



Newsletter

April 2019

Morgan County CASA

Topic One

The Morgan County CASA office will be closed on Friday April 19, 2019 for Good Friday observance.



Topic Two

KOINS FOR KIDS

STOP BY MIDLAND FARM AND HOME STORE LOCATED AT 1205 WEST MORTON AVE., JACKSONVILLE FROM 10-2PM

APRIL 27TH TO SUPPORT ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN MORGAN COUNTY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Topic Three

Happy March/April Birthdays!!

(so sorry that I missed the March Birthday's)

Nadine Szczepanski-March 8th

Pat Manker-March 17th

Enjoy your special day!



Key Dates



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY
2019

Volunteer Recognition Day is celebrated on April 20, 2019. It honors our volunteers who are working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain.
THANK YOU!



April 23, 2019

CASA Volunteer Meeting
10:30-11:30

The meeting location has changed due to outgrowing our office location. Our meeting will be held at The Presbyterian Church Daycare
870 West College
Jacksonville, IL 62650



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.

