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FOR CHILDREN



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CASA of Yavapai County December 2011 Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE...

 ★ IEP Training
 ★ December 14 ~ 9:00,
 ★ see page 8.....
 ★

 ★ **CASA Christmas**
 ★ **Gift Pick UP!!!**
 ★ **December 19 & 20**
 ★ **See page 4 & 5....**
 ★ **It is hard to believe**
 ★ **that Christmas is**
 ★ **already almost here!**
 ★ **Please take a look at**
 ★ **the attached flyer for**
 ★ **dates, times, and**
 ★ **location, and plan to**
 ★ **“shop” for some great**
 ★ **gifts for your CASA**
 ★ **children.**

 ★ **January 20, 2012**
 ★ **Dependency Attorney**
 ★ **Training**

National Adoption Day ~ November 19, 2011



On Saturday, November 19th the Yavapai County Superior Court celebrated National Adoption Day in style! Balloons, children’s games, toys, and refreshments were just a small part of the joy filled occasion.

Fourteen children were adopted into their “forever homes” this time and for many families there were tears and laughter. There were children of all ages. One young girl was adopted literally days before her 18th birthday and still another child had not yet celebrated his first birthday. Each family had their own reason to celebrate.

Judge Mackey, Judge Young, Judge Wolfinger, and Judge Goldstein, took turns hearing cases and then smiling for pictures with the families. They enjoyed the day as much as the families did.

As has been the practice in Yavapai County for some time now, Mountain Top Quilters provided exquisite handmade quilts for each child and several of their quilters were on hand for the ceremony to see just how special the gift was to the children and their new parents.

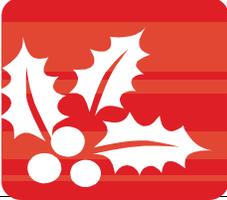
Many CASA volunteers helped to set up the festivities and participated in the event and we are so thankful for their help. We could not have done it without them. Volunteer photographers took lots of pictures of the events for the families.

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Yavapai CASA Calendar December, 2011



M	T	W	T	F
	HAPPY HOLIDAYS		1 Baby Case Support meeting, 10:00 ~ room 307	2 Best for Babies Court Teams Cancelled due to snow.
5 Time for Teens 9:00 ~ 11:00	6 FDC ~ 2:30	7	8 Jane's Case Support, 11:00	9
12 C for K Board Mtg. 4:00 ~ 5:00	13	14 IEP Workshop, 9:00 ~ 2:15, Courthouse	15	16
19 C4K Gift Pick up (No CASA Training)	20 C4K Gift Pick up FDC ~ 2:30	21 Christa's Case Support, 11:00 ~ 12:30	22	23
26 Holiday, CASA office closed	27 No Dependency Calendar	28 No Case Support today.	29	30

*FDC times subject to change; notices provided via email.

December at a glance ...

- 12/1 Baby Case Support meeting, Courthouse, room 307, 10:00
- 12/2 *****CANCELLED***** Best for Babies/Court Teams meeting, 10:00, Fair Street
- 12/2 Holiday Party, 5:00 ~ 7:00, The Mackin Building, 840 Rodeo Drive, Prescott
- 12/5 Time for Teens, 9:00 ~ 11:00, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma
- 12/6 & 20 Family Drug Court, Courthouse Room 307, 2:30-4:00, Court hearing 3rd floor 4:00-5:00
- 12/8 Jane's Case Support 11:00, Cuppers Green Room
- 12/12 C for K Board Meeting, 4:00 ~ 5:00, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church
- 12/14 IEP Workshop, 9:00 ~ 12:15, Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room
- 12/19 CASA gift pick-up day, 9:00 ~ 2:00, 218 N. Cortez (see page 4)
- 12/19 No CASA Training this month
- 12/20 Gift pick-up for CASAs, Foster Parents and Family Drug Court participants, 9:00 ~ 3:00
- 12/21 Christa's Case Support, 11:00, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma (If you normally attend the 4th Wednesday please go to the 12/21 meeting).
- 12/25 **Merry Christmas**
- 12/26 CASA office closed
- 12/28 No Case Support ~ please attend the 12/21 meeting



Yavapai CASA Calendar

January, 2012



M	T	W	T	F
2 ~ Holiday ~ CASA office closed	3 FDC ~ 2:30	4	5 Baby Case Support meeting 10:00 ~ room 307	6 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting 10:00 ~ Fair Street
9 Time for Teens 9:00 ~ 11:00 C 4 K Board Mtg. 4:00	10	11	12 Jane's Case Support, 11:00	13
16 ~ Holiday ~ CASA office closed	17 FDC ~ 2:30	18 Christa's Case Support, 11:00 ~ 12:30	19	20 Dependency Attorney Training 8:00, Mackin Bldg
23 No CASA Training	24	25 Christa's Case Support, 11:00 ~ 12:30	26	27
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January at a glance ...

- 1/1 Happy New Year!
- 1/2 Holiday ~ CASA office closed
- 1/3 & 17 Family Drug Court, Courthouse Room 307, 2:30-4:00, Court hearing 3rd floor 4:00-5:00
- 1/5 Baby Case Support meeting, Courthouse, room 307, 10:00
- 1/6 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, 10:00, Fair Street
- 1/9 Time for Teens, 9:00 ~ 11:00, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma
- 1/9 C for K Board Meeting, 4:00 ~ 5:00, Visiting Center, United Methodist Church
- 1/12 Jane's Case Support 11:00, Cuppers Green Room
- 1/16 Holiday ~ CASA office closed
- 1/18 Christa's Case Support, 11:00, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma
- 1/20 Dependency Attorney Training, 8:00 ~ 4:30, Mackin Building, 840 Rodeo Drive
- 1/23 No CASA Training this month
- 1/25 Christa's Case Support, 11:00, Yavapai Title, 123 N. Montezuma

C for K

YAVAPAI CASA FOR KIDS INC.

Annual Christmas Toy Drive

All CASAs, Foster Parents and
CPS Case Managers are invited
to the Yavapai CASA for Kids
Shopping Extravaganza

All gifts collected through the Yavapai CASA for Kids
Annual Christmas Toy Drive will be distributed:

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Monday, Dec. 19

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Tuesday, Dec. 20

Distribution
location is the
Fraternal Order of
Eagles Aerie 3600,
218 N. Cortez St.

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SUPPORT A CHILD ♥ CHANGE A LIFE

C for K

YAVAPAI CASA FOR KIDS INC.

Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Help make this Holiday season brighter
for children in foster care

Donate a gift at one of the
following tree locations:

Prescott

Albertson's Grocery
C-A-L Ranch Stores
Country Bank (Willis Street)
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Aerie
Her Fitness
Prescott Lakes Senior
Community
Prescott Public Library
Talking Rock Coffee Shop
The Club at Prescott Lakes
Walmart (Gail Gardner Way)

Prescott Valley

Albertson's Grocery
Country Bank
Granville Community Center
Open Door Baptist Church

Chino Valley

First Southern Baptist Church

Dewey Humboldt

Dewey Humboldt Activity Center

**December 17 is the last day to
deposit gifts at the tree sites.**

**All collected gifts will be distributed December
19-20 to the folks who will deliver them to
Quad-City children in foster care.**

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Coordinator's Corner



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Darcy Razo and her family were instrumental in decorating the game/food room and setting up the children's games that helped keep the kids busy while they were waiting for their hearing to begin.

Myrl Combs (former CASA and current JPO Volunteer) spent tireless hours baking cookies and taking care of other needs to help make the event special for each family.

Yavapai CASA for Kids provided the financial support for all the needs of the event through a grant they received from FRY's Food Stores and as always, we are so thankful for all they do for foster children in our community.

With Permanency as our ultimate goal, Adoption Day is one of the best days we all get to share. The CASA Office thanks everyone who participated in the event and would especially like to thank the families for allowing us to share in their special day!



Coordinator's Corner

CASAs and other agency personnel are invited to attend the Dependency Attorney Training being held in Prescott in January.

This will be an incredible training that will cover topics such as:
The Dependency and Severance Process; Mediation and Settlement Conferences;
Understanding Psychological Evaluations: Drug Testing and Current Medication Trends for Children; And More!

(an official registration flyer will be sent later)

Please mark your calendars and don't miss this incredible training!

Dependency Attorney Training

Brought to you by Administrative Office of the Courts, Court Improvement Program and the Juvenile Courts of

Yavapai County



**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF
ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES IN
THE DEPENDENCY PROCESS.**

Who can attend:

Judges, attorneys, and other professionals involved in the juvenile dependency process.

Lead Judicial Faculty

- Honorable Corey Sanders
- Honorable Monica Stauffer
- Honorable Eileen Bond

Training Topics:

- The Dependency Process "Federal and State Regulations & Case Law Update"
- Duties & Ethical Responsibilities of the Dependency Attorney
- Standards for Child Representation
- Fact Patterns and Professionalism (Ethical Scenarios)

- **Date:** January 20, 2012
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
- **Location:**
Mackin Building
840 Rodeo Drive
Prescott, Arizona

CLE Certificates will be available for attorneys seeking CLE credit. Please note you may get up to 6 hours CLE credit including 1 hour Ethics/Professionalism.

Registration Information

- No cost for registration or materials.
- Limited seating available, registration required for attendance.
- Registration deadline is January 6, 2012.
- To Register, click the Register button now.
- Or go to azcin.org

[Register](#)

Questions?

Contact Victor Machiche at
vmachiche@courts.az.gov or
call 602.452.3525

NOTE: You cannot register by clicking the above Registration button, you will be receiving an official registration form soon.

Coordinator's Corner



CASA Pocket Calendars are Available for Pickup at the Office!

If you are attending the holiday party, you will receive one there. If not, please stop by the office and pick one up.



IEP WORKSHOP

December 14, 2011

9:00 to 12:15 Noon

Where: Yavapai County Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room

Dependent or Delinquent juveniles are more likely to have or be in need of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) than the general population. This seminar will address the IEP process, required contents of an IEP agreement, distinctions between Modifications and Accommodations, related necessary services, components of a Functional Behavioral Assessment & Positive Behavior Intervention Plan, Client's education rights under IDEA and more.

Presenter: Kathleen Collins, Family Support Specialist, Raising Special Kids

RSVP by 12-1-2011 to Peggy Bergeson (928 777-7218) or email peggy.bergeson@co.yavapai.az.us.

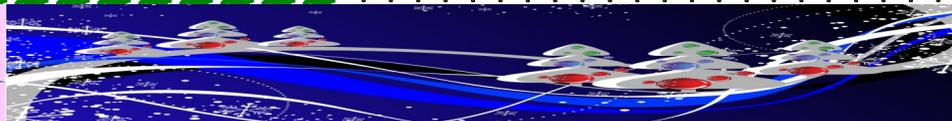
Happy Birthday!!

12/3 George Talosi
12/12 Nancy Van der Voort
12/13 Carole Danhires
12/18 Barbara Polk
12/22 Nancy Lancaster

The Tutoring Program Continues.....

The Tutoring Program with NAU is currently requesting more tutors for the upcoming school year. Requests will be sent out the week of December 5, 2011. If you previously completed a request for a tutor please update that request and resubmit it.

For questions contact John Clark at Clark.john95@yahoo.com



THANK YOU!!!!

As we say goodbye to another year, the CASA Staff would like to thank you for all you do for the children of Yavapai County. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

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**WE'RE ON THE
WEB:**

www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org



If you cannot attend a FCRB, you may e-mail the Board at:

rptfcrb@courts.az.gov

~ Training Reminder ~

All CASAs need 12 hours of in-service training per year. Online trainings with quizzes and certificates are available on the website. You can locate these trainings by going to www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org, click on "Training" and subcategory "In-Service".



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... a child's voice in court

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