



**CASA**

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**CASA of Yavapai County Newsletter**  
**July 2016**

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**SAVE THE DATE/UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Court Report Writing - July 13th (CASAs only)**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Conference - July 19th & 20th**
- **Training: Working with Traumatized Children - Aug 3rd @ JJC**
- **Academy in the Pines for new advocates - August 17 & 18**
- **Infant Toddler Mental Health Coalition of AZ - October 6th & 7th**

**Prevention of Child Maltreatment = Strengthening Families**

*... shifting the public conversation about child maltreatment so that prevention is the priority.*



Prevention is the best hope for reducing child abuse and neglect and improving the lives of children and families. Strengthening families and preventing child abuse requires a shared commitment of individuals and organizations in every community.

**To learn more visit:**

- <https://www.pcaaz.org/>
- <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

Or, to register, copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1816392>

# Prescott CASA Calendar July 2016

M	T	W	TH	F
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4 Office Closed  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5 <b>Hearings</b>	6	7 <b>Beyond the Basics— 10:00 @ JJC</b>	8 <b>FCRB</b>  <b>B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00</b>
11 <b>Peer Support Group - w/John @ 2:00 p.m.</b>	12 <b>Hearings</b>  <b>FTC 2:00 (new time)</b>	13 <b>B4B Peer Support 10:30</b> <b>T4T Team Mtg. @ 1:00</b> Court Report Writing- training 2:00	14 <b>FCRB</b> <b>C4K Meeting @ 9:00</b> <b>Peer Support @ 11:00</b>	15
18	19 <b>Hearings</b> <b>Child Abuse Prevention - Conference, Glendale, AZ</b>	20 <b>Child Abuse Prevention - Conference, Glendale, AZ</b>	21 <b>Child Abuse Prevention - Conference, Glendale, AZ</b>	22
25	26 <b>Hearings</b>  <b>FTC 2:00 (new time)</b>	27	28	29

## \*\*\*\*\* **JULY AT A GLANCE** \*\*\*\*\*

July 4 - 4th of July—*office closed*

July 5, 12, 19 & 26 Dependency Hearings

July 8 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV-10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office 928-445-5038)

July 11 - Peer Support with John 2:00 at JJC

July 12 & 26 - Family Treatment Court, 2:00 @ JJC

July 13 - Best for Babies, 10:30 (New date) @ JJC; T4T Meeting 1:00

July 13 - Court Report Writing - training class for CASAs only 2:00 - 4:00 at the JJC Hearing Room

July 14 - C4K Meeting 9:00; Peer Support 11:00 at JJC

July 19-21 - Child Abuse Prevention Conference, Glendale, AZ

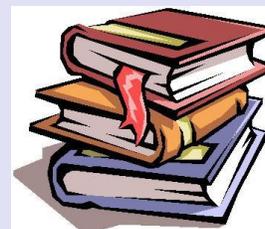


# Prescott CASA Calendar August 2016

M	T	W	TH	F
1 Peer Support Group - w/John 2:00	2 <b>Hearings</b>	3 Training @ JJC - Working with Traumatized Children-by Beth Dunn	4	5 B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00
8	9 <b>Hearings</b>  FTC 2:00 (new time)	10 B4B Peer Support Group @10:30  T4T Mee4ing @ 1:00	11 C4K Meeting @ 9:00 Peer Support @ 11:00  FCRB	12   FCRB
15 Getting Started - New Advocates @ 10:00	16 <b>Hearings</b>	17 <b>Academy</b>	18 <b>Academy</b>	19
22	23 <b>Hearings</b>  FTC 2:00 (new time)	24	25	26
29 Beyond the Basics - New Advocates @ 10:00	30 <b>Hearings</b>	31	Sept 1	Sept 2  B4B Court Teams in PV @ 10:00

## \*\*\*\*\* AUGUST AT A GLANCE \*\*\*\*\*

- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 1 - Peer Support w/John 2:00 @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30—Dependency Hearings (3:0 @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 3 - Training: “Working with Traumatized Children” presented by Beth Dunn
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 5 - Best For Babies Court Teams meeting 3298 Bob Dr. in PV—10:00 (Prevent Child Abuse Office 928-445-5038)
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 9 & 23 - Family Treatment Court, 2:00 @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 10 - Best for Babies, 10:30 @ JJC; Time 4 Teens at 1:00 @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 11- C4K Meeting/Peer Support (see times above)
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 11 & 12 Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 15 - Getting Started class for new CASA Advocates, 10:00 @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 17 & 18 - Academy in the Pines for new CASA Advocates @ JJC
- \*\*\*\*\* Aug 29 - Beyond the Basic for new CASA Advocates, 10:00 @ JJC



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# CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION



Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation would like to thank everyone who came to our second annual Spring GALA at the Centennial Center at Antelope Golf Club on Friday June 10th, 2016. We were entertained by members of the Generation Band. PUSD Superintendent Joe Howard did an amazing job as our night's MC. Guest speakers were a previous foster child, Judge Kenton Jones and Judge Anna Young. Together we raised over \$8,000 to help children in Yavapai County that are in foster care. We are very grateful for all of those who donated items for our raffle and silent auction and those that sponsored a full table of 8 people. If you missed it this year, we hope you can make it next year as this is such a wonderful event to support those kids currently in foster care. Watch our website, [www.YavapaiCASAForKids.org](http://www.YavapaiCASAForKids.org), and our Facebook page for upcoming events.

Mark your calendar now for our 3rd annual Costume for Kids 5K Fun Run on October 23rd, 2016 starting in downtown Prescott.



# CASA FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

## ***Other ways to give.....***

Register your Fry's VIP Card—portions of your sales will be given to Yavapai CASA 4 Kids

**STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account** (\*\*NOTE: If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to #2)

\*Go to <http://www.frysfood.com/>

\*Select 'Register'.

\*Under Sign-In information, enter your email and create a password. (Write down your email & password—will need it in step 2)

\*Select 'Use Card Number'.

\*Enter your Fry's V.I.P Card Number, last name and postal code.

\*Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.

\*Select 'Find Stores'.

\*Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.

\*You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.

Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

\*Continue to step #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

**STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program**

\*Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2>

\*Select 'Sign-In'.

\*Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in step 1)

\*Select 'My Account' then select 'Account Settings' from drop down menu.

\*Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

\*Under Find Your Organization: Yavapai CASA for Kids (NPO #80568 )

\*Under Select Your Organization: Select the box next to your organization

\*Then select 'save changes'. \*If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page.

**PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address.**

## ***How is CAK Foundation doing?***

**Please visit this website and write a review on our organization**

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

## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

# **WORKING WITH TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN**

*Presented by Beth Dunn*

## Asking "What Happened" as a Means to Understanding and Healing

This workshop will address the impact of early childhood trauma and its effects on a child and adolescent's ability to establish healthy relationships, learn in a general classroom, cope with stressful situations and accept responsibility for their choices.

Participants will learn a framework to understand the more challenging behaviors, why the child/adolescent consistently makes poor choices and ways to successfully intervene.

**WHEN:** August 3, 2016

**TIME:** 9:30am-11:30am

**WHERE:** Juvenile Justice Center-Hearing Room

1100 Prescott Lakes Parkway, Prescott, AZ

**Please R.S.V.P by July 27, 2016**

## Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity

# **COURT REPORT WRITING FOR CASA ADVOCATES**

The CASA office has implemented new statewide and local changes to the Court Report writing process for CASA advocates. We have revamped our training and are providing new direction and insight based on these new requirements.

All new CASAs are *highly encouraged* to attend this training to learn the requirements for Court Report writing. Veteran CASAs should also attend this training to learn about these new requirements and add your experience to the discussion.

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

**JULY 13TH - 2:00-5:00 P.M.  
AT THE JJC HEARING ROOM**



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

**Coordinator's Corner - Training Opportunity**

**Infant Toddler  
Mental Health  
Coalition of Arizona**

**Save the Date!**



**ITMHCA**

**ITMHCA presents the  
16th Risk to Resilience Institute!**

**October 6 & 7th, 2016**

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

### **FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**



Open to regular and therapeutic foster parents and kinship parents  
Those interested in becoming foster parents are welcome as well

***YOU WORK HARD FOR OUR CHILDREN  
LET US SUPPORT YOU!!***

This group will be facilitated by Teri Sebastian, MA, Life Coach. Teri has over 30 years' experience in the behavioral health field. She has worked in the Foster Care field for 8 years. This support group is intended to create a safe place for members to share the joys, sorrows, challenges and successes of your work, in a therapeutic environment. Additionally, it will enable foster parents to meet each other, share resources, and exchange ideas. The group will develop as we go to meet the desires of the group. This could include: small trainings, discussion groups, practice of self-care techniques, and more.....

**EVERY TUESDAY STARTING FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.

CFSS – 8652 E. Eastridge Dr., Suite 103 Prescott Valley, 86314

\$5.00 individual or \$17.00 per month

\$8.00 couple or \$29.00 per month

Those interested in becoming foster parents can attend 3 groups at no charge

No Childcare Provided

Thanks to Child and Family Support Services (CFSS) for providing us space!

**This Group is brought to you by Reflective Healing**

Email [reflectivehealing@zoho.com](mailto:reflectivehealing@zoho.com) for more information and to RSVP

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

### Phoenix Art Museum tickets announcement

**Arizonans for Children** has tickets to the Phoenix Art Museum to be given to foster families and group homes with foster children.

We can send 36 people per day for the next 4 months.

**PHOENIX ART MUSEUM  
1625 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE / PHOENIX / AZ / 85004  
TEL (602) 257 2114 / PHXART.ORG**

#### Hours and General Admission

Wednesday, 10am-9pm

Thursday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Sunday, 12pm-5pm

First Friday Evenings, 6-10pm

*Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays*

#### So if you would like to go:

- 1) Please contact Kaye McCarthy, Arizonans for Children [kayemccar@cox.net](mailto:kayemccar@cox.net)
- 2) Provide three choices of dates you'd like to attend
- 3) Indicate how many total people [adults & children] that will be attending
- 4) Provide your full name: or name of person taking the children or name of your group home. The passes will be emailed back to you.

## 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!**

**Free Info. Bags!**



**Raffle Prizes!**

**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](mailto: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.

**Teens rank parents as the #1  
influence on their sexual decisions.**

**6 out of 10 teens say their parents  
are their role models for healthy,  
responsible relationships.**



**“Funded by Arizona Department of Health Services Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.”**

## 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

**July**

**Kathee H.**

**Kathy E.**

**Bernie**

**Donna**

**Sandi B.**



**August**

**Sandra H.**

**Jackie K.**

**Don B.**

**Lynda O.**

**Judith H.**

**Bronwyn B.**

## Coordinator's Corner

In 2012 three pastors of large churches realized even if the members of their congregations stepped up and became foster parents or supporters of foster care in their community, it might not be enough to change the way Arizona's foster care system was headed. That's why they decided to ban together and answer the call written in the bible in James 1:27 to take care of the orphans. That was the start of AZ 1.27.

Today more than 40 churches are members of AZ 1.27. Those churches have multiple campuses located in four counties in Arizona: Maricopa, Pinal, Coconino and Yavapai. They hold regular faith-based Orientations for families interested in foster care and offer other support as well.

"We recruit, develop and sustain churches to recruit, develop and sustain their families in the ministry of foster care and adoption," said Danielle Bannister, executive director of AZ 1.27. "What that looks like is we play a partnership role. We network the churches together to partner in strategic planning for Orientations and Basic Trainings, which is a faith-based training based on a best practice from another state."

The group has created a pathway to fostering which includes Orientation, Basic Training, and a Wrap Around Team. The Wrap Around Team is a group of people they are close to who can offer some support once a child comes into the home.

"Families select their own team, their mom, their sister, their neighbor, people in their life on a daily basis, they bring them to a one-time training," Bannister said. "We kind of inform those people of privacy and some of the unique elements of foster care that they might not be aware of and why this is a little bit different. We spend a lot of time building empathy and understanding for what a family is going to go through. They spend the last third of the time setting expectations. The family says what they need--prayers, meals, respite--and they have these roles to fill in and the team spends some time saying what is reasonable and what is not. This way when a placement comes there's no hurt feelings over needs not met. There are people that are understanding of what the needs are."

AZ 1.27 is also supportive of CASA. As they've held these Orientations and reached out to members of their congregations they've found many are not ready to foster but want to be supportive in some way. That's when AZ 1.27 refers them to CASA, FCRB or other volunteer organizations.

"We believe that relationships transform people and transform lives more than transactions do," Bannister said. "A backpack drive, unless you're really intentional, doesn't really transform anybody. It's more of a service transaction. We really try to get people to be around a foster and adoptive family or be around a child in a really meaningful way that serves that child. That's why we feel so strongly about CASA."

For more information on the group and their work in Arizona visit [az127.org](http://az127.org).

**The next AZ1.27 meeting in Yavapai County will be on August 26, 2016 at 5:30 at the Heights Church..... *all are welcome - tell a friend!* Attendees can learn about becoming a foster parent, a CASA and a Big Brother/Big Sister at this event.**

## Coordinator's Corner

Thanks to three dedicated foster moms in Maricopa County some major legislation, known as Jacob's Law, is now in effect in Arizona. Now the mom's say their goal is to make sure everyone involved with foster children knows about it.

"Parents need to know what services their children are entitled to," said Anika Robinson, a foster mom for 9 years and one of the moms who worked to have Jacob's Law (or HB 2442) signed by the Governor. "We know a lot of families who've put their kids back in care because they cannot get the services they need to care for them. It's up to us as citizens to find out what the law is."

Jacob's law does several things to help empower foster parents. It first says parents will not be penalized for seeking inpatient treatment or out-of-home placement if the child's behavior poses a risk to the family. On the other hand, it also says parents will not be charged with abuse or neglect if they bring a child with risky behavioral health problems home.

"Families were saying my child is not safe to go home and were being charged with abandonment instead of getting in-home services," Robinson said. "Others brought the child home, so they wouldn't be punished, and then DCS would show up at their door because the hospital called and they were being charged with failure to protect the rest of their family because they brought home someone who just tried to kill a family member. You couldn't win either way."

The new law also mandates that the placement will be given a placement packet when the child is placed in their custody, with all the latest contact information necessary to get the child services. If the placement (or foster parents) identifies a need for the child to receive some behavioral health services, the placement can contact a regional behavioral health authority (RBHA) directly to do a screening and evaluation. It is now mandated, rather than just policy, that a screening be done within 72 hours of the child entering care and within two hours of being notified of an urgent need. An initial evaluation will be given within seven calendar days and if a need is determined an appointment should be given within 21 calendar days. If no regional behavioral health authority has an appointment open within those 21 days the placement can seek help from any Arizona registered provider.

"I learned the federal law says you cannot have a waiting list but services in Arizona say there is not a waiting list," Robinson said. "You're given an appointment 10 months out and they don't keep a waiting list. Policy says the most a child should wait is 23 days but policies are not enforceable. If they are not giving you an appointment, there's nothing to enforce it. Now there is."

HB 2442 also protects foster families from possible retaliation. If they disrupt a child or dissolve an adoption because of behavior problems, the other children in their care will not be taken away.

The final measure in the new law says that if a child is reunified with parents and later returns to care, their most recent placement will be notified. If the foster parent has space open and it is in the child's best interest, the child will be placed back with them.

Now that the law has passed the group that started it all is only growing. They've formed a non-profit, ASA Now (Advocacy, Support and Assistance for Families and Kids in Need) and have big dreams of opening a community center for foster families in Maricopa County to go for training, respite, support and more. For more information on the group and on Jacob's Law visit [www.asanow.org](http://www.asanow.org).

## A few final thoughts....

Hi CASAs! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. We have some great trainings coming up and I hope you are able to join us. One training that I would really like to see all of you attend is on August 3rd at 9:30. Beth Dunn will be at the JJC, speaking to us about working with traumatized children. This really is the heart of your work as a CASA so I hope you are all able to attend. Also, we need your help. 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 August!



Please remember to send in your updated auto insurance cards!

### CASA LIBRARY

CASAs are always welcome to borrow any of our extended reading materials or videos housed in the CASA office. You will be able to earn training credit while expanding your knowledge on such topics as, abuse, childhood trauma and the foster care system.



Remember you need 12 hours of training per calendar year!

Please remember to return any borrowed materials!!

### IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT CFT'S:

If there is a CFT scheduled with CFSS and you need the time/date or call-in info please email: [bridgetl@cfss.inc](mailto:bridgetl@cfss.inc)

If there is a CFT scheduled with WYGC and you need the time/date or call-in info please email: [whenthecft@wygc.org](mailto:whenthecft@wygc.org)

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