

## COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

### JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Our office will be closed on Tuesday January 2nd in observance of the New Year. In addition, we will be closed on Monday January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

#### Happy January Birthdays!

Jerome McPike - 2nd

Diana Kessler - 4th

Hobson Bale - 8th

Dr. Ali - 11th

Mark Bigelow - 28th



Enjoy Your Special Day!



*"Everybody can be great. Anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. Your verb and your subject don't have to agree. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of love and grace."*  
~Martin Luther King Jr.

#### Helpful tip.....

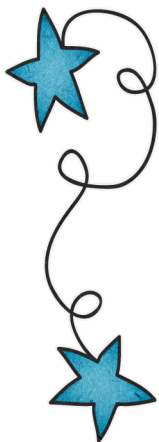
Since most of you did not see your CASA kids during the Holiday break. Please make an effort to connect with them in the beginning of January before too much time passes.

This includes connecting with teachers and daycare providers.

Please let the CASA staff know if you need any assistance.

#### Noon-Networking for January will be the 12th.

We are featuring Early Childhood Center who will be discussing the programs they provide. Many of our CASA kids attend ECC so let's kick off the new year with a great turnout!



#### Looking ahead.....

Please let anyone who you think might be interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer know that a new training session will begin **March 20th** and is set to run through April 24th.

As part of this training, we will be hosting an evening with **Judge Wooleyhan for an In-Service on March 27th at 6pm**. He will be discussing how a case travels through the court system.

We hope you will join us!

**Attachment Disorder** is defined as the condition in which individuals have difficulty forming lasting relationships. They often show nearly a complete lack of ability to be genuinely affectionate with others. They typically fail to develop a conscience and do not learn to trust. They do not allow people to be in control of them due to this trust issue. This damage is done by being abused or physically or emotionally separated from one primary caregiver during the first 3 years of life. “If a child is not attached – does not form a loving bond with the mother – he does not develop an attachment to the rest of mankind. The unattached child literally does not have a stake in humanity” (Magid & McKelvey 1988). They do not think and feel like a normal person. “At the core of the unattached is a deep-seated rage, far beyond normal anger. This rage is suppressed in their psyche. Now we all have some degree of rage, but the rage of psychopaths is that born of unfulfilled needs as infants. Incomprehensible pain is forever locked in their souls, because of the abandonment they felt as infants.” (Magid & McKelvey 1988) “There is an inability to love or feel guilty. There is no conscience. Their inability to enter into any relationship makes treatment or even education impossible.” (Bowlby 1955). Some infamous people with Attachment Disorder that did not get help in time: Saddam Hussein, Edgar Allen Poe, Jeffrey Dahmer, and Ted Bundy. One famous person with Attachment Disorder who did get help in time (in 1887!) and became one of the greatest humanitarians the US has ever produced is Helen Keller.

### **Attachment Disorder Symptoms**

- Superficially engaging & charming
- Lack of eye contact on parents’ terms
- Indiscriminately affectionate with strangers
- Not affectionate on parents’ terms
- Destructive to self, others and material things
- Cruelty to animals
- Lying about the obvious (‘crazy’ lying)
- Stealing
- No impulse controls (frequently acts hyperactive)
- Learning Lags
- Lack of cause-and-effect thinking
- Lack of conscience
- Abnormal eating patterns
- Poor peer relationships
- Preoccupation with fire
- Preoccupation with blood & gore
- Persistent nonsense questions & chatter
- Inappropriately demanding & clingy
- Abnormal speech patterns
- Triangulation of adults
- False allegations of abuse
- Presumptive entitlement issues
- Parents appear hostile and angry
- Moms with chronic depression
- Several moves or placements (foster care, failed adoptions)

For additional information please contact the CASA Staff or visit

<http://www.attachment.org/reactive-attachment-disorder/>