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CASA of Yavapai County May 2013 Newsletter

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### SAVE THE DATE

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

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5/21

Learning Community on  
Attachment  
Prevent Child Abuse AZ  
10:00—4:00

See page 12 for flyer

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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

Meet our new Secretary:

*Quinci Castleberry*

Quinci joined our office on March 25th and brings years of administrative and volunteer experience to



our office. Originally from So. Cal., Quinci and her husband Ben moved to the Prescott area two years ago to enjoy a more simple kind of life. She most recently worked for the City of Prescott Public Works Dept. and is a former CASA. When she's not in the office, Quinci enjoys baking, reading, shopping and tending to her bees and chickens. If you have not already done so, please welcome Quinci to our office. We are happy to have her with us!

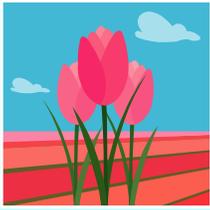
Meet our new Verde Secretary:

*Brianne Maijala*

Brianne began working in the Verde office on April 15th. She was born in Cottonwood and raised in Iowa. Prior to the birth of her 6-year old twin girls, Ella and Ria,



Brianne was administrative support to the Director of Medicare Sales and Marketing for Blue Cross Blue Shield. In addition to working in the Verde office with Coordinator Mike Wade, Brianne is studying for her Bachelor's degree in Social and Criminal Justice with a specialization in Forensics. She is excited to work for CASA and says, "I can't praise the CASA volunteers and the CASA program enough." We are grateful to have someone who shares in our passion to help abused and neglected children! Please welcome her to our team.



# Yavapai CASA Calendar

## May 2013



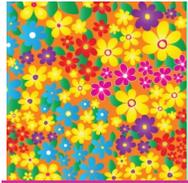
<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
		1	2 Baby Case Support meeting ~10:00	3 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting 10:00 Prevent Child Abuse
6	7 FDC ~ 2:30	8	9 Jane's Case Support ~11:00	10 ADOPTION DAY ~ 2:00
13	14	15 Janet's Case Support meeting ~ 11:00	16 Time for Teens ~ 9:30	17
20	21 FDC ~ 2:30  Learning Community (see page 12 )~ 10 to 4	22	23	24
27 Holiday ~ office closed	28	29	30	31

### *May at a glance ...*

- 5/2 Best for Babies Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) ~ 10:00
- 5/3 Best for Babies Court Teams meeting, Prevent Child Abuse, Prescott Valley ~ 10:00
- 5/7 & 21 Family Drug Court, Juvenile Justice Center, 2:30 ~ 5:00
- 5/9 Jane's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 5/10 Adoption Day, Juvenile Justice Center ~ 2:00
- 5/12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- 5/15 Janet's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
- 5/16 Time for Teens monthly meeting, Juvenile Justice Center 9:30 ~ 11:30
- 5/21 FDC ~2:30
- 5/21 Learning Community, 10:00 ~ 4:00 (see page 12)
- 5/27 Happy Memorial Day

# Yavapai CASA Calendar

## June 2013



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Save the date:	Family Fishing	Day on Saturday, June 8th @ 9:00		Goldwater Lake
	4 FDC ~ 2:30 (Juvenile Justice Center)	5 Motivational Interviewing ~9-4	6 Baby Case Support meeting ~10:00 (at the 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	14 Abusive Head Trauma, 'Never Shake a Baby', Prevent Child Abuse AZ Times TBD
17	18 FDC ~ 2:30 (Juvenile Justice Center)	19 Janet's Case Support, 11:00 (at the JJC)  Motivational Interviewing ~ 9-4	20 Time for Teens ~ 9:30 (at the JJC)	21
24	25	26	27	28

### *June at a glance*

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- 6/4 & 18 Family Drug Court, Juvenile Justice Center, 2:30 ~ 5:00
  - 6/6 Best for Babies Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) ~ 10:00
  - 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. Flyer with additional info being emailed.
  - 6/13 Jane's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
  - 6/14 Abusive Head Trauma, 'Never Shake a Baby' ~ Prevent Child Abuse AZ times TBD
  - 6/19 Janet's Case Support, Juvenile Justice Center, 11:00
  - 6/20 Time for Teens, Juvenile Justice Center, 9:30
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# TIME FOR TEENS

Time for Teens is moving along with a few new projects in the next months. We are planning our next training, which will be given in October. Look for the date and title in next months *CASA* newsletter.

The "Transitioning Youth Index" (TYI) is now required at PP5 hearings by Judge Mackey and Judge Young. This is a big step in getting it out into the hands of the professionals and also helping to see that the teens that are leaving service are getting everything they must have. We hope to have an interactive copy on the *CASA* web site soon. If you are a *CASA* with a teen 16 -18 and don't know what the TYI is stop into the office and get a copy or better yet attend the Time for Teen meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 9:30-11:30 at JJC.

Another important project we are working on in conjunction with WYGC is the "Voice of Teens at their CFT." This project will not only be about teens but will include all youth that attend a CFT. We want to make sure that they have the ability to have their voice, wants and needs heard in a respectful manner. We would appreciate your comments about the CFT's that you attend that worked well for children.

We put a call out for *CASAs* to attend our monthly "Time for Teens" meeting. We are pleased to welcome Lena Sanchez, Bob Sherman, and Gretchen Winkleman who have joined the team. We appreciate their help and input on the many topics that we discuss during the meetings. I am sure each of them has gone away having learned something they didn't know before they came, I know I always do. Please come and join us, even if you don't have a teen 13-18 your *CASA* child may end up staying in foster care longer and you could benefit from these meetings. Hope to see you on May 16th, 9:30-11:30 @ JJC. Christa Lasater 928-899-1638 [lasater.christa@yahoo.com](mailto:lasater.christa@yahoo.com)



# Yavapai CASA for Kids, Inc.



## Free Clothing for Children



Information Provided by  
Yavapai CASA for Kids Inc.  
[www.YavapaiCASAforKids.org](http://www.YavapaiCASAforKids.org)



**CHILD HAVEN.** This organization distributes clothing free of charge (primarily for younger children, although they sometimes receive donations of clothing for teens) on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the 7th Day Adventist Church, 2980 Willow Creek Road. There's no need to call in advance, but for questions, call 772-3435.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.** They are open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. People needing clothes for any age children are invited to come in, without an appointment, and take what they need. 114 Union Street, Prescott. 771-7592.

**NEEDFUL THINGS.** 8400 E. Spouse, Prescott Valley. This is associated with the Yavapai Food Bank, and they have a limited supply of clothing to give away (only 2 to 3 outfits per child). Contact: Lynne Passfield, 775-5255. Needful Things is open only Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., although Lynne is in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If it is an emergency, Lynne will make clothing available at other times. On the weekends, for a true emergency, her cell phone number is 928-499-8857.



**OPEN DOOR.** This is a division of the Coalition for Compassionate Justice and is located at 5050 W. Gurley, at the corner of Summit (with the entrance on Gurley). They are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. An appointment is not needed, but for questions, call 445-8382. Open Door provides a free voucher to be used for clothing (for all children of all ages) at their thrift shop. Once a foster parent receives the voucher, they can come to the thrift shop as often as once a month to get clothes.



**SALVATION ARMY.** The Salvation Army operates a thrift shop at 225 S. Montezuma (enter through the door marked "Social Services"). Foster parents can get a voucher for 2 outfits per child (all ages) plus shoes and a jacket. The voucher can be used only on the day it is issued, and the clothing choices will depend on donations received. So it is recommended that parents come in first to determine if there is clothing available that would be appropriate for their children. The thrift shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is needed, but for questions, call 778-0150. Each child is eligible to receive a voucher every 60 days.



**TEENS' CLOSET.** This outreach of the American Lutheran Church provides clothing and accessories to teens, aged 13 to 19. The address is 717 White Spar Road. Call 928-379-1667 first for an appointment.

## Coordinator's Corner

### Did You Know?

1. Court Report Writing—BRIEF HISTORY: Most of you have been trained to use the CPS first court report to retrieve information for the BRIEF HISTORY section of your CASA report. The CPS report details the reasons for taking the children into care at the time the case opens. This section stays the same from your first report to your last. Please note that when you do copy the information in the report, you should summarize and write it in first person. If you've already submitted reports on a particular case please don't change what you already have written but when you accept your next case you would follow these instructions.
2. Court Report Writing—DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: In the past we trained everyone to just use the generic statement 'All documents received...' in this section. We've recently learned that each document you've received, since your last court report was submitted, should be listed in this section. Documents should be listed by date and title. If it's your first report, you can list your first document as 'Case file from the CASA office' followed by individual items received from that point forward.

### 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.

### Book Report: Invisible Kids by Holly Schlaack

This is the story of Marcus Fiesel who died at the hands of abusive foster parents. Holly Schlaack was an insider in the foster care system and Marcus' horrible experience was just an extreme example of how she knew the system could fail. Holly also relates success stories that are as inspiring as Marcus's story was appalling. This book is part of her effort to create a way for there to be more happy endings. I found this book to be very emotional, and at times I had to lay it aside and read something else for a while. I do recommend it, however, to CASA's and anyone working in the foster care system. (book report by Sue Brown—book is in the CASA office to borrow)

# 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 enroll in the class. We will be sending out an email next week with details.



## 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 2nd 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.

### May Birthdays

5/1 Jim Stiles  
5/8 Gretta Larson  
5/9 Ralph Crago  
5/21 Jane Morrill &  
Terese Thomson-Taylor



### June Birthdays

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

## Coordinator's Corner

### Marijuana is Not Harmless

By Sheila Polk and Carolyn Short

If you weren't afraid to share the road before, a recent survey result should send chills up your spine: most teenagers who drive under the influence of marijuana said the drug either improves their performance behind the wheel or is no hindrance at all.

The survey, by insurer Liberty Mutual Holding Co. and Students against Destructive Decisions, reveals that teens aren't just saying that - they believe it, and they're driving while stoned. Ironically, a leading cause of death for teens is the car crash; and marijuana use, even in small amounts, significantly increases that risk.

Who - or what - is responsible for this incredible ignorance? In perhaps another chilling development, we are seeing the social norming of pot through the medical marijuana movement: *"It can't be harmful; it's medicine!"* Call something medicine and its perceived risks decline while its acceptance spreads.

Political rhetoric on the legalization of marijuana is highly charged. Meanwhile, nobody is hearing the truth: Marijuana is harmful for both the user and society.

Marijuana contains more than 400 chemicals. The primary psychoactive chemical is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and is the component of marijuana principally responsible for the "high" experienced by pot smokers. Along with the high, users exhibit slower reflexes and decreased coordination. Marijuana also impairs judgment. Slower reaction times, impaired judgment, and problems responding to signals and sounds equal dangerous drivers. No wonder those who drive within three hours of smoking marijuana are twice as likely to be involved in a major car crash.

The THC content of marijuana varies widely depending on the strain of plant, how grown, and the part of the plant that is used. The pot of the 60's had an average THC content of .5 to 3%. Today's pot is much more potent. As the THC content increases, so do the potential adverse effects.

This is one of several reasons why the FDA and medical associations say smoked marijuana isn't "medicine." It can't be delivered in discreet, consistent and measurable doses. It also has a high potential for dependence and abuse.

Smoked marijuana use is also associated with respiratory ailments, mental illness, impaired cognitive and immune functioning, and poor academic performance. Recent studies show teen pot smokers do worse in school, can have lower IQs as adults and are more likely to develop serious mental health issues.

Pot use harms society as well. Increased costs of substance abuse treatment, health care, high school and college drop-outs, and decreased productivity typically are borne by the public.

It should come as no surprise that the idea for "medical" marijuana came from the pot lobby, not from medical doctors. Medical doctors already have access to prescription Marinol which accesses the effective aspects of THC in a controlled dose and has withstood the rigorous approval process by the FDA. Pot is big business, promoted by a well-funded, well organized and politically influential pot lobby.

Meanwhile, our teens have heard adults declare via the ballot box that marijuana is medicine and so they conclude that its use is not risky. And now we learn that most teens who drive stoned actually think they are safe.

How dangerous. How frightening. How sad.

*Sheila Polk is the Yavapai County Attorney. Carolyn Short is a lawyer and board member of*

*Keep AZ Drug Free, a group that opposes drug legalization and "medical" on Day*

## Verde Valley CASA News

### MEET THE VERDE CASAS

Submitted by *CASA*, Barbara Perriman

Janet Sandoval officially has been a *CASA* since completion of her training in September 2010. However, shortly after this, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery and treatment delayed her a year before getting her first case. Adoption Day 2012 in Prescott was a wonderful resolve for her five-year-old! Janet is now working with her second case.

Janet was born in Illinois, lived in Michigan and moved with her family to Phoenix when she was twelve. She graduated from ASU with a major in public programs (communications). She met her husband, Matias, when they both worked for Western Savings and Loan. They will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in December. The Sandoval's moved to Sedona in 1993, where Matias worked with the investment department of Bank of America. After a move to the Cottonwood office of Edward Jones, the family purchased a home in Cottonwood.

Janet and Matias have four children and she has home schooled them all! The boys decided they wanted to be part of school life and attended Mingus High School. Joseph (15) is still at Mingus. Vanessa (22) is almost a senior at Grand Canyon University and sister Gina (17) will be there in August as a freshman (but with credits she has already received from Yavapai College). Adam (20) is at NAU studying graphic design and is a tri-athlete. Home schooling is about over, but Janet says she will miss it.

Janet likes to run and has a passion for travel and learning about other cultures. She is attempting to learn two languages currently - Italian and Spanish. She looks forward to travel time to hone her language skills.

We are happy to have Janet as part of the Verde *CASAs*!

# Verde Valley CASA News

Book Report: Invisible

May, 2013

Kids by Holly Schlaack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Dependency Hearings</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Mediations</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Dependency Hearings</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Holiday ~ office closed</i>	28	29	30	31	

## June, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Dependency Hearings</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Mediations</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Dependency Hearings</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## 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

#### **CASA of Yavapai County**

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## LEARNING COMMUNITY ON ATTACHMENT

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Clinical Psychologist LORENZO AZZI, PhD, will present a day-long seminar on Attachment and Attachment Theory to Guide Reunification and General Case Planning

WHEN: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

WHERE: Prevent Child Abuse Arizona  
3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

TIME: 10:00am – 4:00pm  
*Includes Lunch!*

To reserve your spot, please email [jacki@pcaaz.org](mailto:jacki@pcaaz.org)  
or call Jacki at 928.445.5038

*Space is limited, so register today!!*

