



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN



February 2020 Newsletter

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

Topic One



Start the year off right by getting those Continuing Education Hours in!

Ideas for CEUs:

- Noon-Networking
- In-Services
- Books
- Movies
- Speakers
- Webinars

Topic Two



Our office will be closed:

February 12th:
Lincoln's Birthday

February 17th:
President's Day

Karolina will be out of the office from February 11-13th. Will be available by phone or e-mail. Call **Danielle Buss** for emergency.

Topic Three



Danna Larson-9th
Angel Morris-23rd
Lynnda McCorkle-29th

Enjoy your special day!



February 6th:

Pike County:
Learn & Grow
5:30-6:30pm
Pike County CASA Office

February 12th :

Hancock County:
Networking
Levi Campbell: Chaddock Parent Coaching Program
Hancock CASA Office
12:00pm

February EVENTS

February 26th:
Brown/Schuyler/Cass
Informational Meeting
Brews in Mt. Sterling 12:15pm

March 4th:
Brown/Schuyler/Cass
Informational Meeting
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Beardstown, IL 12:15pm

March 20-21st:
CASA Training
Brown/Schuyler/Cass
8:00am-8:00pm

February 18th:

Morgan County:
Volunteer Meeting
10:30-11:30
Presbyterian Church
Daycare
Jacksonville, IL

February 13th :

Adams County:
Noon-Networking
Connect Child and Family
Agency Office
12:00-1:00pm

Craft Ideas to do with your kiddos on visits! This would be a great thing to do with them to give their parents, siblings, or foster parents. The craft they may do at school for Valentine's day might only be for one person and they may feel like they must choose between foster parents and biological parents to give it to. This way everyone can have a valentine!



Early warning signs and symptoms of an attachment disorder

Although it is never too late to treat and repair attachment issues, the earlier you spot the symptoms of insecure attachment and take steps to repair them, the better. Caught in infancy before they become more serious problems, attachment disorders are often easy to correct with the right help and support.

Signs and symptoms of attachment issues in your infant:

- Avoids eye contact
- Doesn't smile
- Doesn't reach out to be picked up
- Rejects your efforts to calm, soothe, and connect
- Doesn't seem to notice or care when you leave them alone
- Cries inconsolably
- Doesn't coo or make sounds
- Doesn't follow you with their eyes
- Isn't interested in playing interactive games or playing with toys
- Spends a lot of time rocking or comforting themselves

It's important to note that the early symptoms of attachment disorders are similar to the early symptoms of other issues such as ADHD and autism. If you spot any of these warning signs, make an appointment with your pediatrician for a professional diagnosis of the problem.

Common signs and symptoms in young children include:

An aversion to touch and physical affection. Children with RAD often flinch, laugh, or even say "ouch" when touched. Rather than producing positive feelings, touch and affection are perceived as a threat.

Control issues. Most children with reactive attachment disorder go to great lengths to remain in control and avoid feeling helpless. They are often disobedient, defiant, and argumentative.

Anger problems. Anger may be expressed directly, in tantrums or acting out, or through manipulative, passive-aggressive behavior. Children with RAD may hide their anger in socially acceptable actions, like giving a high five that hurts or hugging someone too hard.

Difficulty showing genuine care and affection. For example, children with reactive attachment disorder may act inappropriately affectionate with strangers while displaying little or no affection towards their parents.

An underdeveloped conscience. Children with reactive attachment disorder may act like they don't have a conscience and fail to show guilt, regret, or remorse after behaving badly.