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**CASA**

# ***CASA of Yavapai County March/April 2013 Newsletter***

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

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CASA Appreciation Luncheon  
Verde 4/22/13 12:00 – 1:30 (Jury  
Assembly Room – Verde)

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CASA Appreciation Luncheon  
Prescott – 4/26/13 11:30 – 2:00  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Adoption Day –Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> ~  
2:00 p.m. at the JJC

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June 12, 19 & 26  
Motivational Interviewing  
JJC  
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### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc. and "The Spot Children's Museum" create a fun waiting area for children who accompany their parents to the Juvenile Justice Center**

Picture Caption: One happy little kiddo kicks back in one of the bean bag chairs in the kids waiting area of the JJC.

A picnic table, books, toys, and bean bag chairs adorn an area of the lobby at the Juvenile Justice Center. Many families pass through the waiting area each day and the children's corner is a great way to keep little ones busy during their time here. The CASA Staff would like to thank Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc. for their generous donations of furnishings and books and for their work with "The Spot" Children's Museum to facilitate the donation of fun and educational toys. Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc. provides for the unmet needs of children in out of home placements and can be reached at (928) 445-0800. The Spot Children's Museum, located in the Prescott Gateway Mall, is open on Friday and Saturday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Spot is a great place to take your family for an afternoon of "Hands On Science for Inquisitive Kids".



# Yavapai CASA Calendar

## April, 2013

| M  | T   | W  | T   | F  |
|----|---|--|---|--|
| 1  | 2<br>FDC ~ 2:30<br>(Juvenile Justice Center)  | 3  | 4<br>Baby Case Support meeting<br>10:00<br>(at the JJC)                 | 5<br>Best for Babies Court Teams meeting 10:00<br>Prevent Child Abuse in Prescott Valley |
| 8  | 9   | 10   | 11 CASA for Kids Board Meeting 9:00<br><br>Jane's Case Support<br>11:00 | 12   |
| 15 | 16<br>FDC ~ 2:30<br>(Juvenile Justice Center) | 17 Janet's Case Support, 11:00<br>(at the JJC) | 18 Time for Teens ~ 9:30<br>(at the JJC)                                | 19   |
| 22 | 23  | 24   | 25  | 26<br>CASA Appreciation Luncheon 11:00   |
| 29 | 30  |  |   |  |

### April at a glance

- 4/4 Baby Case Support meeting, P.V. Prevent Child Abuse, 10:00
- 4/9 & 23 Family Drug Court, Juvenile Justice Center, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 4/5 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Prevent Child Abuse in Prescott Valley 10:00
- 4/11 CASA for Kids, Inc. Board Meeting, United Methodist Church—Visiting Center ~ 9:00 a.m.
- 4/11 Jane's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 4/17 Janet's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 4/18 Time for Teens, Juvenile Justice Center, 9:30
- 4/26 CASA Appreciation Luncheon, Trinity Presbyterian Church ~ 11:00



# Yavapai CASA Calendar

## May, 2013



| M T W T F   |                  |  |  |   |
|---|------------------|--|--|---|
|   |                  | 1  | 2  | 3   |
| 6   | 7<br>FDC ~ 2:30  | 8  | 9<br>CASA for Kids Board Meeting 9:00<br>Baby Case Support meeting 10:00<br>(at the JJC) | 10<br>Best for Babies Court Teams meeting 10:00<br>Prevent Child Abuse in Prescott Valley |
| 13<br>C for K Board meeting ~ 4:00                          | 14               | 15   | 16<br>Jane's Case Support 11:00<br>(at the JJC)  | 17  |
| 20<br>CASA Training 10:00 ~ 11:30<br>Topic to be determined | 21<br>FDC ~ 2:30 | 22<br>Janet's Case Support meeting ~ 11:00 | 23<br>Time for Teens ~ 9:30<br>(at the JJC)  | 24  |
| 27<br>Holiday ~ office closed                               | 28               | 29   | 30   | 31  |

### May at a glance ...

- 5/7 & 21 Family Drug Court, Juvenile Justice Center, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 5/9 CASA for Kids, Inc. Board Meeting, United Methodist Church—Visiting Center ~ 9:00
- 5/9 Best for Babies Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) ~ 10:00
- 5/10 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Prevent Child Abuse, Prescott Valley ~ 10:00
- 5/16 Jane's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 5/20 CASA Training, Juvenile Justice Center, 10:00 ~ 11:30 see pg ????
- 5/22 Case Support with Janet Lincoln, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 5/23 Time for Teens monthly meeting, Juvenile Justice Center 9:30 ~ 11:30
- 5/27 Happy Memorial Day

# TIME FOR TEENS

## Time For Teens

“With guidance and support from a caring adult children and youth in foster care are resilient and are capable of realizing their fullest human potential.”...Fernando Serrano

Time for Teens (T4T) was formed in 2010 to assist CASAs that had teens much like “Best for Babies” assists that specific age group. As a CASA program we have gathered many resource representatives, Arizona’s Children Association, Human Resources Training (HRT), Community Counts, CPS, and other organizations focusing on programs for youth in Dependency. These organizations have assisted in some part at putting together the TYI (Transitioning Youth Index) that is already use teen dependency cases by CPS, CASAs, Attorneys, and soon to be added to the PP5 hearings.

We have all our resources gathered but are missing a very important part of our team, that being the CASAs with teens. As we started out many of you felt that this was to be a teen support meeting and that was true. Working with teens needs a special kind of support. The resources that we have gathered can certainly help with your needs but you in turn can become a part of the T4T team and help make a difference. We want to bring a better understanding of the TYI so you will be at ease using it and can take it to CFTs , assist your teens in using it if they are transition out of service, and help your case managers fill it out.

Mike has been getting many CASAs for our teens in need, so come and join T4Ts. Come talk, listen, ask a question that someone else may not want to, laugh with us as we work together for our kids in need. We hope to see you there.

By the way, I’m back. I had to take a leave for a short period for a health issue. Mike has worked hard at keeping T4T going, but he now has a new job in the Verde and will be taking T4T there too. Myla will be our Coordinator along with Mike. If you need anything you can call me too Christa, at 928-899-1638.



# Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.

CASA for Kids is preparing to issue our second newsletter. I haven't heard from any CASAs about grants they may have received from us for the column, "How a Single Grant Can Make a Difference." Do you have a story to share? It doesn't need to be a grant that involved a lot of money -- just something that people reading the newsletter could relate to -- how this grant helped improve your child's life in some way. If you have a story, you can send it to [dianadalsass@cablone.com](mailto:dianadalsass@cablone.com). Or, if you don't feel like writing something up, just call her at 445-6637, and she'll take care of the writing.

Submitted by CASA for Kids, Inc. Board Member, Diana Dalsass

There is a crib that can be converted to a trundle bed available through CASA for Kids. Contact a member of the board if your interested, contact information is on page 10.



2013 Big Kid's Books are now available in the CASA office, please stop by and pick one up.

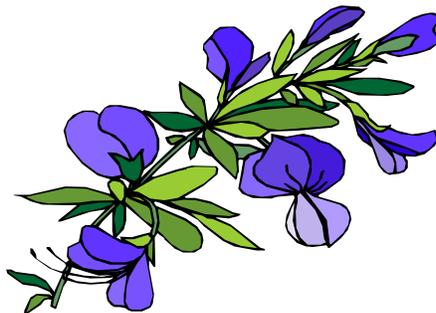
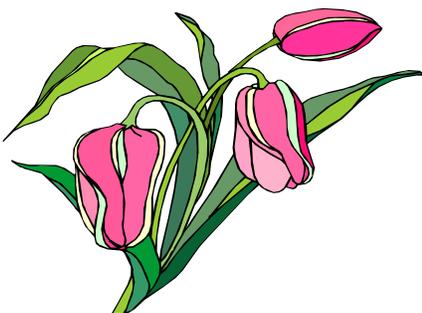
# Coordinator's Corner

## FCRB

A copy of your CASA Court Reports are automatically forwarded to the Foster Care Review Board for their use at your next FCRB hearing. If you are scheduled for an FCRB hearing and have not written a report for that time period or have newer information on the case they would appreciate an updated report from you. Just type them a note on the current situation and email it to them at: [rptfcrb@courts.az.gov](mailto:rptfcrb@courts.az.gov).

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.

The CASA office is looking for a few good binders. If you happen to have any clean, usable, 2" three ring binders you would like to recycle we can put them to work. Just bring them in the next time you're visiting the JJC.



# 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 6/12, 6/19 and 6/26. This is a 3-day course, and will be held in the JJC.



## 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, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301, 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, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Best for Babies support group meets the first Thursday of each month at the JJC, 1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ 86301 , 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



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|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3/5 Judy Cheves        | 4/6 Laurel King      | 5/1 Jim Stiles              |
| 3/14 Vera Stewart      | 4/7 Kim Plawchan     | 5/8 Gretta Larson           |
| 3/15 Virginia Chadwell | 4/8 Linda McMahon    | 5/21 Jane Morrill           |
| 3/23 David Orman       | 4/19 Chris Studinger | 5/21 Therese Thomson-Taylor |
| 3/31 Myla Smith        | 4/23 Mary Ann Muff   |                             |

## Coordinator's Corner

### **CASA Office Experiences Incredible Responses**

It is often said that Yavapai County is a leader in collaboration, a sense of community, and helping others. When it comes to the CASA program, that is certainly the case. Since July 1, 2012 the CASA Program has sent 35 new volunteer applicants (County wide) to the CASA Advocacy Academy Training in Phoenix. The 2012-2013 recruitment period has already surpassed each of the last 5 individual years. We are so thankful for those who can give their time to help children in need and more are always needed.

With the now more than 14,000 children in out of home care statewide and more cases being filed every day, there are still unfortunately less than 1000 CASA Volunteers available to speak for them. While it seems like an impossible goal to have an advocate for every child in care, in Yavapai County we continue to strive to provide a CASA for each of the more than 360 children in need just in our community alone.

The CASA Program in Arizona utilizes many different methods for reaching prospective applicants including newspaper and print ads, Facebook, Twitter, and You Tube, celebrity endorsements, National, State, and local websites, in-person presentations, word of mouth, and more. Even though the program has been in existence in Arizona for more than 25 years, we are constantly surprised at how many people still have never heard of CASA.

Please help us to find an advocate for every child in care in Yavapai County by telling someone you know about CASA. You don't have to be an expert about the program rules or requirements to tell someone to "Speak Up for An Abused or Neglected child" in our community. Share the message with someone in your family, social circle, activity or other club, academic or hobby class, community group, church, or business organization, etc. that there are children in need and they can help.

To contact CASA of Yavapai County call (928) 771-3165 or visit us on the web at [www.CASAofyavapaicounty.org](http://www.CASAofyavapaicounty.org)

Together we can provide an advocate for every abused or neglected child in our community.

# Verde Valley CASA News

April, 2013

| Sun | Mon  | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8 <i>Dependency Hearings</i>   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15<br><i>Mediations</i>  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22 <i>Dependency Hearings</i> .....CASA<br>Appreciation Luncheon<br>12:00 Jury Assembly Rm | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29<br><i>Mediations</i>  | 30  |     | 28  | 29  | 30  |

May, 2013

| Sun | Mon                                  | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |                                      |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 2   | 6<br><i>Dependency Hearings</i>      | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 12  | 13<br><i>Mediations</i>              | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br><i>Dependency Hearings</i>     | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27<br><i>Holiday ~ office closed</i> | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |

*We thank you for your patience as we complete staffing assignments and training for the Verde Valley CASA office.*

## 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

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