentation shows what other steps have been taken by camp, the school to provide tutoring services.

AFFCF must always first receive the award application, confirmation response from the CPS caseworker, and pricing documentation in order to consider funding a request. AFFCF cannot fund anything paid for prior to receiving approval from our awards committee.

To apply for an AFFCF award, please visit www.affcf.org/general-awards/award-application or contact our office for more information.

PLEASE VISIT THE AFFCF WEBSITE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT REQUEST FOR YOUR CASA CHILD.

THE ABOVE LIST INDICATES WHAT FUNDS ARE AWARDED TO KIDS IN CARE

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

DCS Continues Building Resilient Families Program

The number of children in state custody has increased dramatically since 2010, but the Department of Child Safety is working on building programs that will keep more families together and keep more children out of the foster care system. Arizona's Building Resilient Families (BRF) Program is one example and is celebrating its one-year anniversary in October.

The program is voluntary for families where the children were determined to be safe by DCS and the family presents low levels of risk, and where further DCS intervention was not needed. The goal of the program is that families will gain the support and skills they need to keep their children safe and avoid receiving future reports to DCS. The family may receive this support for up to four months.

A BRF-contracted provider contacts the family within two business days of receiving the referral and completes a needs assessment with them individually in their home to identify the family's strengths as well as their needs and corresponding resources that can help. Possible services available include food and clothing, financial resources, educational skills or training, housing and shelter resources, legal assistance, transportation, help handling family stress, and parenting skills training. Families receive one-on-one sessions to address the needs in the home and build on their strengths.

"For the past five years, services in urban areas were reserved for only those with the most intensive needs, leaving less serious situations to fester and escalate without any intervention," said DCS Director Greg McKay when the program was first launched. "This had a direct impact on the increase of children removed from their homes. Now we are counting on our providers to deliver expedient, appropriate service to keep children in their own homes with their own families."

A bill that would allow states more flexibility to provide preventative services to families in need recently cleared its first legislative hurdle but the bill's fate is still unknown until Congress returns to Washington in September.

The Family First Prevention Services Act (HR 5456, S 3065) would allow states to use federal funding to pay for services like mental health, substance abuse and parenting programming, where as those funds can currently only be used to reimburse states for foster care. It also sets model licensing standards for foster homes and incentivizes states that lower the amount of kids in group homes.

The bill, which has been in the works for several years, passed the House in June but was not taken up by the Senate before the summer recess. The senate will only have a few days to review the bill when they return in September.

The law has been supported by child welfare groups who say the funding for preventative services is much needed. The services outlined in the bill would go to families in imminent risk and supporters are hopeful it would help to reduce the overall number of kids in care. The bill would also allow states to provide assistance to children who are transitioning out of the foster care system up to the age of 23 and education vouchers and Medicaid coverage up to age 26.

Those against the measure say it doesn't adequately address the need and takes funds away from group homes to pay for the services. Some groups have voiced concerns that though the goal is to decrease the amount of kids in group home settings, it may result in many needed and highly-qualified group homes being forced to close.

To follow the bill's progress visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5456>.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Calling all PARENTS, FOSTER PARENTS,
GRANDPARENTS & ADULTS Working with Youth!
“Navigating through the Adolescent and Teen Years”

**Credit for Foster Care
Training Hours!**

Raffle Prizes!

Free Info. Bags!

Light Snacks!

A FRY's Gift Card will be given to each
Attendee. (ADULTS ONLY PLEASE)

**Same workshop, pick the date in 2016 that
works best for you:**

Dates: T April 12 **or** T July 19 **or** Th Sept.
22 **or** TH Nov. 3 (2016)

Times: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Catholic Charities' Office @ 434

West Gurley Street

PLS. RSVP: Krystal Koons 928.708.7268 or
ckoons@cc-az.org

Topics include:

- ✓ **Tips for improving communication**
- ✓ **Influences on being sexually active**
- ✓ **Empowering youth to shape a
bright future**

This free workshop is for anyone working with youth to help them better understand the pressures and risks facing youth today and provide tools to help them succeed. Foster Parents will receive training hours. All attendees will receive a Fry's gift card and a parent pack filled with information, brochures, and tips on improving parent/child communication.

Coordinator's Corner

Join a Support Group

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs. The support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate. Please be sure to check the calendars each month as sometimes the dates are changed.

- ****NEW TIME** for Best for Babies** support group! This group now meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at the JJC, 10:30-12:00.
- **Best for Babies Court Teams** meeting is held the 1st Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar for date changes) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to DCS)
- **Peer Support Groups**, meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 2:00 and the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:00. Both meetings are at the JJC. Please consider joining us for one or both meetings!
- **Time 4 Teens** monthly team meeting, 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 1:00

September

Carmen B.

Nancy G.

Eileen B.

Beth C.

Ken K.

Jody Mc.

Bonnie H.



October

Jan D.

Sheila J.

Carol S.

Janice V.

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A few final thoughts....

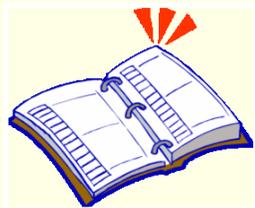
We still have too many cases without CASAs!

Please talk to your Coordinator about either taking another case, OR recruit a friend, neighbor or family member so that we can better serve all of the children involved in a dependency in Yavapai County.

Our next new CASA Academy is in October!

**We're halfway through
2016!**

CASAs please stop by the office to pick up your 2017 Calendar.



**Please remember to turn cell phones
OFF when appearing in Court!**



**Please send
in your
updated
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