



# CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN



## December 2019 Newsletter

Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler CASA

### Topic One



**We will now be combining all counties together into one newsletter!**

**This is so every CASA volunteer has the opportunity to attend events at any CASA county location if so choose!**

### Topic Two



Our office will be closed on the following dates:

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve  
December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas

December 26<sup>th</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>:  
E-mail or call your CASA Coordinator or Danielle



### Topic Three



**Trish Foxall- 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Terry Marler-6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Angela York-7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kathy Osment-9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lisa Hadden-12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pat Waters-14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dusty Dietrich-28<sup>th</sup>**

**Enjoy your special day!**

### December 5<sup>th</sup>:

**Adams County:  
New CASA Volunteers  
being sworn in.**

**Pike County:  
Learn & Grow 5:30pm-  
6:30pm**

**Pittsfield United Methodist  
Church  
222 North Monroe St  
Pittsfield, IL 62363**

### December 4<sup>th</sup>:

**Brown County:  
Informational Meeting  
12:15pm-12:45pm**

**Brews  
113 W Main St.  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353**

### December Events



### December 11<sup>th</sup>:

**Schuyler County:  
Informational Meeting  
10:30am-11:00am**

**Rogers Bakery  
231 N Liberty St.  
Rushville, IL 62681**

### December 18<sup>th</sup>:

**Cass County:  
Informational Meeting**

**12:30pm-1:00pm &  
5:15pm-5:45pm**

**First Evangelical Church  
301 W 4<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Beardstown, IL 62618**

**Morgan County:**

**Monthly Meeting**

**10:30am-11:30am**

**Presbyterian Church Daycare  
800 West College  
Jacksonville, IL 62650**



**Pike County CASA Swearing In:  
November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Left to Right: Beth White, Judge  
McCartney and Jessica Funk**



**Morgan County CASA Swearing  
In: November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Left to right: Gina Hayes, Lynda  
McCorkle, Lisa Haden, Ashlen Miller,  
and Judge Tobin**

**Ideas for Supportive Adults to Help Youth in Foster Care Through the  
Holidays**

- 1. If the youth wants to talk to relatives or friends (that are safe and appropriate) during the holidays advocate with the caseworker and foster parents for this to happen. This will allow the youth to feel more comfortable and supported during the holiday season without their parents and siblings.**
- 2. Help them make sure their loved ones are okay. Young people may worry that their family members are struggling through the holidays. If homelessness has been a regular issue, the winter season may bring cold weather and extreme hardship. The youth may experience guilt if they feel a loved one is struggling while they, the youth, are living in comfort. Knowing that a biological parent or sibling has shelter from the cold or has their other basic needs met may ease a young person's mind through the always emotional holidays.**
- 3. Encourage the youth to discuss their own family traditions and what they enjoyed in the past. This is something that can also be encouraged by you for the foster family to implement to help the youth feel more at home in the foster placement.**
- 4. Assist in doing a craft with the youth to give to their siblings or parents if appropriate. This may help the youth get excited about the holidays and having something to give their family.**