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CASA

CASA of Yavapai County June 2013 Newsletter

CASA Appreciation Lunch

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On Friday, April 26th we had our annual CASA Appreciation Lunch. Our speakers included: Judge Young, Tracy Sauer, Myla Smith, Mike Wade and attorney Debra Phalen.

At right: Judge Young thanks long time CASA volunteer Barbara Polk for her many years of service.



Below:

Group picture of new and current CASA volunteers taking the oath of office. Do you see someone you know?



SAVE THE DATE

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June 5, 12, & 19

Motivational Interviewing  
JJC

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June 14

Abusive Head Trauma, 'Never
Shake a Baby'

@ Prevent Child Abuse AZ
In Prescott Valley ~10:00

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# Yavapai CASA Calendar June 2013



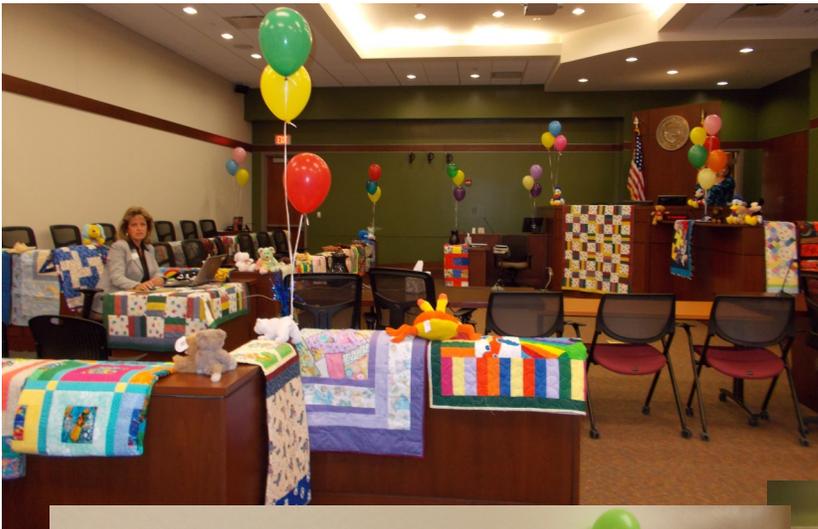
| M              | T                   | W                                                                           | T                                        | F                                                                            |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Save the date: | Family Fishing      | Day on Saturday,                                                            | June 8th @ 9:00                          | Goldwater Lake                                                               |
| 3              | 4 FDC ~ 2:30 (JJC)  | 5 Motivational Interviewing ~9-4                                            | 6 Baby Case Support meeting ~10:00 (JJC) | 7 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting 10:00 <b>**Cancelled**</b>             |
| 10             | 11                  | 12 Motivational Interviewing ~9-4                                           | 13 Jane's Case Support 11:00 @ JJC       | 14 Abusive Head Trauma, 'Never Shake a Baby', @ Prevent Child Abuse AZ 10:00 |
| 17             | 18 FDC ~ 2:30 (JJC) | 19 Janet's Case Support, 11:00 (JJC)<br><br>Motivational Interviewing ~ 9-4 | 20 Time for Teens ~ 9:30 (JJC)           | 21                                                                           |
| 24             | 25                  | 26                                                                          | 27                                       | 28                                                                           |

## *June at a glance*

- 6/4 & 18 Family Drug Court, @JJC from 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 6/6 Best for Babies Case Support ~ 10:00 @ JJC
- 6/7 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, **NO MEETING THIS MONTH**
- 6/8 Family Fishing Day @Goldwater Lake ~ 9:00 a.m. (flyer emailed on 5/17)
- 6/5, 12 & 19 Motivational Interviewing @ JJC 9-4 each day.
- 6/13 Jane's Case Support, ~ 11:00 @ JJC
- 6/14 Abusive Head Trauma, 'Never Shake a Baby' ~ 10:00 @ Prevent Child Abuse AZ
- 6/19 Janet's Case Support ~ 11:00 @ JJC
- 6/20 Time for Teens, Juvenile Justice Center, 9:30



## Coordinator's Corner



May 10th  
Adoption  
Day



The verdict is in—Everyone was GUILTY of having a great afternoon! As you can see, the courtroom looked fabulous with all of the handmade quilts from Mountain Top Quilters and dozens of balloons and stuffed animals for the kids. There were a lot of smiles and tears of joy. A very big thank you to all of the CASA volunteers that contributed to the day's success—we couldn't have done it without you!!!

# Coordinator's Corner



## DID YOU KNOW?



- **CASA volunteers are not permitted to take their CASA children to their homes without written permission from the Judge and CPS. Please contact the CASA office if the situation arises in your case.**



- **CONFIDENTIALITY is a HUGE issue for all of us working with dependent children, please continue to be vigilant in your responsibilities.**



- **The CASA Program will undergo an Operational Review beginning June 10th. We appreciate your assistance and patience throughout this process.**



◆ Please take advantage of the on-line training modules offered by the State CASA Program, you can find them at [CASAofArizona.org](http://CASAofArizona.org). Once you complete one of the modules please print the Certificate of Completion and provide a copy to the CASA office for training credit.

CASAs who have been to a hearing recently at the Juvenile Justice Center may have noticed a corner set aside for children who are in the waiting area. Eileen Bond is responsible for persuading The Spot Museum to donate toys to the area and for purchasing some comfortable furniture (with a grant from CASA for Kids).

We'd now like to set up an area with books that kids can read while waiting and/or take home to read later. We're hoping that when CASA's come in for their hearings (or to the JJC to visit the CASA office) you might donate any books appropriate for children and teens to this area. The books can be new or very gently used..

You can leave books at the probation window and say they are for Scott Mabery to review. **Please don't put any books directly in the bookshelf as Scott would like to review them first.**

Thank You.



# Coordinator's Corner

JPO and APD have created a Motivational Interviewing Training schedule. We will be conducting an MI class specifically geared toward CASA's on the following dates 6/5, 6/12 and 6/19. This is a 3-day course, and will be held in the JJC. You must be able to attend all three days to receive credit. If you want to attend and haven't RSVP'd, call the office to see if there is still room available: 928-771-3165.



**LUNCH PROVIDED!** (In addition to a light breakfast and snacks.)

## Join a Support Group

### Support Groups:

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.

- The group lead by Janet Lincoln meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the JJC, , 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The group lead by Jane Shaw meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the JJC, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Best for Babies support group meets the first Thursday of each month at the JJC, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Best for Babies Court Teams meeting is held the first Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to CPS)
- Time 4 Teens monthly meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the JJC at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### June Birthdays

- 6/3 Sue Brown
- 6/8 Jennifer Bradley
- 6/23 Kathleen Provence
- 6/30 Gay Dodson

### July Birthdays

- 7/6 Donna Orman
- 7/10 Lena Sanchez
- 7/27 Dolores Marcheschi
- 7/29 Howard Kerstine
- 7/30 Susan Bailey -Smith



# Coordinator's Corner



## Our Vision

Our vision is communities of men who teach, support, mentor and encourage boys to become compassionate, accountable men.

## Listen, Accept and Encourage

...that is our responsibility.

In Partnership With



## We Help Boys Become the Best Men They Can Be

Boys to Men Mentoring Network is a nonprofit, nonsectarian program that guides boys 13-17 years of age through their passage to manhood.

We provide boys with mentoring and modeling so that they learn integrity, accountability, compassion and respect.

We help boys develop responsibility and guide them toward healthy manhood.

## Our Program Has Multiple Components

### • Mentor Training:

On-going support and training gives men a new perspective on mentoring boys by looking at their own teenage years. Every mentor also receives a national background check.

### • Rites of Passage Adventure (ROPAW) Weekend:

A powerful bonding experience that creates trust, respect and builds close connections between boys and mentors.

### • Ongoing Group Mentoring:

Journeymen (ROPAW graduates) and mentors meet every two weeks to continue strengthening the bonds formed during the ROPA weekend.

### • School-Based Mentoring

Specially trained mentors meet with select boys in local schools to offer support and to help the boys change their lives and their schools.

## Next Rites of Passage Adventure Weekends

July 19—21

September 20 - 22

## Call for an enrollment meeting today

Website

[BoystoMenAZ.org](http://BoystoMenAZ.org)

# Verde Valley CASA News

**June 2013**

| Sun | Mon                                                                           | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |                                                                               |     |     |     |     | 1   |
| 2   | 3 Hearings @ 2:30                                                             | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| 9   | 10                                                                            | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| 16  | 17 Verde CASA<br>Support Meeting<br>from 12:00 to 1:30<br><br>Hearings @ 1:30 | 18  | 19  | 20  | 22  | 25  |
| 23  | 24 Mediations                                                                 | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |

**July 2013**

| Sun | Mon                                                                           | Tue | Wed | Thu                                        | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|     | 1 Hearings<br>@ 1:30                                                          | 2   | 3   | 4 ~ Holiday<br>Office Closed<br>Happy 4th! | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8 Mediations                                                                  | 9   | 10  | 11                                         | 12  | 13  |
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| 21  | 22 Mediations                                                                 | 23  | 24  | 25                                         | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29                                                                            | 30  | 31  | 27                                         | 28  | 29  |

## Contact Information

### CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

[www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org](http://www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org)



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

[rptfcrb@courts.az.gov](mailto:rptfcrb@courts.az.gov)

### Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

Serving our Court Protected Children and the CASA Program

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
...a child's voice in court

Yavapai CASA for Kids generously donates gift cards (various denominations and designs available) for CASAs to celebrate birthdays, special events, and/or big (or yes, even little) accomplishments with their CASA children. Every foster child can use a little "celebration". In addition, the board provides \$10 gas cards for CASAs that travel long distances to visit their children. Please contact the CASA office for details at 771-3165

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