

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Our office will be closed on Monday September 4th in observance of Labor Day.
Our office will reopen on Tuesday September 5th for normal hours.

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

Our **September Noon-Networking on the 14th** will feature **Terry Gibson** from the State's Attorney's Office. He will be here to discuss the Victim Witness Program and also go over in detail the Victim Bill of Rights.

We hope to see you all here!



September 11th at 5:30-7:00pm will be an In-Service featuring Jamie Friye from the State's Attorney's Office. She will be here to discuss the Top 10 Topics of Child Law!

The CASA office will be providing a potato bar, dessert and water! What a great way to gain 1.5 continuing education credits! Please RSVP.

Happy September Birthdays!

Lori Marquart - 3rd

Cindy Logsdon - 14th

Laura Timmerwilke - 17th

Enjoy Your Special Day!



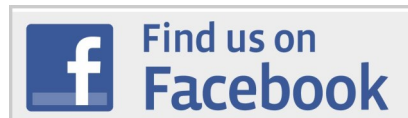
"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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As the CASA Staff works to schedule to next several upcoming Noon-Networkings and In-Services, please do not hesitate to request any topics or services that you would like us to host. We strive to not repeat within a two to four year span, but we are always looking for new ideas as well!

Please be sure and "Like" us on Facebook under our agency name, Advocacy Network for Children, to get the latest updates!



Our Executive Director Todd Shackelford recently attended a training that focused on the concepts of Understanding Traumatic Stress Responses in Children and Families. Below is an outline of the topics that are covered in greater detail at the following web address:

<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/audiences/parents-caregivers/what-is-cts/12-core-concepts>

- 1. Traumatic experiences are inherently complex.**
- 2. Trauma occurs within a broad context that includes children's personal characteristics, life experiences and current circumstances.**
- 3. Traumatic events often generate secondary adversities, life changes, and distressing reminders in children's daily lives.**
- 4. Children can exhibit a wide range of reactions to trauma and loss.**
- 5. Danger and Safety are core concerns in the lives of traumatized children.**
- 6. Traumatic experiences affect the family and broader caregiving systems.**
- 7. Protective and promotive factors can reduce the adverse impact of trauma.**
- 8. Trauma and post trauma adversities can strongly influence development.**
- 9. Developmental neurobiology underlies children's reactions to traumatic experiences.**
- 10. Culture is closely interwoven with traumatic experiences, response, and recovery.**
- 11. Challenges to the social contract, including legal and ethical issues, affect trauma response and recovery.**
- 12. Working with trauma-exposed children can evoke distress in providers that make it more difficult for them to provide good care.**