

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Our office will be closed on Friday April 14th in observance of Good Friday.
Our office will reopen on Monday April 17th.

On **April 13th at Noon** we will be hosting a new topic for our Noon-Networking! Pilar Yates from the Human Society will be here to discuss the “Critters Summer Camp”. Going into the summer months we like to promote possible programs that your CASA kids might like to participate in. Come join us and maybe you’ll meet a new furry friend!



Thursday May 11th, Marilyn Smith from the Quincy Public School will be here for Noon-Networking to discuss the Building Re-Organization Plans.

Please make an effort to attend, as knowing where you CASA kids will attend school is critical.

We look forward to seeing you!

April 5th at 12:15 will be our annual flag raising at the Adams County Courthouse in honor of Child Abuse and Prevention and Awareness Month. This will be on the West side of the courthouse.

Gently Reminders and Helpful Tips...

*In accordance with our accreditation standards set forth by National CASA, it is a requirement to see the child(ren) you are assigned to a minimum of once a month.

*It is prohibited to transport the child(ren) you are assigned to in your car.

Thank you everyone!

**As requested at our March Noon-Networking, the website for the 3D Learning Center is,
www.3Dlearningcenter.org**

Happy April Birthday to
Lee Lindsay!
Enjoy Your Special Day!



**On April 10th at the corner of 18th and State we will be hosting our annual Koins for Kids between the hours of 7:30 am - 5:00.
Get your Koins ready!!!
(OVER)**

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month. The basics of these definitions are discussed in CASA training, however a refresher is always important. The following information is provided by Illinois DCFS and additional information can be found at www.illinois.gov/dcfs.

As trained mandated reporters, please keep the DCFS Hotline number handy
1-800-25-ABUSE.

What is child abuse and neglect?

Child abuse is the mistreatment of a child under the age of 18 by:

- a parent or their romantic partner;
- an immediate relative or someone living in their home;
- a caretaker such as a babysitter or daycare worker;
- any person responsible for the child's welfare, such as a health care provider, educator, coach or youth program volunteer.

The mistreatment can either result in injury or put the child at serious risk of injury. Child abuse can be physical (i.e. bruises or broken bones), sexual (i.e. fondling or incest), or mental (emotional injury or psychological illness).

Neglect is the failure of a parent or caretaker to meet "minimal parenting" standards for providing adequate supervision, food, clothing, medical care, shelter or other basic needs.

*If you see abuse that does not fit the above
mentioned perpetrators please call 911*

What are some of the warning signs of abuse or neglect?

Unsure if a child's injuries are the result of mistreatment or the mistreatment of a child is abuse or neglect that places the child at risk of harm? Ask yourself some simple questions:

- If I witnessed a child being treated this way by a babysitter, teacher or other caregiver, rather than a parent or relative, would I want someone to stop it?
 - If a babysitter, teacher or other caregiver were treating my child this way, would I want someone to stop it?
 - If I was that child, would I want someone to help me?
 - What do your instincts tell you is the right thing to do, even if it is difficult?
-

