



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Newsletter

April 2019

Adams County CASA

Topic One

Our office will be closed on Friday April 19th in observance of Good Friday.



Our office will reopen on Monday April 22nd.

Topic Two



A new CASA volunteer training will begin next month! The accelerated training is scheduled to start May 3rd and end May 7th. Please pass the word and call our office for additional information.

Topic Three

Happy April Birthdays!!

- Denette Kuhlman- 6th
- Barb Hayden- 8th
- Lee Lindsay- 13th
- Anne Meyer- 29th

Enjoy your special day!



Key Dates

April 11th: Noon networking
Birthright will be at our office to discuss their program. Birthright provides support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. We will see you then!



April 12th: Flag Raising

Our annual flag raising in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month will be at noon on the 5th Street side of the Adams County Courthouse. Please mark your calendars!



April is Child Abuse and Prevention Month



Why Pinwheels for Prevention?

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through Pinwheels for Prevention®. What research showed since then have borne out, is that people respond to the pinwheel. By its very nature, the pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions. In essence, it has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children.

Why Care?

Because we all play a role in children's lives...

Whether you are an employer enacting policies that impact the work-life balance or a neighbor who offers parents time away from stress, we all have an effect on the lives of children. The responsibility is ours to contribute to the kind of nation in which we want to live. When all children don't have equal opportunity for healthy growth and development, we put our future as a society at risk. Every day is your call to action and an opportunity for you to recognize that we all play a role in children's lives.

Because children are our future...

Our most basic obligation is to support the healthy development of our nation's children. The great childhoods we want for our children require a loving and supporting environment. Children who are raised in supportive and stable environments are more academically and financially successful, and great childhoods help children grow into productive, contributing adults who help their community, and our country, be prosperous and competitive in the global economy.

Because the costs are too high...

When we invest in healthy child development, we are investing in community and economic development. Unfortunately, children are sometimes exposed to extreme and sustained stress like child abuse and neglect, which can undermine a child's development. Research conducted by Prevent Child Abuse America estimates that implementing effective policies and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect can save taxpayers \$80 billion per year. The cost of not doing this is measured in increased costs for foster care services, hospitalization, mental health treatment and law enforcement, as well as loss of individual productivity and expenditures related to chronic health problems, special education and the justice system.

National Child Abuse Statistics

- Child abuse reports involved 7.5 million children.
- 3.2 million children received prevention & post-response services.
- 142,301 children received foster care services.
- Highest rate of child abuse is in children under age one.
- Annual estimate: 1,720 children died from abuse and neglect in 2017.
- Almost five children die every day from child abuse.
- 80.1% of child fatalities involve at least one parent.
- 49.6% of children who die from child abuse are under one year.
- Boys had a higher child fatality rate than girls.
- More than 90% of juvenile sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator.

