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WHY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS WORK

Children's Advocacy Centers create a child-friendly setting, which puts victims at ease and allows professionals to do their work. A child forensic interviewer is trained to elicit all information in an unbiased and sensitive manner. Prosecutors, law enforcement, child protective service workers, medical personnel, mental health counselors, and others all coordinate to ensure that all the necessary information is elicited from the child at one time. That kind of team approach results in better decisions regarding the conduct of the investigation and its outcome and creates accountability for everyone involved in the child-protective system.

In the context of a child's life, use of a Children's Advocacy Center, and this team approach, clears the path for a child victim to leave his or her victimization behind and have the hope to start again.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Lexi Goehl as our new part-time CASA Outreach Coordinator. Lexi is currently finishing her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and will graduate in May from Quincy University. She has a passion for children and is looking forward to this opportunity.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU

During this time of thanksgiving, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our agency. Without you, we could not continue providing the services we do to the abused and neglected children right here in our community. You are truly heroes to these children!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
11 Office closed
14 Noon Networking - Quincy office
28 & 29 - Office closed
December
12 Noon Networking - Quincy office
24 & 25 - Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising

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
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for March 6, 2020 for our annual fundraising dinner. A lot of new and exciting things will take place that you won't want to miss. Additional details to follow in the coming months. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please call the office and ask to speak to Diane.

TIME TO WRAP

Advocacy Network for Children and Peoples Prosperity Bank have teamed up to offer gift wrapping just in time for the holiday season. The event will take place on December 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 15th from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the bank conference room located at 3215 Maine Street. Free-will donations accepted and will go to the agency. For more information, please call the office.



USBORNE BOOK DRIVE FOR AGENCY

Please consider making a monetary donation to our Usborne book drive. Money collected will be used to purchase books for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) & Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. For this book drive, we have set a goal of \$400 and Usborne will match 50% of total money raised to purchase books for children in the foster care system and that come to one of our CAC centers for a forensic interview. Ashley Paben, an Usborne rep, will be collecting monetary donations through paypal at: <https://www.paypal.me/ashleypaben>. Click the friends & family link so you and Ashley aren't charged an extra fee. You choose the amount you want to give and pictures of the books purchased will be taken to thank you for your donation. Help us help our local children!

PREVENTION PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Advocacy Network for Children offers an accredited child sexual abuse prevention program to schools, churches, daycare centers, children's clubs and other organizations throughout West Central Illinois at no cost. We need volunteers to help us with our Happy Bear presentations. Minimal training is needed and will be provided. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please call the office and ask to speak to Karolina.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Trivia Night on October 26th at the Sesquicentennial Building in Palmyra. The event, sponsored by HOMEBANK, benefitted the CASA program in Adams County as well as Marion, Monroe and Ralls Counties in Missouri.

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

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