



**CASA**  
 Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**



## Newsletter

### October 2019

### Hancock County

#### Advocate

What 8-10 hours a month could look like by spending 2 hours a week advocating.

Week 1: Visit your CASA kid(s).

Week 2: Gathering information. Make notes.

Week 3: Collaborate with the caseworker. Observe a parent visit or at school.

Week 4: Update CASA supervisor and send calendar of month activity.

#### Community

October 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Informational Meeting  
 6:00-7:00PM  
 CASA OFFICE

You're welcome to come learn more about the CASA program or ask questions about becoming a volunteer.

CASA Carrie Steffensmeier will share her experience.

RSVP to Mandy TODAY!

#### Support

YOU can make an important difference...

In our CASA program last year, we helped 27 children through 11 volunteers.

We must rely on grants and donations from people like you. Contact Mandy if your business or club would be willing to hold a raffle or fundraiser of some sort on our behalf. Thank You!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSED

October 14<sup>th</sup>  
 for Columbus Day

#### New volunteer CASA TRAINING

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

We have an urgent need to serve the advocating needs of children in Hancock County foster care.

Request an application TODAY!

October 1<sup>st</sup> 6-7pm Info Meeting

#### CASA Networking

#### C.E. credit opportunity

October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM our very own CASA Karyn Streicher will be giving us a brief overview of Youth Mental Health First Aid. ALGEE

New book release LISTEN.

Stories that highlight the resilience of youth who've experienced foster care.

From the Creators of the Removed Films

Nathanael and Christina Matanick have created a beautiful new anthology of raw and inspiring stories, poems, and artwork from foster youth across the country.

# LISTEN

## Stories We Carry With Us From House To House

It's the cry of the unheard, the forgotten, the ignored.

It's a call to be silent, to create the space to put yourself in someone else's journey, to understand.

We chose the title - LISTEN - because it's a reminder to pause and consider, rather than speak. To come along side, learn from, and just... listen.

And to the ones who've been overlooked: it's a reminder to speak. To the hurting and scarred, this book is for you. May you always know how strong is your voice and how important your story. Your life is for a reason and the world is waiting for you.

Source:

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