

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

When emailing the CASA staff please send your emails to both Laura and Danielle. This will ensure that if one of us is out of the office, the other can get back to you in a timely manner.

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In accordance with our United Way grant objectives, and the expectations from the Court, having a school component in your CASA court reports is a requirement. School starts later this month, which is hard to believe, so it's time to know which school your kids will be attending and the teachers they will be assigned. Please reach out to the CASA staff if you need any assistance in obtaining this critical information.

Mark Your Calendar!

September's Noon-Networking on the 14th

will feature Terry Gibson. Terry was previously the CAC Coordinator from our

agency who is now the Victim Witness Coordinator from the State's Attorney's Office.

Terry will be explaining what the Victim Witness Program does and also an in-depth of the Victim's Bill of Rights.

We look forward to seeing you all!!

Happy August Birthdays!

Teresa Kuchling - 3rd

Dale Runyon - 18th

Greg Feldberg - 20th

Enjoy Your Special Day!!



*"We make a living by what we do,
but we make a life by what we
give." ~Winston Churchill*

**Please be on the lookout for information regarding an
upcoming quarterly In-Service!**

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In preparation for Terry coming in September to discuss with us the Illinois Crime Victim's Bill of Rights, the following outlines the purpose and intent of this Bill and the ten rights that will be upheld on behalf of the victim. Please go to <https://law.lclark.edu/live/files/4944-illinois> for additional information.

The purpose of this Act is to implement, preserve and protect the rights guaranteed to crime victims by Article I, Section 8.1 of the Illinois Constitution to ensure that crime victims are treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice system and to increase the effectiveness of the criminal justice system by affording certain basic rights and considerations to the witnesses of violent crime who are essential to prosecution.

Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights as provided by law:

- (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- (2) The right to notification of court proceedings.
- (3) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
- (4) The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.
- (5) The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.
- (6) The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused;
- (7) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- (8) The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
- (9) The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate or other support person of the victim's choice.
- (10) The right to restitution.