



CASA of Pima County Newsletter

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CASA Support Council News

Holiday Gift Cards for CASA children

The Support Council will provide a holiday gift card for each CASA child, \$25 for age 11 and under; \$50 for 12 and older. They will be mailed to each CASA's home address the first week in December. Please ensure that the CASA program has your correct mailing address. We hope you'll enjoy shopping with your child for those special items she/he would like.

Holiday Party for CASA Children – December 6th, 2015

The annual holiday party for CASA children will be held at Golf 'n Stuff on Sunday, December 6th from 11am – 2pm. Advance registration is required and will be available on-line. As usual, there will be a variety of activities, including miniature golf, boats, bumper cars, video games and laser tag. Lunch will include pizza, sodas and cookies. Oh yes, Santa will stop by and there will be face painting and animal balloons provided by Santa's elf, and teddy bears for CASA kiddos of all ages. It should be a fun event for all!!!

New Activities Available for CASA Children

The Support Council has recently obtained free and/or reduced prices for activities that we think the CASA children will enjoy. These are described in the Newsletter. If you have other activities you would like the Support Council to provide, please contact us on our website, www.pimacountycasa.org.

Support Council's Annual Christmas Tree event

The Support Council will be placing Christmas trees in various supermarkets and business locations, starting the day after Thanksgiving. This is always a wonderful way for us to spread the message of CASA children's unmet needs and to provide the public an opportunity to help us by purchasing gift cards.

Participation in Fry's Community Rewards Program

The Support Council is participating in Fry's Foods Community Rewards Program. Look for the details in the Newsletter on how you can link your Fry's V.I.P. card to us. This is a voluntary and confidential enrollment. We will receive money from Fry's for shopping done in Arizona by participants.

Finally, as 2016 approaches, the CASA Support Council is looking forward to continuing to support the unmet needs of CASA children in Pima County, as well as the CASAs, and the CASA Program. Happy holidays to all!

Pima County Staff Spotlight – Jill LaBrie

Meet Jill



Although I was born in the Midwest, I have lived in Tucson since I was 18 months old, so I do consider myself a native Tucsonan. I went to Flowing Wells Schools from Kindergarten thru high school graduation.

I attended and graduated from the University of Arizona - BEAR DOWN! I changed my major several times through my college career, which is why I say I was on the "5 year plan." All of my majors were in helping fields. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education with a major in Rehabilitation.

After graduating from UA I began a 28-year career with the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. This was a very fulfilling and rewarding career for me. Unfortunately, the facility I was working at here was closed down and essentially I was forced to retire. Seven months after I retired I began working for the CASA program in April of 2012. I love what I do and the fact that even though it is not hands on I am still able to have an impact on the lives of children.

One of the most memorable interactions I have had so far while working for CASA, was meeting a CASA and her CASA child who was around 11 or 12 years old. The CASA child told me how cool it was that I found CASAs so that kids like him could have one and help them just like his CASA was helping him. Then he said that when he was able he wanted to be a CASA so he could help kids.

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CASA Kudos



- ❖ Welcome to our newest CASA trainee, **Kathy Herrera**. She completed the training in October and has already started her observations. Thank you for joining our efforts in Pima County!
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Kathleen Elsberry** for sharing your experience/knowledge about becoming a minor's guardian when they age out to another CASA.
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Ruthann Wingate** for transporting your CASA kiddo to one of his "close out" therapy sessions. Team player!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Beth Mercado** for jumping into your first CASA case!
- ❖ Congratulations to **CASA Kathleen Elsberry & CASA Ruthann Wingate** for helping your CASA kiddos reach permanency and helping them find their forever families. Both cases ended in adoption.
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Amy Hogan** for helping with the AT Packets and for helping spread the word about CASA of Pima County on Davis Monthan AFB.
- ❖ Congratulations to **CASA Susan Haynes** for helping your CASA kid find permanency with a successful reunification! You were pivotal in making this happen.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Elda Lopez** – You are doing a FANTASTIC job advocating for your kiddos! (CFTs, Court Reports, etc.). DCS Case Manager Felicia stated that Elda is an AWESOME CASA and she counts on her very much!
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Michael Elsner** – You are doing a great job advocating for services for your kiddo.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Cecily Crebbs** for securing 84 minutes of radio PSAs on KXCI – 91.3 for CASA!
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Tina Whittemore** for doing a great job advocating for services for your kiddo.
- ❖ The Judge thanked **CASA Annette Weneck** for her informative report.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Julie Miller** for doing an outstanding job advocating for the kiddos on both of your cases.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Kathy Anderson** for being *the* consistent adult in your CASA teen's life. It's almost a guarantee that you were the only consistent one visiting him during his hospital stay.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Chris Crook** for providing crucial support to your (brand-new) CASA teen when he had to undergo a very unpleasant court proceeding. It was plainly visible how much your support meant to this young man, helping him to get through the experience of testifying in court against his father.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Jennifer Hurley** for doing a fantastic job providing the FCRB board with a timeline of pertinent events regarding her case.
- ❖ Teamwork is key – Thank you to **CASA Barb Lauritzen** for supporting CASA Sister Mary Ann with her daycare visits.
- ❖ The Judge and Child's attorney complimented **CASA Peggy Clark** for her concise and thorough court report.
- ❖ Celebrate success – Congrats to **Peer Coordinator Sally Bedrick** for a successful conclusion to your teen case. She has found permanency through the establishment of the Guardianship!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Christine Hoekenga** – you are doing a great job advocating for your CASA kiddos.



- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Susan Barrable** for jumping through lots of hoops to help get braces for your CASA teen. Thank you for understanding how this will help her with her self-esteem as well as resolve some other physical concerns for her.
- ❖ Thank you to **Peer Coordinator Terri Anderko** for supporting advocates and a courtesy case along with all the other ways you serve our community.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Lori Taylor** for sharing the IEP training resources!
- ❖ Shout out to **CASA Rufus Tamayo**. The DCS Case Manager reported “E. reports that he really enjoys his visit with his CASA.”
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Judy Price** - you are doing a fantastic job communicating issues with your team.
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Thanks to **CASA Steve Lautenschlaeger** and **CASA Lorna Boon** as well as several girls from Kappa Alpha Theta for assisting with the UA Volunteer Fair on September 2.

Thanks to FCRB staff along with **CASA Advocates: Art Hoffman, Terry Bernier, Cynthia Dean, Conny Swacha**, and our new **CASA Ambassador: 2015 Miss Tucson Desert Rose Outstanding Teen, Dimon**, for assisting with the Fiesta Sahuarita on September 26.



- ❖ A huge thanks for all who Meet Yourself, **Support Council Maloney, Peggy Clark Advocates: Sharon Dely Steve Lautenschlaeger, Lynn Turra, Alan Dankworth, and finally our CASA Ambassador: Dimon**

helped with our booth at Tucson October 9 thru October 11: FCRB staff, **members: Jan Webster, Pamela** (also CASA Advocates), **CASA Mary Ann Martin, Gloria Olvera,**

- ❖ Congrats to **CASA Veronica Ahumada** for starting your first case.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Monica Ayon** for helping your CASA child make family connections and meet his aunt!
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Liz Bagnocche** for pulling together a last minute report to help the Judge make a difficult decision.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Monica Baltazar** for making sure her CASA kid has clothes with help from the assistance league.
- ❖ You're ready to be an advocate! Congrats to **CASA Caroline Champagne** for finishing her observations.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Tami Danze** for your efforts to help your CASA girl get back to Tucson and for your advocacy for her sister who may also need a CASA.
- ❖ Thank you **Peer Coordinator Sharon Dely** for your hard work as a PC and as a CASA and for always keeping us laughing!
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Joe Gootter** for your continued desire to help as many kids as you can.
- ❖ Thank you ***Retired CASA Barbara Himebaugh** for donating Desert Museum passes. CASA of Pima County – staff & advocates - miss you. Thank you for being willing to help with our History Project.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA team Art & Jan Hoffman** for volunteering for so many things while still trying to figure out all the confusing twists your case has taken.



- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Amy Hogan** for being positive and encouraging of other advocates, using your experiences to help others.
- ❖ **CASA Aspen Kipling**, Thank you for going above and beyond of what is expected of a CASA.
- ❖ Thank you **CASA Linda Koral** for all your hard work leading the support council & keeping the vision focused on serving our children in foster care.
- ❖ Claudia Levin for trying to educate more people about cultural differences.
- ❖ Congrats to **CASA Amelia Lobos** for a successful case closing. Reunification with family is the goal and you were able to help her find permanency. We are excited she was able to go home!
- ❖ Kudos to **Peer Coordinator Susie McClinton**. We appreciate your efforts as a PC, CASA, Courtesy CASA, and always thinking about others.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Denise Mouch** for being a great advocate for your CASA child even when the language barrier has caused some hurdles. Also thank you to **Support Specialist Lupe** for helping with communication on this case.
- ❖ Many thanks to **Peer Coordinator** for your steadfast presence, staying strong and continuing to be committed to the program even when faced with challenges.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Ceci Rivera** for willingly tackling new technology and for always being a caring and supportive person to anyone in need.
- ❖ Foster Care Review Board stated ""The Board acknowledges the CASA (**Edie Connors**) for her hard work and commitment to the children."
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Barb Lauritzen** for your persistence in communicating with multiple persons involved in your case.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Howie Adams** for providing advocacy to a difficult case. Through the obstacles of your first case, you represented the program very well.
- ❖ Special thanks to **CASA ElizaBeth Root** for trying to get as much information as possible to help your CASA child as well as the Judge in this private dependency case. It is evident you are well versed in gathering the facts and you always remember to be respectful and courteous even in tough situations.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Team Len & Jane Spitzer** for ensuring your CASA youth is getting what he needs as he ages into adulthood and out of care.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Jane Swivel** for being that steady and dependable adult in your CASA child's life, and for always being honest with her and trying to help her find her way.
- ❖ Special thanks to **CASA Ginger Tonkin-Sugimoto** for helping your CASA child find an adoptive home and deal with the loss of her foster sibling (who was returned home). Our CASA kids deal with numerous losses and we are grateful for all of you who stand by them during those sad times.
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Bob Simpson** for being recognized by the Judge for your oral updates and written court report. The Judge asked Bob to continue on the case even though the child was placed out of state.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Robin Rosenthal** for your loyalty to and interest in the CASA book club. Ongoing learning and growth is important for all of us!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Mary Vermeer** for your continued work to unravel all the details of an extremely complicated case.
- ❖ Thank you to **CASA Marianne Vivirito** for keeping a positive attitude when things do not go as planned and for helping ensure fair treatment of her CASA siblings.
- ❖ Thank you to **Peer Coordinator Ellen Werts** for tackling new things as a peer coordinator and being eager to help support another CASA!
- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Lucille Boilard-Harkin** for supporting permanency for another sibling group and for being gracious in letting go of your two little CASA kids as they settle into their forever home. We know the ending was abrupt but you handled it with grace.
- ❖ Kudos to **Peer Coordinator Bonnie Lawrie-Higgins** for supporting your new CASAs as well as springing back into action when your CASA teen was returned to Tucson from out of state.
- ❖ A special thank you to **CASA Tina Lee** who was recognized for her dedicated work on behalf of her CASA child and for her thorough and informative court report.



- ❖ Kudos to **CASA Mark Rosenberg** who was thanked by his CASA child's attorney for all of the time and work he has contributed on behalf of his CASA child. The attorney said he was the best CASA she every worked with.
- ❖ A special thank you to **CASA Barbara Goldstein** who increased her time and efforts to support her CASA child as he deals with a sudden and unexpected transition.
- ❖ A special thank you to **Peer Coordinator Roger Pinkstaff** for your great support to new CASA advocates as they progress through their observations and taking on new cases.
- ❖ Congratulations to **CASA Darryle Hardy and CASA Conny Swacha** as you put on your running shoes to make things happen on your *first CASA case*.

CASA Recruitment Spotlight by Jill LaBrie

Upcoming Events:

- CASA is going to have a table at the Vail Country Fair, on Saturday November 21 from 9:00 to 5:00. This will be held at the Pima County Fairgrounds on Houghton Rd. We are not sure if we will need help with set up and break down as of yet. If you live in or near that area and would like to help please contact Jill via email jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov or call at 520-724-9238.
- CASA and FCRB are going to have a table at the Marana Holiday Festival & Christmas Tree Lighting, on Saturday December 5 from 3:00 to 8:00. If you live in or near the Marana area and would like to help out contact Jill via email jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov or call at 520-724-9238.
- CASA and FCRB are hoping to be able to have a table at the Pima County Fair this spring. The dates of the Fair are: April 14 thru April 24, 2016. We will have to have people at the booth the entire time the building is open. We believe the building hours are around 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on weekdays and opens an hour or so earlier on weekends. This is not a confirmed event as of yet, but we are trying to determine if we will have the man and/or woman power to pull this off. If you are interested in possibly assisting please let Jill know via email jill.labrie@pcjcc.pima.gov or call at 520-724-9238.

Remember that you can receive training credit for helping at a community outreach/recruiting event!

CASA of Pima County Program Updates

Waiting on 2 Grant Announcements...

By Krissa Ericson

Writing grants is an interesting and sometimes daunting task but waiting for the answer is probably the hardest part of the adventure, in my opinion! Thanks to a great team here at PCJCC we have successfully submitted two grant applications. One could add two new staff positions and the other would boost our ability to do more media outreach and recruitment. We will know more in the next few weeks! Keep your fingers crossed & positive energy flowing! ☺

With that said, our need for seeking more funding is to: 1. support continued growth within our program; and 2. to help us continue working towards our 2020 goal to serve every dependent child in Pima County. Currently we are supporting only 4% of the children in care. As you can expect, we need to bring in more advocates to move closer to that 100% mark but as good as our recruiting might be, we will always need advocates to continue to take more than one case in addition to advocates being willing to take cases with sibling groups. In an effort to take away some of the fears around managing a case with a sibling group I've asked the experts – your peers & fellow CASA Advocates– who have been assigned to a sibling group to share with us their thoughts and tips Here's what they say about advocating for siblings:



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➤ **Why did you select a sibling group?**

I took this group of five children eighteen months ago because I knew they really needed a CASA and I thought that because of their ages and sexes, I could manage the time demands. - CASA & Peer Coordinator Sandra Rohen

Since becoming a CASA with Pima County I have had three sibling group cases. I did not specifically ask for sibling groups, but I was open to different ages. I have really enjoyed working with the sibling groups. - CASA Amy Hogan

I selected two brothers that clearly needed an advocate. Even though there is a large age difference, we usually do everything together. I like having two siblings. CASA Tanya Ivey
I selected a group of children because my group needed help with seeing each other and I felt that I could make more of a difference with them. CASA Edie Connors

I never have used the # of children as a criteria for selecting a case. For me, it is always about the situation/circumstances the children have experienced. I feel that if their situation tugs at my heart, I will take the case, and do my best to use my experience and training to make a difference. I do select mostly babies and toddlers, but there always seem to be 1 or more older kiddos in the sibling group. CASA Linda Koral

➤ **What is it like supporting a sibling group?**

I think the most important thing in a sibling group is to see each child as an individual and to understand each child's unique needs (e.g. emotional, medical, psychological, educational, etc.). Based on this, there are usually unique services that I need to advocate for. Not all of the services needed are apparent in the beginning, so this is an on-going process, with input from the child and key adults and professionals in her/his life. CASA Linda Koral

It means twice the work for school related issues, but it's a two-fer for CFT, court, and FCRB. It is twice the expense. Taking two hungry boys for a meal and an activity does get pricey. CASA Tanya Ivey

➤ **How do you "do" visits with your CASA children?**

My third case is five children; three girls ages 7, 5 and 1 and two boys ages 2 & 3. I have not yet taken them on an outing, but have been thinking about ideas of what I can do with them. At this point most of my visits have been in the home. I spend time with the different children coloring, playing, reading or talking. I actually find it possible to do some one-on-one time in the environment, but it usually doesn't last too long. The two oldest are in school and I visit their classroom. They appear to enjoy the fact that I am there to see them specifically. The youngest three are in daycare. Since they are in different rooms I am able to spend time separately with each. I usually plan about 2 to 3 hours so I can spend quality time with each child. Additionally, the older girls are in karate, so I have observed their practices. I was also invited to the



tournament and was able to spend time with the youngest three while I watched the older two complete. CASA Amy Hogan

I make sure that it's something they enjoy as well as making sure that the placements are ok with the outing and I pick them up and go. CASA Edie Connors

- **What do you do to keep up with all the different people involved - multiple schools, therapists, doctors etc.?**

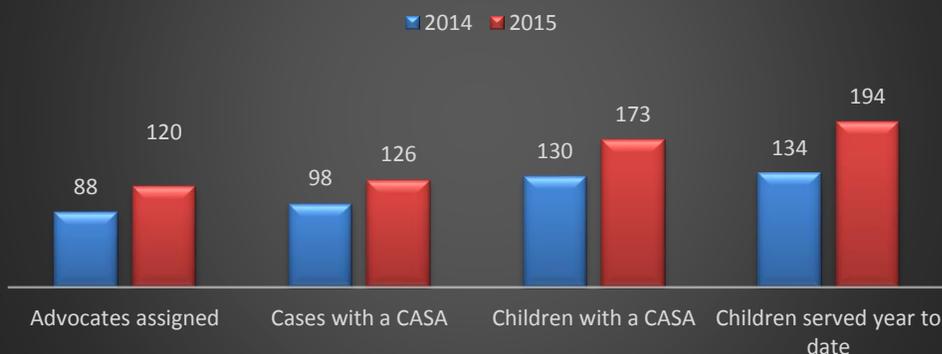
The time I have spent communicating with members of the Child and Family team has varied, sometimes taking a great deal of time, then lessening. There were two therapists for three girls and one for the mother and I kept in contact with them all to let them know what I saw. The therapists tried to participate in CFTs, which was helpful since written reports tapered off. There were some rocky times when communication was not what it should have been from some members of the team, but in general we respected and trusted another. I had to really work at that for a time but when the other members realized that I would go to week-end visits to observe, kept a good relationship with the mother, that the children were opening up to me, and that I could fill informational holes that helped them understand the family, we worked well together. Peer Coordinator & CASA Sandra Rohen

Keeping up with a sibling group requires a lot of organization. In the beginning of the case, I make sure that I introduce myself to all the key players and explain my role as the child's CASA. I keep folders on each child and keep a list of all the key players and their role in each child's life. For babies and toddlers, I attend all the pediatrician appointments; for older children, I may not attend all, but I do get the results of the check-ups & maintain contact with their teachers and therapists. I do take notes at meetings, e.g. CFTs, teacher or medical conversations, and make sure I have them in each child's folder. This organization helps me immensely when it's time to write a court report and include info for each child. It's not always easy to stay on top of everything that happens, but when I feel I need current info, I do contact the professionals for input. CASA Linda Koral

No matter what case you take, you make a difference. Thank you for serving as a CASA Advocate.

CASA of Pima County Statistics

Stat Comparison: October 1, 2014 compared to Oct 1, 2015



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CASA Story

A Very Special Bond

A Poem written as a birthday gift from CASA
Ambassador Dimon to her CASA Cynthia:

It takes strong arms to support the weight of a breaking
heart.

It takes strong shoulders to comfort someone with a
grieving soul torn apart.

It takes a caring person to be that strong support and
remain sound.

When something goes wrong it's hard to walk the world
tall, when there is no comfort to be found.

This is when we seek out a caring person, who can be our
support frame.

Someone who will stand by us when all the others have gone and stands with us unashamed.

You need strong arms to hug someone when they feel they cannot go on.

You need strong shoulders for someone to cry on when grieving, help to stay strong.

We go about our work each day expecting many things.

The uniqueness of each moment and what that moment brings.

The marvel of a special friend, my earth angel always near.

Sharing her special kindness and filling my heart with cheer.

I am so very thankful for the friend you are to me.

When I think of you each day, an earth angel is what I see.

I just want to say thank you although it doesn't seem sufficient or like it's enough.

I had so much going on...loneliness, hurt, anger, tears...jut so much stuff.

Thank you for all the time you thought about me and wondered how to help.

Cynthia- Thank you for all you did. You were never too busy for me; you never just put me on a shelf.

Thanks for putting me at the top of your list of priorities of things to do.

When everyone was leaving, you stayed. I am honored; thank you.

So thank you again from the bottom of my heart as a prayer I send you way.

To let you know just how I feel today and every day.



CASA of Pima County appreciates Dimon & Cynthia for many reasons - One being their willingness to share their journey with us. It is encouraging and inspiring for all to see.



Helpful Articles on the Web

- ❖ Would you like to read a quick article explaining the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) Process? Follow this link:
http://www.cantorarkema.com/pubs/A&S/Interstate_Child_Placement.pdf
- ❖ **Interested in reading the Collaborative Protocol established between Cenpatico & DCS? Follow this link:**
<http://www.cenpaticointegratedcareaz.com/files/2015/09/CIC-DCS-Collaborative-Protocol-Final.pdf>

Dashboard & CASAaz.gov Email “News”

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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

Don't forget to log your activities in the Dashboard.

- Use the *Create Contact Entry* to document all your activities such as phone calls, emails and in person interactions.
- Use the *Training Log* to record the trainings you have completed.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I'm going to be gone for a few weeks around the holidays. Can I set up an out of office reply on my email?

A: Yes – Your CASAaz.gov email has a feature to send automatic replies while you're away. Here are some steps:

1. Log into your email via casaaz.gov/webmail as you normally would.
2. Click on the blue bar that shows your email address on the top right hand corner of the page:

cPanel

kericson@casaaz.gov

Logout

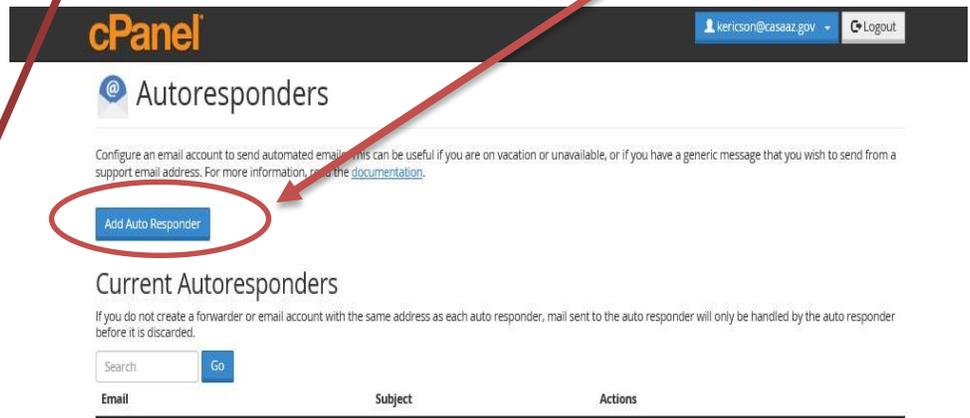
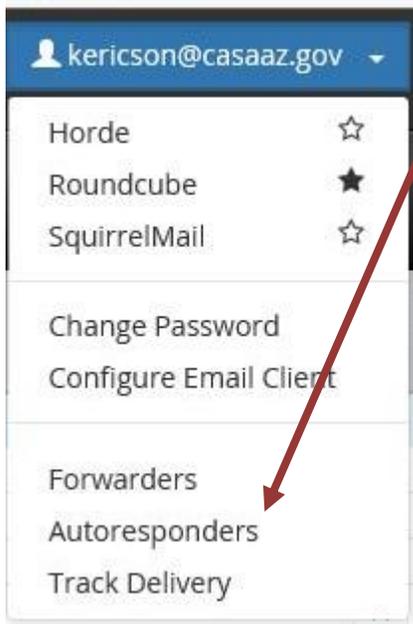


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3. This box will expand to give you several options: choose Autoresponder

4. The following screen will appear. Next you will want to select Add Auto Responder to create a new message.



5. The form is pretty self-explanatory. Leave the Character Set as is automatically selected (utf-8); Decide on an interval for how often you want an auto reply to be sent to same email address; in the “From” section put your name; Then complete the subject line & message of the body.

6. Next select the start and stop dates/times for when you want the auto reply to be sent. Custom allows you to be specific.

7. Finally, click creat/modify to save!

Q: I'm in the Dashboard but I can't see my emails – HELP!

A: The Dashboard and CASAaz.gov emails are two separate systems.

To access your email (your secure communication tool!):

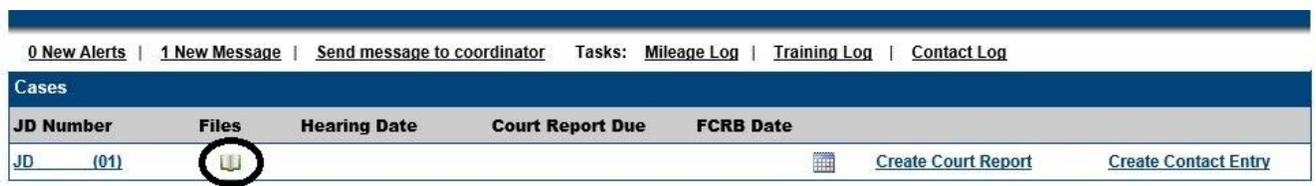
1. Go to casaaaz.gov/webmail (<https://p3plcpnl0711.prod.phx3.secureserver.net:2096/>)
2. Use your casaaaz.gov email address as the username and your unique password to log in

To access the Dashboard (your case management tool!):

1. Follow this link for the Dashboard: <https://apps.azcourts.gov/Casa/Login.aspx>
2. Use your casaaaz.gov email address as your username and your unique password to log in

Q: How do I review case documents in the Dashboard?

A: Look for case related documents under the files column. You will see a book icon on your Dashboard – see picture below for a visual explanation.



Q: I can't remember my username or password. Help!

A: Your username for both the Dashboard and your CASAaz email is the same. It is your CASAaz email address! (*For example – John Doe = jdoe@casaaz.gov*) **Make sure you have 2(a)'s CASAaz & use .gov not .org!**

Either in training or at home you set up a unique password for both systems (Dashboard & CASAaz email – a.k.a the CPanel). If you cannot remember your unique password – there are different steps to get them rest.

Resetting your Dashboard Password:

On the login screen of the Dashboard, under the Login button there is an option to click: **I can't access my account.** You will be prompted to enter an email address on the next screen – *be sure to enter your CASAaz.gov email address.* A temporary password will be sent to this email and you'll be able to log in using the temporary password.

Resetting your CASAaz.gov email Password:

If you are unable to login to your CASAaz.gov email account, contact your Program Coordinator to have your password reset. We have to submit a brief form to have the AOC IT team do a password reset for your account. It may take them up to (1) business day to process this reset – so please have patience!

If we can help you in anyway with these new systems, please call or email us! Feel free to attend a refresher training & if needed, Krissa is happy to do house calls to get you situated with using these systems on your home computer. Krissa can be reached at 520-724-2069 or via email: Krissa.ericson@pcjcc.pima.gov

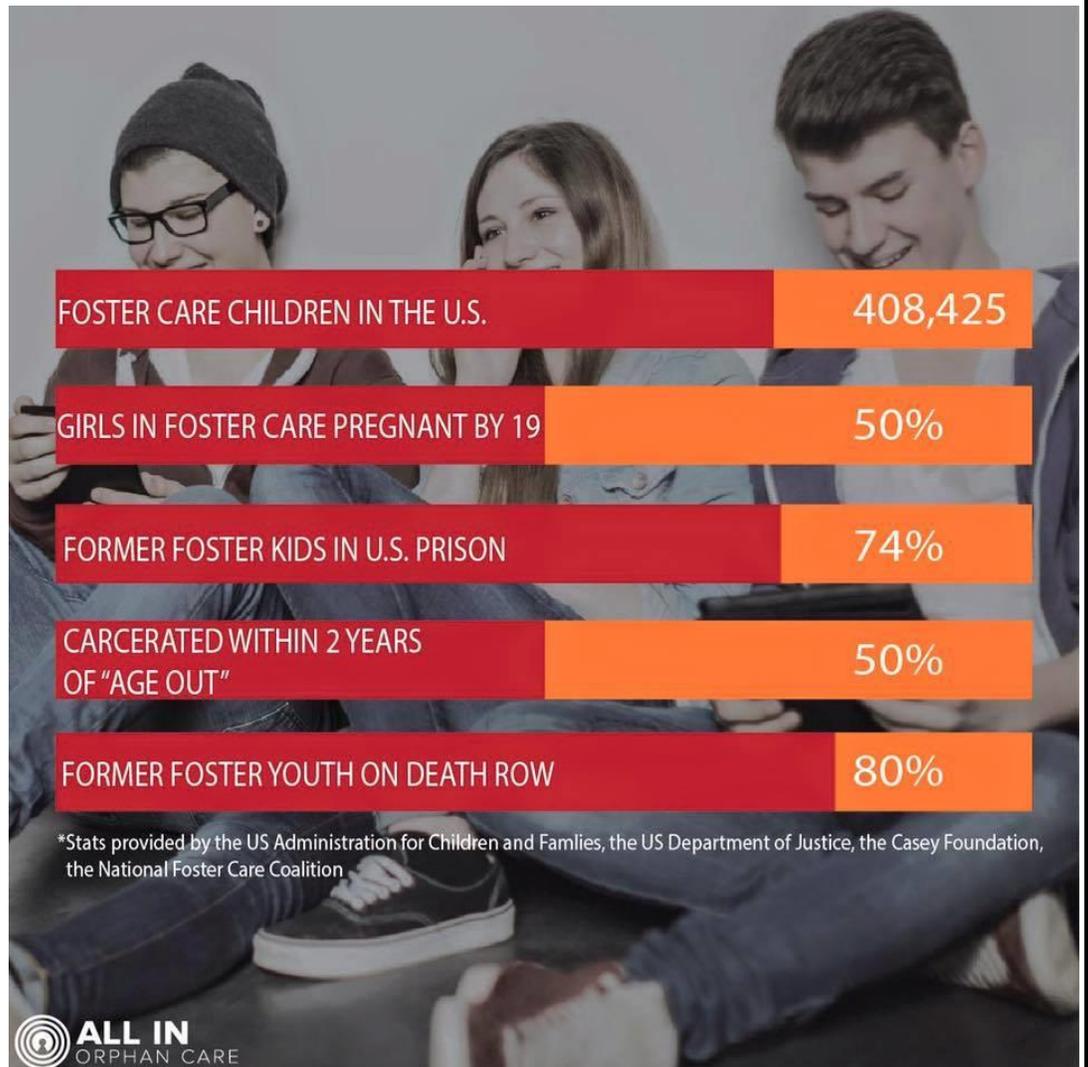
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<https://www.facebook.com/casaofpimacounty>



https://twitter.com/CASA_PimaCounty



Announcements

Don't miss the last Monthly Learning Event of 2015:

- November MLE –
Topic: Dealing with Difficult People
Wednesday Nov. 18 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Fun with the AZ Lottery & Arizona Cardinals

22 CASAs from various counties in AZ and their appointed CASA children received Arizona Lottery Suite tickets to a Cardinals' game in late September and early October. This opportunity was provided by the Arizona Lottery. The AZ Lottery gives back millions to the state each week. **CASA is so grateful to be a beneficiary!**



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!

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Years of Service Recognition

11 Years

Peer Coordinator Sandra Rohen
 (11/18/2004)

10 Years

CASA Diana Roybal
 (11/17/2005)

8 Years

Peer Coordinator Sharon Dely
 Peer Coordinator Bonnie Lawrie-
 Higgins
 (11/17/2007)

4 Years

CASA Peggy Clark
 (11/4/11)

3 Years

CASA Tami Danze
 CASA Linda Hilliard
 CASA Billie Moyle
 CASA Annette Weneck
 (12/10/12)

2 Year

CASA Debbie Boyle
 CASA Barbara Goldstein
 CASA Barry Isaacson
 (12/13/13)

1 Year

CASA Howie Adams
 CASA Kathy Anderson
 CASA Lorna Boon
 CASA Cecily Crebbs
 CASA Sarah Gotschall
 CASA Darryle Hardy
 CASA Simrit Khalsa
 CASA Barb Lauritzen
 CASA Jan Michel
 CASA Lynn Turra
 CASA Laura Zaer (12/19/2014)

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



Holiday Party for CASA Children
Presented by the CASA Support Council

When: Sunday, December 6th, 11am - 2pm

Where: Golf n' Stuff, 6503 E. Tanque Verde

Activities: Miniature golf, boats, bumper cars, 20 tokens to play video games and laser tag. Santa and his magical elf will stop by on their way to the North Pole to distribute candy and gifts. Pizza, sodas, and cookies will be served.

RSVP Information will be sent to your CASAaz.gov email!

You must sign up by November 30th



CASA Book Club

Day & Time	Book	Location
Wed. Nov. 4– 5:30 – 7pm	<i>One Small Boat</i> Kathy Harrison	Juvenile Court Training Center
Sat. Nov. 14– 10:30 - Noon	<i>Another Place at the Table</i> by Kathy Harrison	Wood Memorial Library
Wed. January 2016 5:30 – 7pm	<i>To the end of June</i> By Cris Beam	Juvenile Court Training Center
Sat. January 2016 10:30 - Noon	<i>One Small Boat</i> Kathy Harrison	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: **Friday Nov. 20, 2015** from **1:30-3:30pm** Martha Cooper Library
Tuesday Dec. 15, 2015 from **1:00 – 3:00pm** Martha Cooper Library
 - Facilitator: Christa – Christa.coxall@pcjcc.pima.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team in Green Valley (AT): **Monday Nov. 9, 2015** from **9:30 – 11:30am**
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Cynthia Dean – cdean@casaz.gov
- ❖ Teen Case Support: **Thursday Nov. 19, 2015** from **3:00 – 5:00pm** at Martha Cooper Library
 - Facilitator: Nicole – Nicole.stockett@pcjcc.pima.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Sandra's (AT): **Monday Dec. 14 , 2015** from **2:00-4:00pm**
 - Location: Sandra's Home - Contact Sandra for address
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Sandra Rohen- srohen@casaz.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Nanini Library (AT): **Date for December TBD** - contact Sally for an update!
 - Facilitator: Peer Coordinator Sally Bedrick – sbedrick@casaz.gov
- ❖ ALERT Team @ Wilmot Library (AT): **Date to be determined** – contact Nicole for an update!
 - Facilitator: Nicole Nicole.stockett@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.

Dashboard & CASAaz.gov Training

Dashboard Training Dates:

** Last 2 scheduled for 2015!**

November 13, 3 - 5pm

December 12, 9 - 12pm

Come see the Dashboard for the first time or join us for a refresher training! We have space for 10 people.

All trainings are held in the court computer lab. Meet in the court lobby a few minutes before the scheduled time.



RSVP to Krissa

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Krissa.ericson@pejcc.pima.gov

Dates to look forward to in 2016:

Monthly Learning Event:
pic - Foster-Ed Presentation
Wed. January 20, 2016
3:00 - 5:00pm
Location to be announced.



CASA Years of Service Potluck
January 28, 2016
5:30 - 7:00pm
More details to be announced!



Monthly Learning Event:
Topic - Testifying in Court
Tues. February 16, 2016
3:00 - 5:00pm
Location to be announced.



Community Opportunity – ESBF Open House



**Easter Seals
Blake Foundation**

Join us for an Open House

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

You now can **refer directly** to us for services as well as requesting us through other ICCAs



We will be able to provide behavioral health services to **all family members** regardless of age

This will be a wonderful opportunity to network and learn more about Easter Seals Blake Foundation Specialty Services and Intake and Coordination of Care Agency (ICCA)

11am-1pm

6420 E Broadway Suite A100

*RSVP to (520)207-7310 x208
By October 30, 2015*

Training credit for time spent at the Open House. Don't forget to RSVP!!!



Training Opportunity – January 2016 – Mark your Calendar!

Knowing Who **You** Are

*"Race matters. We can't be afraid to talk about it. We must bring it to the surface and not be afraid." —
Chiemi, Child Welfare Administrator*



What will I learn?

Knowing Who You Are is an interactive learning space for exploring racial and ethnic identity. You'll discover:

- Ideas for helping youth in foster care achieve a positive and healthy sense of racial and ethnic identity.
- Opportunities to investigate the impact of stereotypes, messages, and social influences on your own racial and ethnic identity.
- Data about the impact of institutional racism on various racial and ethnic groups.
- Strategies for addressing racism in your personal and professional life.

Enlighten, Empower and Energize!

Helping youth in care

We hope that a discussion will serve as a catalyst to:

- Begin developing a common framework for learning about racial and ethnic identity formation and, in particular, its impact on youth in out-of-home care.
- Open a healthy dialogue about racial and ethnic identity formation.
- Promote conversations related to topics that previously may have been ignored or considered uncomfortable.
- Illustrate some of the overt and subtle ways that prejudice and racism undermine an individual's sense of self.
- Underscore the particular challenges faced by youth in care, who are often disconnected from those who might help them to address and work through these devastating realities.
- Initiate discussion about the role that individuals and organizations, particularly social workers and others in the child welfare system, can play in supporting the development of healthy racial and ethnic identity formation for youth in care.

Courts Addressing Disproportionality and the Racial and Ethnic Identity of Youth in Foster Care

To register click the
Register button:



Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85714

January 21-22, 2016
Day 1 -8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Day 2 8:00 am – 12:30 pm



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MORE Knowing Who You Are Info:

The Dependent Children's Services Division is pleased to be able to offer Knowing Who You Are, a training for professionals and volunteers in the dependency process. This training is open to CASA Advocates & FCRB Volunteers in Pima, Cochise & Santa Cruz County.

This 1 ½ day workshop supports the Court's continued efforts to address disparity and disproportionality in the court system. Created by Casey family Programs and administered by certified trainers, this event promises an opportunity for participants to:

- Explore the impact of stereotypes and other societal influences on racial and ethnic identity;
- Identify strategies to help youth in foster care achieve a positive and healthy sense of racial and ethnic identity.

Date and Location:

January 21, 2016 8:00 am - 4:30 pm & January 22, 2016 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85714

Registration: Click on the registration link on the previous page!

There will be no cost for registration. Please complete the simple, online registration by January 8th.

We have moved to a new registration system. Participants using the system for the first time would need to set up an account. The following are links to [SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS](#) and [RETURNING STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS](#) for registration.

Please note that, due to the structure of the program, there can be no more than 30 participants. This Training is presented by AOC - Dependent Children's Services Division and CASA of Arizona!



Information on Community Resources

Teen CASAs...do
you know someone
to refer to Tim?

“Pathways to Success” (\$\$\$)

Are you interested in building a better foundation for yourself by going back to school and/or finding a better job? **Tucson Youth Development** [1901 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705] has a **“Pathways to Success”** program for youth ages **16-24** that can do both. We have outstanding staff that work with youth to help them with their academic goals (i.e. diploma, GED, & postsecondary), as well as their employment/career goals. We have all sorts of resources to help pay for trainings, certifications, and college degrees through tuition assistance that can lead to that better job (\$\$\$). On top of that, we have several contacts with employers throughout the community that can help you land that job you are looking for. If you are interested in taking advantage of these resources, please contact Tim Kennedy at (520) 623-5843 (x2024) or timothy.kennedy@acehs.org.

Aviva Children’s Services

Resources Available:

Bags for Kids

The Bags for Kids Project began in December of 1999 in response to seeing children bringing their prized possession in a plastic garbage bag. Two social workers recognized that forcing children to use garbage bags as luggage, is stigmatizing, embarrassing, and simply unacceptable. So volunteers started and continue to sew Bags for kids! Is your CASA kid changing placements with black garbage bags for luggage? Please let us know so we can get you a couple bags for them to keep and use.

<http://avivatucson.org/programs-and-services/community-resources-volunteer-program/bags-for-kids>

Lifebook

A Life Book is an age-appropriate story of a foster or soon-to-be adopted child's life, written for the child with the hope that it will help him/her make sense of confusing and often upsetting events that led to an out-of-home placement. Cindy Lingel with Aviva is willing to be a resource to help you put together a life book.

<http://avivatucson.org/programs-and-services/community-resources-volunteer-program/lifebooks>

Abused Children’s Fund

The Abused Children's Fund (ACF) is a community donations fund used for special needs of children who are in the care of Child Protective Services – for needs that are not met by the State or by other existing resources. The main focuses of the ACF are to provide things that promote children’s development and improve their self-esteem and to fund things that help provide physical security for children.

<http://avivatucson.org/programs-and-services/community-resources-volunteer-program/abused-children-s-fund>





Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation

By Judge Benjamin R. Norris (ret.)¹

What is the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF)?

AFFCF is a local 501(c) (3) organization that provides children in foster care in Arizona with awards for social, athletic and educational opportunities that are not funded by the standard DCS allowances or in any other way. When I was hearing cases in the Juvenile Court, I had a number of hearings in which it was obvious that a particular foster child would benefit significantly if we could just find a way to provide a simple good or service that was not covered by any of the DCS allowances, which is why I was so pleased to find AFFCF.

So what exactly does AFFCF do to help Arizona kids in foster care?

Even if you think you already know about AFFCF, you may not be aware of all of the different things AFFCF does, so ask yourself if you know of a child in foster care who could use any of the following:

- Athletic Registration and Equipment (sign-up/registration fees, soccer cleats, etc.)
- Apartment Set-Up (for youth aging out of foster care; covers things such as pots and pans, dishes, towels, shower curtains, rugs, cleaning supplies, lamps, small appliances, etc.)
- Bicycles, Scooters, Skates and Skateboards
- Camp (up to one week of summer camp or other camp per child per year)
- Citizenship/Immigration (fees for green card or immigration physicals, but not attorney fees)
- Class pictures (once a year per child)
- Clothing (special event clothing only, e.g. prom, 8th grade graduation, Quinceañera, etc.)
- Graduation Expenses (i.e., cap, gown, ring, yearbook, and other related expenses)
- Instrument Rental (in 12-week funding periods; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Lessons (12-week funding periods for gymnastics, karate, music, swimming, etc.; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Optical Expenses (may be considered if DES will not fund; contacts can be considered for one-time only, and documentation is required that states a specific, special need for the youth)
- School Field Trips (class trips to Catalina Island, etc.)
- Theme Park Admissions (only for parks outside Arizona)
- Tutoring Services (12-week funding periods)

¹**Benjamin R. Norris is a retired Maricopa County Superior Court judge and a member of the board of directors of Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation. The views expressed in this article are his and do not necessarily represent the views of the Court.**

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- Driving Lessons (for those who have turned 18 and aged out of foster care; foster children under 18 are generally not allowed to drive for liability reasons).

For the most part, AFFCF will consider paying 100% of the cost of these items. AFFCF does have limits on how much it can pay for any one item, but AFFCF will work with foster placements and providers of goods/services in an effort to cover 100% of the costs. AFFCF assistance does require submitting an award application and receiving approval from AFFCF before purchase; AFFCF cannot reimburse for anything paid for prior to receiving approval. But applying is easy; just visit AFFCF.org, click on the “General Awards” tab, and then click on “Award Application” (or contact AFFCF by mail or phone; see below). Remember, in its 30 year history, AFFCF has never turned down a request that fell within its guidelines.

AFFCF also is the go-to source for information on how to obtain other goods and services for children in foster care that the agency does not cover. For example, AFFCF does not pay for furniture, regular-use clothing and some other things, but AFFCF can help you find them from other sources. Similarly, while AFFCF generally does not pay for electronics (such as laptops for older students), AFFCF sometimes receives donated items that it can distribute.

How can I help AFFCF help Arizona kids in Foster Care?

How does AFFCF pay for these things? While we do receive some grants, the vast majority of our funds come from individual donors. These donations are supported by Arizona’s Qualified Foster Care Organization tax credit, which provides that donations to AFFCF qualify for a tax credit of up to \$800 for couples filing jointly (\$400 for individuals). Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the donor’s tax liability. This means that a couple giving \$800 in calendar year 2015 will see their Arizona tax liability reduced by \$800 (or their refund increased by \$800) when filing their 2015 Arizona tax return. AFFCF will even send donors the Arizona tax form they need to claim the credit at the end of the 2015 year. Finally, donors do not need to itemize to claim the tax credit – any couple who would otherwise owe \$800 (or \$400 for individuals) in Arizona income tax for 2015 can take advantage of this tax credit. Donating is easy; just visit AFFCF.org, click on the “Donate” tab, and then click on “Tax Credit” (or contact AFFCF by mail or phone). Remember, no one needs to donate to AFFCF in order to receive an award from AFFCF, but donations are what make our awards possible.

Contacting AFFCF

Finally, if you need to contact us, AFFCF’s direct telephone line is (602) 252-9445, the website is AFFCF.org, and the mailing address is 1645 E. Missouri Ave., Ste. 220, Phoenix, AZ 85016. We look forward to hearing from you!



Resources Provided by the CASA Support Council

WHAT: The Children's Museum - Downtown location only

Address: 201 S. 6th Ave., Tucson, 85701

Phone: 792-9985; Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; Weekends: 10am-5pm

Closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.



The CASA Support Council purchased a community membership for the Children's Museum, which entitles free admission for up to 4 adults and 6 children per day. *CASAs need to show their badge.* If by chance you attend on a day where the free admission has been used, the charge will be \$4 per person, reimbursable by the Support Council.

The Museum's mission is "to provide fun, play-based, interactive, experiences for children. There are 3 permanent interactive exhibits, including Tucson Electric Power's Electri-City, Bodyology, the Art Studio, Public Safety, Whistle Stop, Pet Vet and more". They also have "Wee World", which is specially designed for children four years and under. Focusing on learning by doing encourages fun educational experiences for your CASA children.

WHAT: The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures

Address: 4455 E. Camp Lowell, Tucson, 85712

Phone: 881-0606; Hours: Monday thru Saturday 9am-4pm; Sunday - Noon -4pm



The CASA Support Council has been awarded a "Sizing Up My World" (SUMV) Mini Grant, which provides free admission to the Museum for 100 children and 50 CASAs. The grant is good through 12/31/2015. *CASAs need to show their badge.*

The Mini Time Machine is a unique adventure to share with your kiddos. It provides a magical, enchanting, mesmerizing experience for ages 5 and up. The miniature collection contains over 300 houses and collectibles. The artifacts are organized into 3 main areas: The "Enchanted Realm", "History Gallery" and "Exploring the World". High participation at the Museum will allow us to receive a 2016 grant. The Outreach Educator would like feedback about your kiddo's experience to present to donors in their appeal for another grant. Please email Peggy Clark at pclark@pimacountycasa.org with your comments and comments from your kiddos.



Resources provided by the CASA Support Council, continued

WHAT: Trinity Dance and Gymnastics

Address: 2950 W. Ina Rd., Tucson, 85741

Phone: 797-8100; Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; Weekends: 10am-5pm



Trinity is a Christian faith-based business that offers non-competitive classes in gymnastics, ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop. Classes are organized by age group from 1 year up to 12+. *CASA children can receive the 1st class free. Additional class tuition will be discounted to 50% off the regular price. CASAs need to show their badge. The Fall, 2015 schedule began in August, 2015. The next full term begins in January, 2016, but children can join classes at any time, and tuition will be pro-rated. CASAs may apply to the Support Council for tuition reimbursement with a Special Request form. More information, including classes and schedules for each age group, can be obtained by checking out their website at www.trinityjumpforjoy.com, or by calling Trinity. These classes are a great way for your CASA child to get some exercise, while being exposed to fun activities in an encouraging, supportive environment. Several CASA children are already enrolled and CASAs report that they look forward to their weekly class!*



Can you help the CASA Support Council?

The CASA Support Council has joined the “Fry’s Community Rewards” program in Arizona. This program allows Arizona non-profit organizations to receive money quarterly when participants link their Fry’s V.I.P. card to the organization’s *unique assigned number*. *How much we receive is dependent upon how much our participants spend shopping at Fry’s Food Stores in Arizona*. It is strictly a voluntary, as well as, confidential enrollment. We do not receive information on participants, nor on and how much they have spent. NOTE: While your FRY’s V.I.P. card may be used at Fry’s subsidiaries in other states, for this rewards program, we only receive money from shopping done in Arizona.

If you would like to participate, please follow the instructions below for on-line enrollment. **Before you can link your Fry’s V.I.P. card to us, you must have an email address and an on-line Fry’s account.**

1. Creating an Online Fry’s Account – if you already have one, skip to #2. Otherwise, Go to: <http://www.frysfood.com/>. Select “Register” and follow the instructions.
2. Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/communityrewards>. Click on the “Enroll Now” button. Sign in with your email address and password. Under “Find Your Organization/Select Your Organization”, enter our unique number, **84564** and hit the “Search” button. It will bring up our name; click on the button on the left hand side and then click on “Enroll”.

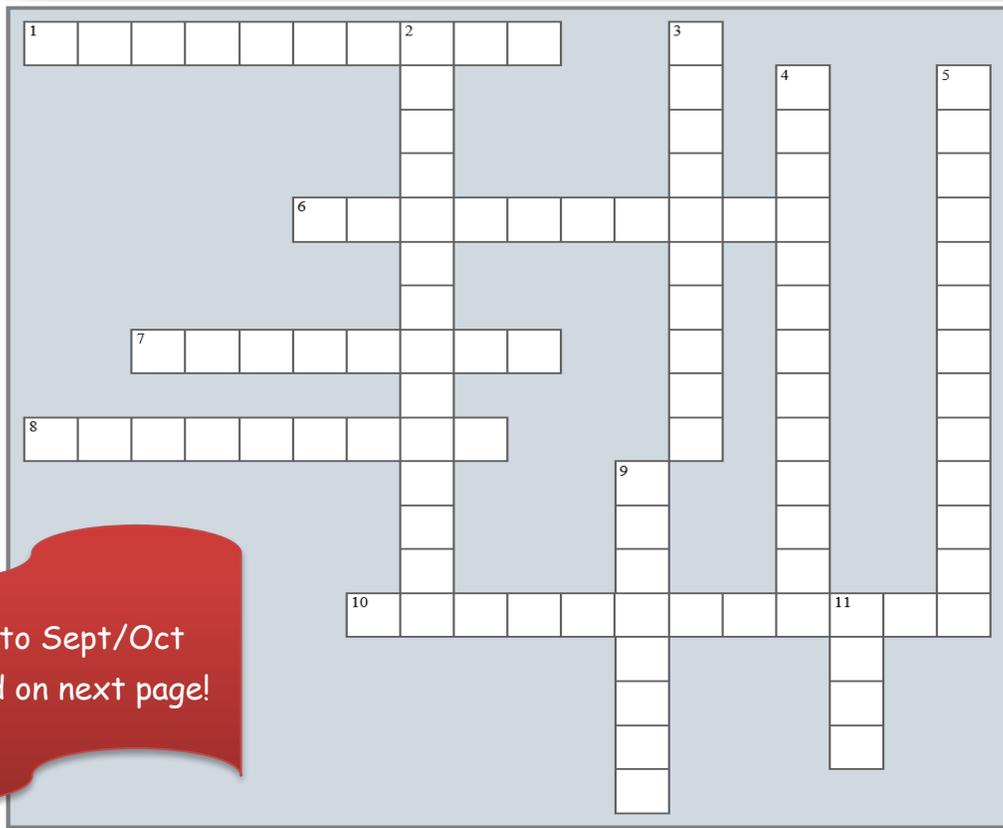
If you have any problems enrolling on-line, you may contact Fry’s Community Rewards support line Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm, at 1-800-828-5235, option 2. They will walk you through the process. Thank you in advance!!!



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CASA Crossword Puzzle – Dependency Process



Answer to Sept/Oct
crossword on next page!

Across

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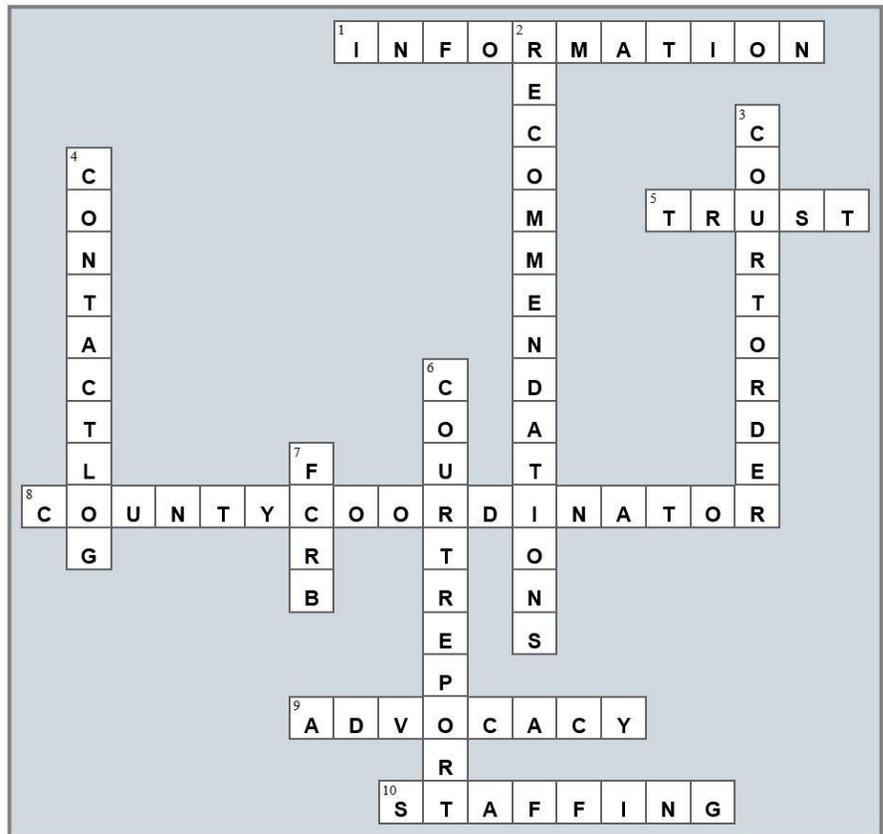
1. The _____ gives the CASA access to confidential information without prior approval for purposes of providing information to the juvenile court.
2. A child who is adjudicated and has been made a ward of the court.
3. A _____ case is initiated in juvenile court with the filing of a dependency petition.
4. The _____ has the authority to hear cases involving children ages birth to 18 years.
5. If _____ is not possible, a permanent plan must be designed to address other options for a safe, permanent home for the child.
6. The purpose of the Pre-Hearing _____ is to attempt to reach an agreement about temporary custody and placement of the child, services to be provided, and visitation.
7. The _____ is responsible for giving advice to the client and presenting the best case possible for the client.
8. At the _____ Hearing the court determines whether there is sufficient grounds to terminate the parent-child relationship.
9. The _____ is often accompanied by a request that the child be made a temporary ward of the court.
10. A legal term describing the court's determination of legal status.
11. The Indian Child Welfare Act is also known as _____.



CASA Work

Crossword Answers!

How many did you get right?!



Across

Down

1. A CASA gathers _____ so that the best possible decisions can be made by the court.
2. CASAs make _____ directly to the court through their court reports.
3. Through a _____, the juvenile court authorizes the CASA to conduct research on its behalf.
4. It is important that a CASA document in a _____ all activities related to their case.
5. The CASA should take the time to develop a relationship with the child that is built on consistent contact and _____.
6. The purpose of the _____ is to provide written documentation for the basis of the CASA's recommendations.
7. The _____ is made up of community volunteers who review the cases of all children involved in dependency proceedings and who reside in an out-of-home placement.
8. CASAs should consult their _____ with any questions about writing the court report or what to include.
9. The role of the CASA is carried out in three different ways: research, assessment, and _____.
10. A _____ is a primary opportunity to advocate for specific actions to take place that help the child.

These crossword puzzle was created by Arizona CASA Program with [EclipseCrossword](#). Try it today—it's free!



Calendar of Events

Our UA Kappa Alpha Theta Chapter hosted Kicks for CASA in September! They raised money to donate to the CASA Support Council for Pima County! Way to go girls!



NOVEMBER, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 CASA BOOK CLUB 5:30pm – 7 Training Center	5	6	7
8	9 Green Valley Alert Team Meeting 9:30am – 11:30	10	11 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	12	13 Dashboard Computer Training 1 – 3pm	14 CASA BOOK CLUB 10:30am – 12:00 Woods Lib.
15	16	17	18 Monthly Learning Event 3PM-5PM @ Training Center	19 Teen Case Support 3:00pm – 5:00	20 Infant Toddler Support 1:30pm – 3:30	21 Vail Country Fair
22	23	24	25	26 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	27 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30					



Calendar of Events



Fun times at
Tucson Meet
Yourself!

DECEMBER, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Marana Holiday Festival
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 ALERT Team Sandra's House <u>2 pm – 4</u>	15 Infant Toddler Case Support <u>1:00pm – 3:00</u>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 CASA OFFICE CLOSED	

Thank you for another great year! In 2015 CASA of Pima County saw growth and more children had a voice in court. We appreciate our Advocates, Peer Coordinators & all CASA Supporters!



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If you are interested in writing a story or article for this newsletter, contact Krissa Ericson -

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****Check Facebook and Twitter for more stories, events & updates****

www.facebook.com/casaofpimacounty

Twitter: @CASAPimaCounty

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