



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN



June 2020 Newsletter

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

Topic One

Morgan County CASA

Congratulations to the following volunteers on their 2-year Anniversary with CASA.

- Becky Dimmick
- Penny Eilers
- Kathy Fellhauer
- Margaret Wilson

Hancock County

Congratulations to the following volunteers on their 2-year anniversary with CASA

- Karyn Streicher
- Stephanie Meyers

Topic Two

Hancock County

Two new CASA volunteers were sworn in via Zoom on May 20th

- Aaron Stevenson
- Chelsie Mason



Topic Three



- 3-Lyn Dietz
- 6-Kathy Fellhauer
- 6- Carolina Casanova
- 19- Dawn Owren
- 25- Jessica Funk
- 29- Cindy Trower
- 29- Marilena Frier
- 29-Dawn Whitcomb

Enjoy your special day!



June 5th:

**Pike County
Learn & Grow
5:30 via Zoom**

- This is a Mandatory meeting

June EVENTS

June 11th:

**Adams County
Noon Networking
Quincy Young Life
12:00 via Zoom**



June 11th:

Hancock County

**Networking
Mandy Humphry with CARE
of Hancock County
7:00pm via Zoom**

- Learn about a local organization that blesses that foster care community with tangible needs, emotional, and spiritual support.

COVID-19 CASA visits

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact on our entire community is of great concern to everyone at Advocacy Network for Children. The health and safety of our volunteers, staff and the children we serve is our top priority. With this in mind, we are taking several precautionary measures to help slow the potential spread of COVID-19.

Here are additional updates regarding volunteer information, training, court operations and visits:

Starting in May 2020:

- CASA volunteers will continue to check in with the children they serve remotely and advocate for them with their safety in mind.
- CASA Volunteer informational meetings are being offered virtually via Zoom.
- Volunteer training classes will take place remotely until August. We will reevaluate in-person training at that time.
- In-service opportunities for current CASAs are now being offered virtually via Zoom until August. We will reevaluate in-person opportunities at that time.
- Tentatively June 1, 2020, Juvenile Court will return to regular dockets. At this time CASA volunteers will **NOT** be in attendance. This will be re-evaluated July.
- If a volunteer believes an in-person visit needs to occur, then the following needs to take place:
 - Volunteer call CASA coordinator and state why the child needs to be seen in person.
 - CASA coordinator and CASA manager discuss pros and cons
 - If yes, then the volunteer **MUST**
 - stay at least 6 feet apart from any party of the case
 - volunteer must wear a mask
 - volunteer can **NOT** go inside the home
- All CASA volunteers will receive a new mask to wear when they feel it is safe to visit the children on their cases.

If you have any questions or concerns please call your CASA coordinator or Danielle (217-617-5438).

Please [continue](#) to keep a watchful eye on children in your neighborhoods and if you suspect abuse or neglect, call 1-800-800-5556.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing commitment to the children we serve. As we have updates, we will continue to communicate directly with those impacted.