



CASA of Pima County Newsletter

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CASA Support Council News

In mid-May the Support Council submitted a “Non-Profit Wish List” to the Arizona Daily Star. Their annual non-profit project publishes the wish list for 7-8 non-profit organizations every Tuesday. We collaborated with Krissa Ericson to select 10 items that we felt would help support the CASA children, the CASAs and the CASA program. Our wish list was published on June 23rd. Among the items we included were gift cards for the Children’s Museum, passes to movies, coloring books and crayons, backpacks, and children’s books. We will keep you posted on our progress in receiving these items.

If you missed the Learning Event in May on the CASA Support Council Reimbursement Process, and would like more info, please contact your CASA Program Coordinator. They each have a copy of the presentation, which provides a step by step process for Mileage, Outings, and Special Request reimbursements. Please direct any questions on reimbursement to our Treasurer, Karlene Nelson at treasurer@pimacountycasa.org.

Finally, the Support Council is looking for someone to help us write grants. This is a part-time volunteer job which requires approximately 4-5 hours a month, and can be done at home, at your convenience. Training will be provided. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact Linda Koral at linda@pimacountycasa.org.

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Pima County Staff Spotlight – Lupe Ornelas

Meet Lupe

I have been a Support Specialist with CASA going on 4 years.

I was born and raised in Tucson.

I am a graduate of the U of A with a degree in Interior Design.

Life was very peaceful and quiet,

until my two sons and I moved to Baltimore around 1984.

While there, I attended former President Clinton’s inauguration at Lincoln Center; attended many speeches made by former Vice President Gore; worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in Georgetown; took

ambassadors’ wives shopping at the Pentagon Mall; and was constantly running to “The Capitol” while working as

a “Lobbyist” for our law firm. I went from not knowing much about politics to working and feeling the political heartbeat of America every day. Life was fast, furious and

fun for 10 years. Then I returned home to Tucson.

I realized how vast our blue sky was out here and I was in awe of the mountains that surround our city. Life became peaceful and quiet again. I worked as a paralegal for the County Attorney’s office for the next 10 years, finally retiring in 2010. By 2011, I realized I wasn’t ready to stay retired so I applied to CASA!

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CASA Kudos

- ❖ Special thanks to the CASA team – **Karen, Maria, Christa, Lupe, Nicole and Julio** – for keeping the program running smoothly while Jill and I attended the National CASA Conference in early June.
- ❖ Congratulations to **CASA Chris Crook, CASA Edith Connors, CASA Stephen Johnson, CASA Monica Baltazar, CASA Shawna Bohn, CASA Alan Dankwerth & CASA Peg Chuchro** on being appointed to their first case!
- ❖ Attorney David Polan commented in open court that **CASA Leigh Creighton's** "dedication is extraordinary." Leigh's CASA youth also added "he's awesome!"
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Bonnie Lawrie-Higgins** for seeing one of your cases to a close. Her young CASA boy was adopted into his forever family in early June.
- ❖ Thank you to **Co-CASAs Len & Jane Spitzer, CASA Kaitlin Eloide, Peer Coordinator Sandra Rohen, Co-CASAs Art & Jan Hoffman, CASA Kathleen Elsberry and CASA Ginger Tonkin-Sugimoto, CASA Linda Hawke** for allowing new advocates to observe your hearings and FCRB meetings.
- ❖ **CASA Denise Mouch, CASA Ginger Tonkin-Sugimoto, and CASA Claudia Levin** were all thanked for their hard work by FCRB.
- ❖ Judge Wagener thanked **Co-CASAs Art & Jan Hoffman** for their dedication to their CASA sibling group.
- ❖ **CASA Kaitlin Eloide's** CASA youth said she was thankful to have her. "She's the best."
- ❖ Judge Butler loved the picture that **CASA Barbara Lurtzen** provided and thanked her for that.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Annette Weneck & CASA Steve Lautenschlager** for taking a second case. Now two more teens have the support of a positive adult!
- ❖ Judge Stanford thanked **CASA Aspen Kipling** for his video and providing her CASA child with memories.
- ❖ Congrats to **CASA Linda Koral** for seeing your case to permanency. The case successfully ended in adoption of two siblings into a forever home and one child returned to the custody of her father.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Debbie Boyle** for advocating for permanency. Her first case recently ended in guardianship.
- ❖ Thank you to **Co-CASAs Alex & Sharon Dely** for their dedication to their CASA siblings. We are excited that one of your CASA youth was able to be adopted and we are staying hopeful for the sister to find permanency soon.
- ❖ Judge Gordon shared the following sentiment in an email with one of our CASA Program Coordinators: "On behalf of all of the judges, thank you for all the CASAs' hard work and dedication."
- ❖ **Co-CASAs Jane & Len Spitzer** were thanked by Judge Woods for their dedication to their CASA Teen.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Elda Lopez, CASA Pamela Maloney, CASA Peggy Clark, CASA Linda Koral, & CASA Eloise Williams** for representing our CASA advocates as part of the CASA Support Council and securing resources for our CASA kids.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Jan Michel** for your perseverance during a long Contested Severance Trial and your continued commitment to support your CASA boy while he transitions home to his father's care.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA David Dodge** for your efforts to help locate your runaway CASA youth. Thank you for not giving up on him.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Howie Adams & CASA Stephen Johnson** for recently agreeing to take a courtesy CASA assignment.



- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Marsha Luttrell & CASA Kathy Anderson** for being willing to step into the role of a Surrogate Parent to ensure your CASA youth's educational needs are met!
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Lucille Boilard-Harkin** for partnering with St Nicks to look for a suitable adoptive family for your CASA kids. It is exciting to hear they are acclimating to their new placement with ease!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Sister Mary Ann Rawson** for your organization and preparation to testify in trial.
- ❖ Judge Butler thanked **Peer Coordinator Ellen Werts** for her hard work on her case.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Ruthann Wingate** for being proactive & communicative with her CFT team and in contacting the GAL & PCJ regarding educational issues for her CASA kiddo.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Amy Hogan** for taking a second case with 5 kids!
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Michael Elsner** for advocating for his kiddo's educational needs in Court and in CFT's.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Barry Isaacson** for picking up your second case.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Jay Leutenberg** for professionally handling the challenges presented by the placement on your current case.
- ❖ The FCRB acknowledges **CASA Lori Taylor** for her involvement and commitment to ensure her CASA child's wellbeing.
- ❖ Way to go **CASA Jan Hutchinson!** She wrote a FANTASTIC/EXCELLENT court report.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Tina Whittemore** – you have done a WONDERFUL job advocating for her teen girl.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Eloise Williams**, “The Court thanks the minor's CASA for spending so much quality time with the minor.”
- ❖ The Judge thanked **CASA Annette Weneck** for a “thorough and enlightening court report”.
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Susan Barrable** for your consistency with your CASA teen during her recent – many – transitions between placements. You worked hard to support her foster family before she moved to the potential adoptive home and have continued your support when that placement disrupted. Your dedication is commended.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA George Franklin** for keeping your CASA youth in mind and sending a postcard while you were away. What a great treasure for him to have as a reminder that he matters!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Laura Zaer** for ensuring your CASA child's hearing needs are being addressed.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Kathleen Elsberry** for advocating effectively and making sure one of her CASA kiddos receive therapy.
- ❖ The Judge thanked **CASA Sally Bedrick** for all of her hard work on the case.
- ❖ Congrats to **CASA Nancy Davis** – you have advocated effectively on your current case for the past three years and now all of the kiddos have reached permanency.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Gloria Olvera** for helping with the Impact for Life event in late May.
- ❖ Thank you to **Peer Coordinator Cynthia Dean** for filling in at court while the Co-CASAs are out of town.
- ❖ A big thank you to the **CASA Support Council** for providing us with more Desert Museum passes as well as providing zoo passes for the next year!
- ❖ Congrats to our newest **CASA Advocates – Terry Bernier, Terrie Glazier, Deborah Lee, Conny Swacha & Constance Strickland!** (Not pictures: **Monica Ayon & Jeff Tye**)



CASA Recruitment Spotlight

By Jill LaBrie

First, I would like to give a big thanks to all who helped by attending and/or inviting someone to Coffee with CASA. We ran the program for the last year and it proved to be successful and netted us 11 new advocates. We will be taking a break from this activity for at least then next few months, while we focus on some different recruitment efforts.

My next main focus areas for recruitment are going to be:

- Faith Communities – if you have a contact (name and way to contact them) at your place of worship with whom I can connect, I would love to have that information. Feel free to email me – jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov.
- Male Advocates – we will be looking at some new, innovative ways to attract more men to become advocates. We will be gathering ideas, possibly holding focus groups, creating and implementing a recruitment plan. If you are interested in any or all of this please let me know so I can invite you to our planning meeting.

Lastly, anyone who belongs to a Kiwanis club and might be interested in helping with a potential tabling event at the District Convention in August please call me – 724-9238. It looks like we will be able to set up a table and I would love to have some help passing out information about CASA to the Kiwanis club.

You, current advocates & supporters, really are our best recruiters and I appreciate your enthusiasm to help!

CASA of Pima County Program Updates:

By Krissa Ericson

Recently we've had some help cataloging the books and other materials we have in our CASA Library. You can get training credit for reading a book or watching an approved movie. Don't forget to log your training on the Dashboard! Here is a short list of items available to check out from the CASA office:

Attachment Parenting: Instinctive For Your Baby and Young Child by Katie Allison Granju

Ask Me Why I Hurt by Rancy Christenson, M.D.

Growing Up Again by Jean Clarke, Connie Dawson

I Beat the Odds by Michael Oher

I Speak for this Child by Gayle Courter

Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism by Temple Grandin

Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

The Autistic Brain by Temple Grandin

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Young Children and Trauma: Intervention and Treatment by Joy D.Osofsky

We also have a number of children's books that you can take and read with your CASA child and give them to keep!



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Pima County, AZ



CASAaz is here – and you're going to love it!

The rollout of our new case management system and official CASAaz emails began just a few days ago. We are excited to be offering you these tools – the Dashboard & a CASAaz email. If you still need to attend a training go to the SignUp Genius site (sent to you via email) or contact Krissa.

Everyone with a case needs to attend a training in order to get your email address and log in information. Training dates are listed on the July calendar at the end of this newsletter. For those who are out of town for the summer we will be offering some trainings in the fall to get you caught up to speed!

Volunteer Dashboard

Welcome Debbie Wilson | [Message Center](#) | [View/Edit My Personal Info](#) | [Address Book](#) | [Change Password](#)

[1 New Alert](#) | [1 New Message](#) | [Send message to coordinator](#) | **Tasks:** [Mileage Log](#) | [Training Log](#) | [Contact Log](#)

JD Number	Files	Hearing Date	Court Report Due	FCRB Date		
2005-036JD (02)		8/31/2015	8/17/2015	9/2/2015		Create Court Report Create Contact Entry
2003-038JD (04)		8/12/2015	7/29/2015	7/9/2015		Create Court Report Create Contact Entry

Date	Event
04/09/15	Permanency hearing
04/10/15	FCRB

Date	Course	Hours
03/20/15	Drug Abuse Preventio...	3.50
03/16/15	ICWA	3.00
03/10/15	Interviewing Childre...	1.50
Yearly Total:		8.00

Case	Date	Status	
2003-038JD	08/12/15	Initial Draft	View/Edit

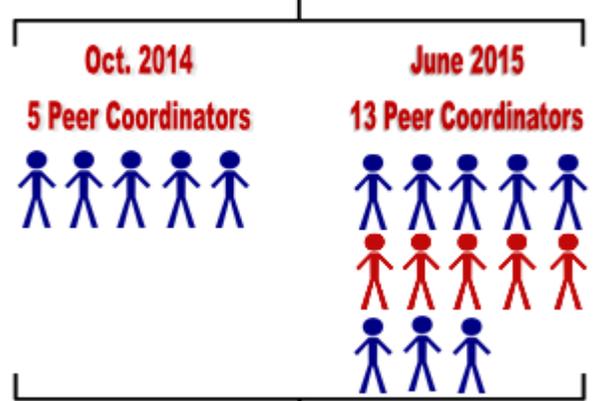
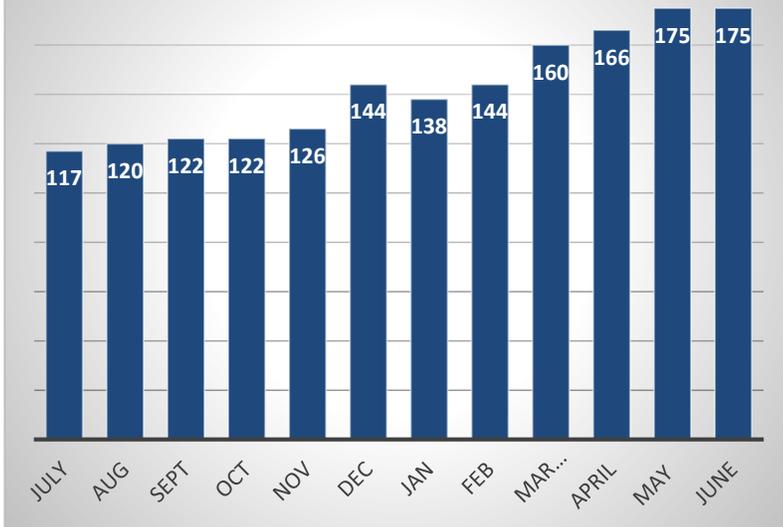
Here are a few reminders & tips:

- The **Dashboard** is a case management system!
- **CASAaz.gov/webmail** is a secure email system that you can now use for case communication!
- Your User login for the **Dashboard** is your CASAaz.gov email address.
- Messages sent in the **Dashboard** are one way – Peer Coordinators and Program Coordinators cannot directly reply to your message. Use the messages for updates or notes you want your coordinator to know.
- Use your **CASAaz.gov email** to send pertinent information or when you would like to dialogue/respond to CASA or case related items.
- Don't forget to add your trainings on the **Dashboard**! The training log is a great tool for keeping account of all trainings you've done.
- Create a Contact Entry on the **Dashboard** for all case related activities – talking to your Peer Coordinator & Program Coordinator should be noted as a case contact!
- As of July 1, the CASA program will begin to scan and upload case documents to your **Dashboard**.

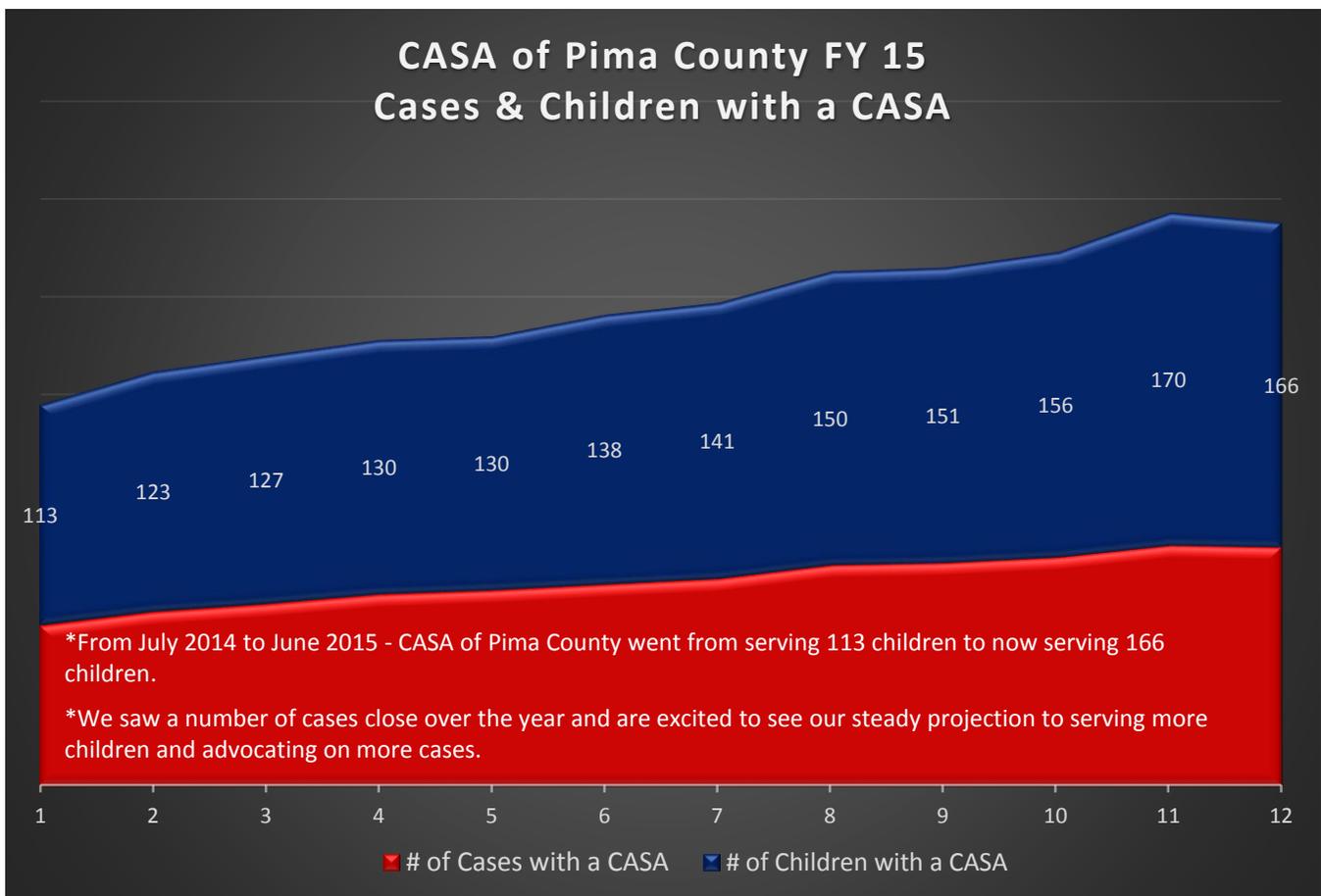


CASA of Pima County Statistics

CASA of Pima County FY 15 Advocate Growth



CASA of Pima County FY 15 Cases & Children with a CASA



Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the children of Pima County!

Court Appointed Special Advocates
Pima County, AZ



Announcements

Don't miss these trainings:

- **July MLE – Q&A with a panel of experts –**
The panel will include a CASA Advocate, a Judge, an Attorney, a DCS Case Manager & A former CASA/Foster Youth
Wednesday July 15 – 3:00 pm – 5:00pm
- **July Day of Training –**
Topics: Vicarious Trauma & more
Saturday July 25 - 8:30am – 3:30pm
- **August MLE – Lifebooks: Creating Memories for your CASA Child**
Wednesday August 19 – 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- **September MLE – Adoptions**
Wednesday Sept 16 – 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Help Us Recruit!

We are looking for recruitment opportunities!
Please call Jill if you have a social group, neighborhood group, religious group, or an employer who encourages volunteering, or any other avenues for us to share information about opportunities to volunteer with CASA of Pima County!
Jill can be reached at 724-9238

Pima County CASA Advocate Oath

I, (INSERT NAME), AM A CASA ADVOCATE!
I AM DEDICATED TO MY CASA CHILD &
I WILL ADVOCATE FOR THEIR BEST INTEREST.
I PLEDGE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

- SEE MY CASA CHILD 1X PER MONTH (AT LEAST)
- SUBMIT MY CONTACT LOGS BY THE 1ST OF THE MONTH
- SUBMIT MY COURT REPORT 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARING
- AND ATTEND COURT TO PROVIDE A VERBAL UPDATE!

I WILL SUPPORT CASA OF PIMA COUNTY BY
REFERRING FRIENDS & FAMILY MEMBERS TO
JOIN OUR TEAM!

Years of Service Recognition

CASA Service Anniversaries:

14 Years

CASA Linda Hawke
(7/28/2001)

CASA Joseph Gootter
(8/6/2001)

6 Years

CASA Pamela Maloney
Peer Coordinator Mary Ann Martin
CASA Julie Miller
(7/11/2009)

5 Years

Peer Coordinator Sally Bedrick
CASA Judith Chazel
(7/10/2010)

3 Years

CASA Christine Hoekenga
Peer Coordinator Susie
McClinton
(8/31/2012)

2 Years

CASA Mary Vermeer
CASA Ruthann Wingate
(7/26/2013)

1 Year

CASA Maxine Baharlias
CASA Leigh Creighton
CASA Michael Elsner
CASA Jay Leutenberg
(8/22/2014)



CASA Book Club

Day & Time	Book	Location
Wed. July 8 – 5:30 – 7pm	<i>The Language of Flowers</i> by Vanessa Diffenbaugh	Juvenile Court Training Center
Sat. July 11 – 10:30 – Noon	<i>There is an Urgency</i> – a memoir by Gregghri Love	Woods Memorial Library
Wed. Sept. 9 – 5:30 – 7pm	<i>Another Place at the Table</i> by Kathy Harrison	Juvenile Court Training Center
Sat. Sept. 12 – 10:30 - Noon	<i>The Language of Flowers</i> by Vanessa Diffenbaugh	Wood Memorial Library

Note: 2 – 3 Copies of each book are available to check out via the CASA office. Thank you to the CASA Support Council & various advocates who are donating books to our book club! Contact Krissa with any questions – Krissa.ericson@pcjcc.pima.gov or 724-2069.

CASA Case Support & ALERT Team Meetings

- ❖ Infant & Toddlers Case Support: **Thursday July 23, 2015** from **1:30-3:30pm** Martha Cooper Library
Thursday August 18, 2015 from **1:30 – 3:30pm** Martha Cooper Library
 - Facilitator: Christa – Christa.coxall@pcjcc.pima.gov
- ❖ Teen Case Support: **Thursday July 16, 2015** from **3:00 – 5:00pm** at Martha Cooper Library
 - Facilitator: Nicole – Nicole.stockett@pcjcc.pima.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Sandra’s (AT): **Monday August 10, 2015** from **2:00-4:00pm**
 - Location: Sandra’s Home - Contact Sandra for address
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Sandra Rohen - sandra.rohen@gmail.com
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Nanini Library (AT):– **TBD** - contact Sally for an update!
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Sally Bedrick - Sallypb121@aol.com
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Wilmot Library (AT): **August 20, 2015** from **3:00 – 5:00pm**
 - Facilitator: Nicole Nicole.stockett@pcjcc.pima.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team in Green Valley (AT): **July 13, 2015** from **9:30 – 11:30am**
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Cynthia Dean – cyndeanaz@gmail.com
- ❖ “In Betweeners” (ages 6 – 11) Case Support: Contact Christa for an update!
 - Facilitator: Christa christa.coxall@pcjcc.pima.gov;

Case Support & ALERT Team Meetings are a great opportunity to get support on your case and offer support to a fellow CASA advocate. Try one out soon!!



WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

Here are some opportunities to consider...

1. Talk to your Peer Coordinator or Program Coordinator about taking a second case!
2. Become a Co-CASA with another advocate to serve a larger sibling group.
3. Join forces with a seasonal resident as a Co-CASA - they can do the majority of the "work" during their time here & you keep in contact with the child when they are out of state!
4. Become a Peer Coordinator! As we continue to grow in size the need for this additional support team is more evident. Have you been an advocate for 1 year? Talk to your Program Coordinator about this opportunity to support new advocates.
5. Help us with simple office tasks. From time to time we need help making copies or assembling training materials!
6. Join the CASA Support Council to help their efforts in grant writing & securing resources for our children.

CASA of Pima County



The CASA Advocate: A Team Player Panel Presentation

You are invited to join us for a panel discussion which will highlight how CASA Advocates play a vital role in a Dependency Case. Each panel member will share from their perspective what benefits a CASA Advocate brings to the table. We anticipate this to be a rich discussion and hope you will be able to join us on July 15th!

Date:

**July 15, 2015
3:00pm – 5 pm**

The Panel of Experts will include:

- *The Honorable K.C. Stanford
- *CASA Advocate Roger Pinkstaff
- *Former Foster Youth John Salcido
- *DCS Unit Supervisor Ana Torres
- *Attorney Sybil Clarke
from the Office of Children's Council

Location:

**Juvenile Court
Training Center
2225 E. Ajo Way,
Tucson 85713**

**RSVP to Jill LaBrie
Jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov
724-9238**

2015-2016 School Year...is almost here!

With the help of the CASA Support Council and Operation School Bell our CASA office has a large assortment of backpacks. Contact your coordinator if your CASA child needs a backpack to get ready for the new school year!

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Pima County, AZ





CASA DAY OF TRAINING

July 25, 2015
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
 TRAINING CENTER**
 2225 E. AJO WAY,
 TUCSON, AZ 85713

RSVP to Jill – Jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov; 724-9238

Please specify which training track you wish to attend.

TRAINING AGENDA:

	Track A [®]	Track B
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	Registration
9:00 – 12:00	Vicarious Trauma: Managing the impact of trauma exposure on CASA volunteers	Gork! (movie) Discussion & Case Support
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch Provided	Lunch Provided
12:30 – 3:30	Aging Out (movie) Discussion & Case Support	Vicarious Trauma: Managing the impact of trauma exposure on CASA volunteers

Information about the Movies – *Gork!* and *Aging Out* – can be found on the back of this flyer.

Space is limited so RSVP as soon as possible.
 Thank you! CASA of Pima County Staff



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 Pima County, AZ



Online Training Opportunity

ADDITUDE

Strategies and Support for ADHD & LD

ADHD Expert Webinar: Neurofeedback and Cognitive Training for ADHD Kids

Wed, Jul 8, 2015 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MST

[Show in My Time Zone](#)

Join ADDitude Magazine for "Neurofeedback and Cognitive Training for ADHD Kids" on July 8th, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT (12 p.m. to 1 p.m. CDT and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. PDT). The Webinar is free.

This webinar is brought to you by Play Attention: The world's #1 learning system for children and adults with ADHD. Play Attention is the only solution that incorporates an advanced version of neurofeedback, with cognitive skill training, and behavior shaping to provide you with the most complete and effective brain training system available. www.playattention.com

You can see the full schedule at: <http://www.additudemag.com/webinars>

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Training Opportunities in the Tucson Community

FY16 McKinney-Vento Training Schedule

Who?

Anyone interested in the education of homeless children and youth is welcome. The target audience includes Local Education Liaisons, School & District Administrators, Grant Writers, Enrollment personnel, Counselors, Social Workers, and Agency Caseworkers.

What?

The Office of the Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth will offer two types of training for the 2015-2016 school year: **Frank Migali, MBA** - State Director for Homeless Education, Arizona Department of Education Frank.migali@azed.gov

McKinney-Vento 101: The Basics - *this 2-hour session is an Orientation to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001. It covers key points of the federal legislation and responsibilities of the local educational agency and the Homeless Liaison. **All LEAs** are required to comply with this Act.*

Date: August 6, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM

Training: McKinney-Vento 101: Basics

**Location: Los Ranchitos/Sunnyside Admin Annex MPR/Cafeteria
2054 E. Ginter Rd.**

Tucson, AZ

Please register on the Calendar of Events at:

<https://www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration/EventLocationSelection.asp?EventID=2248>



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* Continued -Training Opportunities in the Tucson Community

CPSA Community Training Calendar MAY 2015



☑ Registration is necessary for all training sessions ☑

To register visit: www.cpsaarizona.org (click on Training tab at top of screen)

Information: (520) 318-6950 x3000

CPSA receives funding from the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS), Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Trainings held at the CPSA Training Center, 2502 N. Dodge Blvd, Tucson AZ 85716
(unless otherwise noted)

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CPSA's Integrated Learning Academy

Education ♦ Collaboration ♦ Consultation

Engagement and Culture in CFT Practice *Melissa Gordon - CPSA*

Fri. July 10 9:00am-11:00am

Creating appropriate relationships with the child and family as well as all other members of the CFT is the foundation for all the work we do. Come learn how engagement and culture creates a foundation for these relationships and identify new ways to incorporate engagement and culture into every aspect of CFT practice.

Use of Peer and Natural Supports in CFT Practice

Panelist include parents, family members, professionals and community members

Fri. July 17 9:00am – 11:00am

Peer and Natural Supports can mean the difference between a sustainable plan and one that works in the short term. Come participate in a panel discussion and learn how to focus on how to engage peer and natural supports in the CFT process as a step toward independence for families.

Trans 201 Pathways to Understanding - Clinical Guidelines to Working with Transgender Individuals *Facilitated by the LGBTQ Integrated Health Coalition of Southern Arizona*

Mon. July 20 8:30am-12:30pm

This training will include defining operational terms to discuss transgender identities, discussing the different concerns for trans populations in a clinical setting, and outlining clinical guidelines and strategies when working with trans populations. Resources will be provided.

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) July 28 & 29 12:30-5:00pm (both days)

Many mental health disorders often begin during adolescence. This community-focused training provides information on identifying the signs and symptoms of mental health disorders/crises in youth, as well as risk factors and protective factors for this population. The 5-step Mental Health First Aid action plan is explored and applied to youth mental health disorders and crisis situations through the use of discussions, case examples and videos. This action plan includes approach skills, effective communication of concern and support, and connecting youth and families to professional and community resources.



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Events for you and your CASA Kid

Summer Activity for you and your CASA child!

Arizona Athletics Tour

Introduce your CASA child to the University of Arizona!

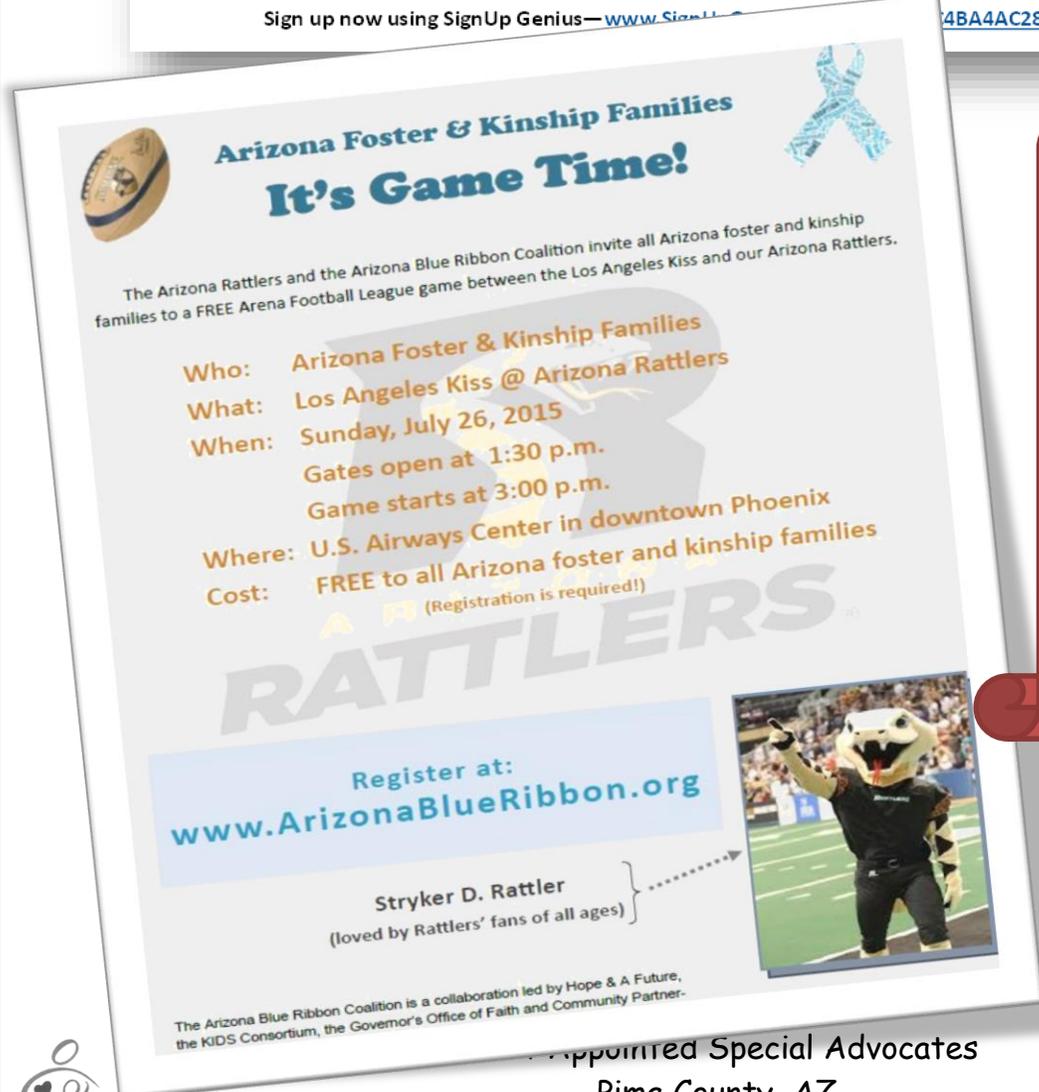
Join staff from the U of A Athletics Department & other CASA for an introduction to the world of college sports.

This is an exclusive tour for CASA advocates and their CASA children.

- When:** Friday July 17, 2015 @ Noon
- Where:** Jim Click Hall of Champions, located on the North side of McKale Memorial Center
1 National Championship Dr., Tucson, Arizona 85721-0096 at the University of Arizona
[Click here for a map](#) which also includes parking options.
- Who:** CASA Advocates & your CASA (school age) Children

20 spots available— First Come First Serve! Sign up Today.

Sign up now using SignUp Genius—www.SignUpGenius.com/join/4BA4AC28ABFF2-arizona



Arizona Foster & Kinship Families
It's Game Time!

The Arizona Rattlers and the Arizona Blue Ribbon Coalition invite all Arizona foster and kinship families to a FREE Arena Football League game between the Los Angeles Kiss and our Arizona Rattlers.

Who: Arizona Foster & Kinship Families
What: Los Angeles Kiss @ Arizona Rattlers
When: Sunday, July 26, 2015
 Gates open at 1:30 p.m.
 Game starts at 3:00 p.m.
Where: U.S. Airways Center in downtown Phoenix
Cost: FREE to all Arizona foster and kinship families
 (Registration is required!)

RATTLERS

Register at:
www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org

Stryker D. Rattler
(loved by Rattlers' fans of all ages)

The Arizona Blue Ribbon Coalition is a collaboration led by Hope & A Future, the KIDS Consortium, the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Partner-

Contact your CASA Program Coordinator to pick up a pass to the Reid Park Zoo or Desert Museum!





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Resources Provided by CASA Support Council of Pima County

It's already summer and time to bring special joy into the life of your CASA child. Since school is out, you have extra time to spend with your special friend.

The **Arizona Sonora Desert Museum** and **Reid Park Zoo** are perfect venues for youngsters to experience the great outdoors AND learn about our local wildlife.

WHAT: The Arizona Desert Museum, 2021 No. Kinney Rd., Tucson 85743

WHEN: June through August hours: Monday thru Friday and Sunday: 7:30am-5pm; Saturdays 7:30am- 10pm

HOW: The Desert Museum has generously donated 25 tickets to the CASA Support Council, allowing free admission during normal business hours or at the Cool Summer Nights Program. Special events with special prices are not included. Call 883-2702 for more information. Note that children ages 3 and under are free. Contact your CASA Program Coordinator for your tickets. CASAs may submit an "Outing Reimbursement" for additional expenses incurred at the Museum. Receipts are required for expenditures.

WHAT: Reid Park Zoo, 22nd St. and Randolph Way, Tucson 85716

WHEN: June thru September hours: Daily -8am- 3pm

HOW: The CASA Support Council has purchased three (3) membership cards. Each card admits up to three CASAs and a maximum of ten (10) children. Please request a membership card from your CASA Program Coordinator and return it in a timely manner after the outing! Your check-in is at the Zoo Membership Booth at the front gate. The Membership Cards are not valid for special events. Bring your CASA ID badge as you will need to verify your CASA affiliation. Call 791-4022 for further information. CASAs may submit an "Outing Reimbursement" for additional expenses incurred at the Zoo. Receipts are required for expenditures.

BACKPACKS

The 2015-2016 school year begins in early August. Many CASA children are unable to acquire backpacks, so each school year the CASA Support Council purchases age and gender appropriate bags. Please contact your CASA Program Coordinator if your CASA child needs a backpack. Keep in mind though, school supplies are not usually available but may be provided in emergency situations. Backpacks will become available at the CASA office during the first week of August.

Eloise Williams, Chair, Program Committee



Heart Gallery Volunteers Needed - Tucson Community

From: Regina Weiler [<mailto:rweiler@az.gov>]

Subject: Children's Heart Gallery Photo Event - Register today to participate!

Hi there,

I am preparing a list of those interested in volunteering at the next photo shoot for children who will be featured in the Children's Heart Gallery.

The photo shoot will take place in Tucson, AZ on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

If you were at one of the events over last several years, you know how **amazing** it is to participate. There are several ways to help: photography, hairstyling, crafts, descriptive writing, hospitality and transportation, etc.

Loews Ventana Canyon (<https://www.loewshotels.com/en/Ventana-Canyon-Resort>) has agreed to host the event again this year. We would love to have you join us for this wonderful day with the children.

We need about 50 volunteers who are willing to provide help and services for children in foster care who are waiting for a forever family through adoption.

- **General volunteers** ([Requires a Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card](#)) –You will be assigned to a specific child for this event. Your task will be to help them feel comfortable and keep them company while participating in the event. Work alongside other volunteers; such as, photographers, foster parents, case workers, hairstylists, writers, DES staff and van drivers.
- **Photography volunteers** - Requires multiple high-resolution shots per child for publication in various formats (web site, print fliers, large posters, etc). This position requires extensive professional experience as a photographer.
- **Hairstylists/Barbers** – Ability to cut and style all types of children/teens hair (a high need for skill in African American/curly hair) at photography sessions. Please provide your own equipment for cutting and styling hair.
- **Biographers** - Experienced creative writers who are willing to craft short biographical descriptions for children. This task requires excellent writing/storytelling; great interpersonal skills. We can provide a laptop at the event, if you do not have your own equipment.

All volunteers need a willing heart and good people skills; ability to work without constant supervision and a heart for children of all ages in foster care.

Please respond at the following link, if you can join us: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TucsonCHG2015>.

Have a blessed day!

Regina Weiler

Volunteer Engagement Center Director

602-542-1991 Office

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Please contact Regina with any questions!
The CASA office is not involved with this event.



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Calendar of Events



JULY, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Computer Training 5:30pm – 7:30	2	3 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	4
5	6	7 Computer Training (1) 9am – 12 (2) 3pm - 5	8 CASA BOOK CLUB 5:30pm – 7 Training Center	9 Computer Training 1pm - 4	10	11 CASA BOOK CLUB 10:30am – 12:00 Woods Lib.
12	13 Computer Training <u>9am - 11</u> Green Valley Alert Team Meeting 9:30am – 11:30	14 Computer Training 1pm - 3	15 Monthly Learning Event 3PM-5PM @ The Court Training Center	16 Teen Case Support <u>3:00pm – 5:00</u> Computer Training (1) 3pm - 5 (2) 5:30pm – 7:30	17 Arizona Athletics Tour Sign Up Required!	18
19	20 Vail K-8 schools start	21	22	23 Infant Toddler Support 1:30pm – 3:30	24 Vail High Schools Start	25 CASA Day of Training <u>8:30 Registration</u> RSVP Required!
26	27	28	29 Sunnyside Schools Start	30	31	



Calendar of Events



AUGUST, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
*Have a school age CASA Child? We have new backpacks - contact your Program Coordinator! *Does he or she need school clothes? We can possibly help with that too. Call or email today!*						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Marana & Sahuarita Schools Start			Flowing Wells, Amphi & TUSD Schools Start		
9	10 ALERT Team Sandra's House 2 pm – 4	11	12 CASA Summer Celebration 6pm – 7	13	14	15
16	17	18 Infant Toddler Case Support 1:30pm – 3:30	19 Monthly Learning Event 3pm – 5 @ the Court Building Conf. Room B	20 Wilmot Library ALERT 3pm – 5	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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