



September 2018

### MANDATED REPORTER TRAININGS

Advocacy Network for Children provides mandated reporter trainings at no charge for individuals directly involved with children. Mandated Reporters include medical personnel, school personnel, social service/mental health personnel, law enforcement personnel, coroner/medical examiner personnel, child care personnel, and members of the clergy.

Mandated Reporters are required to report suspected child maltreatment immediately when there is "reasonable cause to believe" that a child known to them in their professional or official capacity may be abused or neglected. Mandated Reporters are required by law to report to one of the following: Department of Children and Family Services, local police department or sheriff's department.

Please call the Advocacy Network for Children at 217-223-2272 if you would like more information or to schedule a training. Training can be scheduled in Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Pike, McDonough, Morgan, Schuyler or Scott County.

# OFFICE CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday for normal business hours.

~Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.~

- MARIA MONTESSORI

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### September

- 03 Office closed
- 11 Brown bag Lunch Macomb office
- 13 Noon Networking Quincy office
- 27 Evening in-service Quincy office October
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- 09 Brown bag Lunch Macomb office
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We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- Endowment Fund Donation
- Office Supply Donation

### CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are children in the court system waiting for a CASA. We desperately need volunteers to be a voice for these children. We have trainings scheduled in Adams County, Pike County and Hancock and McDonough Counties (combined county training). If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, now is the time. Please call our office for more information and for dates and times of training.

### HANCOCK COUNTY "CHAIN OF HEARTS" FUNDRAISER

Hancock County CASA will hold a new fundraising event throughout the month of September. Stop at participating locations in Hancock County and purchase a "Chain of Hearts" card for \$1.00. The cards will be displayed at the business location and all money raised will be used to support the Hancock County CASA program. Businesses that are participating include First Bankers Trust in Carthage, Rhodes Market in Augusta, Fortress Bank with locations in Hamilton, Carthage and LaHarpe, R&D Foods in LaHarpe, Bowen Banking Center in Bowen, and Dallas City Banking Center in Dallas City. Sponsors of the event are R&D Foods, Bowen Banking Center and Dallas City Banking Center which will match their customers donations up to a certain amount .

## PREVENTION PROGRAM

With the start of the new school year, don't forget that Advocacy Network for Children offers a child sexual abuse prevention program to schools throughout West Central Illinois at no cost. The curriculum we use, Happy Bear and P.S. It's My Body!, is evidence based and age appropriate.



We are also looking for volunteers to help with the presentations. No special experience is required and training will be provided. For more information or to schedule a presentation, please call the office.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Mike Lockett and the staff at Concord Custom Cleaners for providing cleaning services for our Happy Bear mascot.

We truly appreciate your support of our agency, its mission and programs!

For additional pictures from our events, please visit our Facebook page or website.









